

Service Ideas for Small Groups

Neighborhood & Community Based Ideas

- **Neighborhood Prayer Walk**
 - Walk through your neighborhood praying for households, schools, etc. Consider leaving anonymous “we prayed for you” cards.
- **Adopt a Local Family in Need**
 - Support families in your neighborhood with groceries, school supplies, or home repairs. Check out Community Action of Delaware County to get started.
- **Serve a Widow or Single Parent**
 - Offer yard work, car repair, babysitting, or house cleaning.
- **Block Party or Front Yard Cookout**
 - Host an open cookout to build relationships and meet your neighbors.
- **First Responder Appreciation**
 - Drop off care packages or handwritten cards to fire, police, or EMS stations.

Partner with Kids and Schools

- **Teacher Encouragement Bags**
 - Deliver care packages with snacks, gift cards, and notes of encouragement.
- **Adopt a Classroom**
 - Provide needed school supplies, volunteer time, or mentor students through a local school connection.
- **Support Living Word’s KidConnect Ministry**
 - Volunteer for a Sunday rotation, lead a one-time event, or bless teachers with meals or gift cards.

Support for the Vulnerable

- **Nursing Home Visits**
 - Bring cards, flowers, or songs. Listen to stories. Pray with residents.
- **Meal Train for a Church Member in Crisis**
 - Organize a week of meals for someone recovering from surgery, grief, or a birth.
- **Partner with Local Crisis Pregnancy Centers**
 - Collect diapers, wipes, formula, or host a baby shower for a new mom.

Hands-on Service Projects

- **Serve at a Local Food Pantry or Soup Kitchen**
 - Volunteer regularly or as a one-time group experience.
- **Seasonal Yardwork**
 - Rake leaves, shovel snow, or plant flowers for those who can’t.
- **Build Care Kits for the Homeless**
 - Include socks, hygiene items, snacks, scripture cards, and local resource info.

Seasonal Outreach Ideas

- **Thanksgiving Meal Delivery**
 - Prepare and deliver meals to shut-ins or financially struggling families.
- **Christmas Caroling & Cookie Drop Off**
 - Visit homebound members, neighbors, or nursing homes with treats and songs.
- **Sponsor a Family for Christmas**
 - Buy gifts and deliver in partnership with a local agency or school.

Partner with Church Mission & Events

- **Help with VBS, FunFest, or Outdoor Worship**
 - Serve as a group by leading a station, setup team, or prayer team.
- **Support DelCo Youth or Littles Connect**
 - Volunteer to help with special events or monthly childcare rotation.
- **Mission or Other Trip Fundraising Partner**
 - Support participants through group fundraising projects or prayer.