

What is “Martha Ministry”?

The name comes from the story in the New Testament about Jesus’ visit to the home of Mary and Martha (*Luke 10:40a; John 11:20, 28, 39; John 12:2a*). Martha was busy doing and meeting the needs of her family. Thus, the “Martha Ministry” is a ministry of “doing” for families or individuals in our congregation who are in need of short-term help.

Martha Ministry was founded to be an active and confidential aid within the Hayes Barton United Methodist Church family. Not be confused with Stephen Ministry, which lends a listening ear, Martha Ministry *lends a hand*.

Members may need assistance for reasons ranging from illness to the birth of twins to respite care. You don’t have to be desperate to need a helping hand. So, whatever it is, an emergency, acute or short-term crisis, let us know. Whatever the reason, Martha Ministry provides the needed services.

Questions Frequently Asked by Volunteers

- **How often will I be called?**

The typical Martha Ministry volunteer is asked to provide a service for a member family two or three times a year, although some have chosen to help families more often.

- **For how long do I have to make a commitment?**

We ask coordinators to fulfill their responsibilities for a year. We hope others will want to help indefinitely, but you may ask to remove your name from our active file at any time.

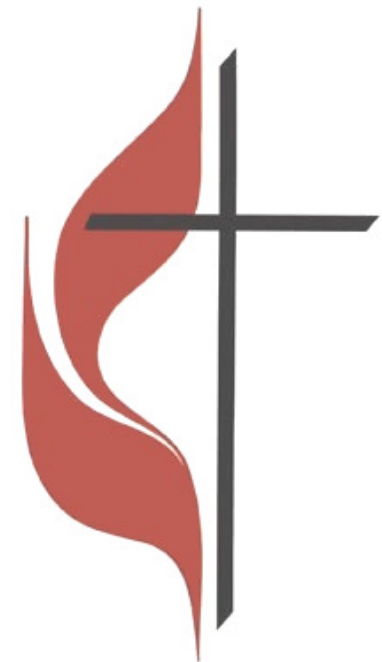
- **Can I decline a request to help if it is inconvenient at the time?**

A volunteer is defined as someone who offers service by his/her free will, so any time a request is inconvenient, you may say, “Not this time - try me again later.”

Martha Ministry

Lending a
Helping Hand
at

Hayes Barton
United Methodist
Church



How to help.... or to receive help

Simply fill out this detachable form and either mail it to the church or return it to the Martha Ministry box in the church mail room. For questions or requests, call Martha Ministry at 832-6435 x33 and leave a message. We will return your call.

I need help with....

I want to volunteer with....

(please circle below)

- Meals
- Transportation
- Laundry
- Errands (*grocery shopping, picking up medicines, etc.*)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Times Available _____

Please return to:

Martha Ministry
Hayes Barton United Methodist Church
2209 Fairview Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27608

How does Martha Ministry work?

Martha Ministry is a way our church community can help its members in times of need by providing services; *lending a hand*. In a smaller church, these types of services would be provided naturally, but in a church the size of Hayes Barton United Methodist, we need to be more organized. Martha Ministry provides the organization to help us “*lend a hand*.”

Martha Ministry is available to supplement existing informal helping networks within the church community or to step in to create such a network when there is a need. There are several ways to express a need and activate service:

- the individual needing help may call
- a family member may call
- a friend may call
- a member of the church staff or a Stephen Minister may call

Whom do you call?

- The Church Office, 832-6435 x33
- Alisha Davis, 841-4854 or adavisdc@yahoo.com
- Fill out the tear-off panel on this brochure and return it to the church.

What kind of help is offered?

The services offered by Martha Ministry include:

- Meals
- Transportation
- Laundry
- Errands (*grocery shopping, picking up medicines, etc.*)

Once we know what kind of help is needed, we will contact a service coordinator.

A service coordinator is a person from our church who has volunteered to manage one of the identified services. This person matches volunteers who have offered to help with the person or family in need.

If a family or individual needs help in a variety of ways, we will coordinate the various needs of the family by communicating with the appropriate service coordinators for a designated period of time.

***All services provided by Martha
Ministry are confidential.***