



2026 Day of Service Project List

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BEFORE/DURING/AFTER SENDING SERVICE PROJECTS:

1. **915 N. Main T-shirt Distribution:** Distribute t-shirts to volunteers before the Sending Service. 7:00am-8:30am. Volunteers should be 18 or older. (Project Leader: Mike Miller)
2. **915 N. Main Information Table:** Staffing an Information Table on the front lawn before and after the Sending Service. 7am-9am. Volunteers should be 18 or older. (Project Leader: Mike Miller)
3. **915 N. Main Event Set Up:** Set up tents and tables on the front lawn before the Sending Service. 6:45am-8:30am. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Eugene Choi)
4. **915 N. Main Event Take Down & Clean Up:** Crew needed to clean-up and disassemble tents and tables. 2:00pm-4:30pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older.
5. **915 N. Main Parking:** Parking lot attendants before and after sending service. 6:45am-8:30am. Volunteers should be 18 or older.
6. **915 N. Main Greeters:** Greet volunteers as they arrive at 915 N. Main - both front and back entrances. Direct them to T-shirts, coffee, information table, and the Sanctuary. 7:45am-8:30am. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: Scott Mougey)
7. **First Serve Choir for Sending Service:** Sing with First Serve Choir, an intergenerational, interfaith community chorus, at the Sending Service that will kick off the 2026 First Serve Day of Service on Sunday, September 13. First Serve Choir is open to *anyone* and *everyone* that wishes to participate in an impactful group-singing experience that will bring people together from across the region to share a message of hope and unity with those that will be gathered.
There will only be **one** combined rehearsal on **Sunday morning, September 13 at 7:45 am** at 915 N. Main. Recordings and digital copies of the music will be sent out to everyone that registers in advance. Anyone desiring additional rehearsal is welcome to come to rehearsal at First Congregational Church of Hudson at 7:15 pm on Sept. 9. Please **contact Jon Peterson**, jpeterson@hudsonucc.org if you would like to attend this rehearsal in Hudson. We hope that you and others in your community circle will join us for this exciting musical event that will kick off the First Serve Day of Service!

FOOD PROJECTS:

8. **915 N. Main Prep and Serve Donuts & Coffee:** Set up and serve coffee and donuts before Sending Service. Clean up following Sending Service. 7:30am-8:30am. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Meg & Gregg Searle)

9. **915 N. Main Prep & Serve Lunch:** Prep lunch for all volunteers. 9:30am-2pm. Volunteers should be 16 or older. (Project Leaders: Colleen Padgett & Marty Hannah)
10. **Forest Hill CLC Prep & Serve Lunch:** Prep and serve lunch to volunteers and kids who participate in bike rodeo and soccer clinic. 9:30am-2pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Jen Donaldson)
11. **915 N. Main Cultural Culinary Experience Sat. & Sun:** Partner with Latin American cooks from either El Salvador or Mexico to prepare a traditional dish that will be served during lunch on the Day of Service. This is a two-day project. On Sat, Sept 12, (between 10am -2pm) you will spend 2 hours prepping ingredients in the kitchen at 915 N. Main. On Sunday morning (around 10:30am) you will return to assist with cooking and serving the dish during the Day of Service lunch. Volunteers will receive more time-specific info after signing up. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older.
12. **915 N. Main Cultural Culinary Experience Sunday Only:** Partner with Latin American cooks from either Peru or Nicaragua to prepare a traditional dish that will be served during lunch on the Day of Service. Volunteers will be working in the kitchen at 915 N. Main starting at 7:30 am on Sunday only, prepping ingredients, cooking and serving the dish during the Day of Service lunch. 7:30am-1:30pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older.

SPORTS RELATED PROJECTS:

13. **Forest Hill CLC Soccer Clinic:** Assist with setting up soccer fields and other soccer-related games. Lead and participate in soccer mini games and other activities with neighborhood children. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: Tony Bouquot)
14. **Forest Hill CLC Bike Rodeo:** Assist with bike rodeo and minor bike repairs. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be 16 or older. (Project Leader: Todd Zedak)
15. **Patterson Park Soccer Clinic:** Assist with setting up soccer fields and other soccer-related games. Lead and participate in soccer mini games and other activities with neighborhood children. Serve ice cream. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: Matt Warner)

CLEAN UP PROJECTS:

16. **Colonial Hills Litter Pickup:** Colonial Hills, an AMHA neighborhood, Litter Pickup. Litter pick up around apartment buildings and parking lots. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly.
17. **Findley CLC Litter Pick Up:** Pick up litter around school grounds. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: Mike Menolasino)
18. **Patterson Park Litter Pick Up:** Pick up litter along tree line between Jennings School and Dayton St. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly

PAINTING/STAINING PROJECTS:

19. **Residential Home: Staining Deck and Porch:** Residential staining of deck that was built last year. FULL DAY. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Trip Kern)
20. **Exchange House Deck Staining:** Stain back deck of Exchange House 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Scott Mougey)

21. **Maker's House Deck Staining:** Stain back deck of Maker's House. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older.
22. **People's Park Bench Staining:** Stain benches at People's Park. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leaders: Don and Meredith Beesing)
23. **North HS Guidance Office Painting:** Paint Freshman Guidance Offices. This is a suite of three rooms. FULL DAY. Volunteers should be 18 or older. (Project Leader: Steve Hockstra)
24. **North HS Classroom Painting:** Prep and paint classroom. FULL DAY. Volunteers should be 18 or older. (Project Leaders: Cody Schatz and Brian Ault)
25. **North HS Classroom Wall & Mural Painting:** Paint classroom walls and mural. FULL DAY. Volunteers should be 18 or older. (Project Leader: Allie Factor)
26. **North HS Touch Up Playground Mural:** Repaint preschool playground mural. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Lori Uhl)
27. **Forest Hill CLC Touch Up Hopscotch Paint:** Touch up and repaint hopscotch on playground blacktop. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Liz Yeakley)
28. **Harris-Jackson CLC Paint Playground Playscape:** Repaint four-square courts, repaint hopscotch, and paint new playground playscape. FULL DAY. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leaders: Karen & Emma Hurgu)

LANDSCAPING PROJECTS:

29. **Elizabeth Park Line Walk with Crushed Limestone:** Weeding and installing crushed limestone along walkway to the splash pad. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Dave Heater)
30. **Elizabeth Park Weeding & Mulching:** Weeding and spreading mulch in natural playground area. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Dave Heater)
31. **Forest Hill CLC Landscape Weeding & Mulching:** Flower bed clean up, mulch and plant mums. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: Ron Bechtel)
32. **North HS Landscape Cleanup:** Clean-up landscape around playground and Memorial Garden. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: Mary Hoolihan)
33. **915 N. Main Landscape:** Landscape clean up and mulch around beds of building. FULL DAY. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Brad Baldwin)
34. **Findley CLC Landscape Work:** Plant ornamental grasses and mulch new flower bed at school entrance. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Carol Bailey)
35. **Howard St. Courtyard Landscape Work:** Clean up litter, weed and mulch garden beds. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: Brian and Natalie Gallagher)
36. **People's Park Landscape Work:** Remove weeds, add dirt and plant flowers and mulch in raised beds. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leaders: Matt Dudas)

ORGANIZING & CREATIVE PROJECTS:

- 37. **Harris-Jackson CLC Staff Space Refresh:** Spruce up staff bathrooms by adding small shelf units. 9:30am-12pm. (Project Leader: Shelley Vidmar)
- 38. **Harris-Jackson CLC Positive Word Decals:** Positive word art decals added to upper staircase. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Jacqueline Kaari)
- 39. **915 N. Main Collections:** Collect & sort First Serve donations for schools and the Clothing Room at 915 North Main. 7:45am-2pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Sandy Miller)
- 40. **North HS Organize Library Storage:** Organize storage bins in Library. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leaders: Deb Hogg)
- 41. **North HS Organize Homecoming Dresses:** Organize and tag homecoming dresses. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Becky Weihe)
- 42. **North HS Clean/Organize Clothing Closet:** Clean and organize clothing closet. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Helen McElvoy-Frese)
- 43. **Harris-Jackson CLC Organize Clothing Closet:** Clean and organize clothing closet. Need to remove all clothing to organize and then replace clothes. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Laura Jones)

CLEANING PROJECTS:

- 44. **North High School Window Washing:** Wash exterior windows on first floor of school. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly.
- 45. **North HS Clean Preschool Toys:** Clean preschool classroom toys. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leaders: Jason and Stacy Tucker)
- 46. **North HS Deep Clean Food Pantry:** Clean and organize food pantry and back pantry closet. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Sally Phillips)
- 47. **Gennesaret Soup Kitchen Deep Clean:** Deep clean eating area and kitchen. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Karen Farkas)
- 48. **Findley CLC Clean Cafeteria Tables:** Clean underside of tables in cafeteria. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: John Hogg)
- 49. **Findley CLC Deep Clean Food Packing Closet:** Deep clean storage area for weekend food bag packing. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly.

AROUND THE TABLE PROJECTS:

- 50. **Findley CLC Student Notes of Encouragement:** Write notes of encouragement for students. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: Rick Bohan)
- 51. **Forest Hill CLC Student Notes of Encouragement:** Write notes of encouragement for students. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: Doug Denton)
- 52. **Forest Hill CLC Prepping School Materials:** Classroom workbook material prep. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Susan Frantz)

- 53. **Findley CLC Prep Learning Materials for Students:** Prep 2nd grade news booklets. 9:30am-12 pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Megan Beck)
- 54. **Forest Hill CLC Inspirational Rocks:** Paint inspirational words and images on smooth rocks. These are shared in the community. 9:30am-12pm. Family-friendly. (Project Leader: Carol Harman)
- 55. **Assemble Hygiene Kits for Middle Schoolers:** Location: First Congregational Church of Hudson. Prep and pack small locker packs with hygiene essentials for middle school students at Jennings CLC. 9:30am-12:00pm. Volunteers should be 60 years or older. (Project Leader: Donna Zuro)
- 56. **Harris-Jackson CLC Staff Appreciation Bags:** Assemble school staff appreciation bags & deliver to schools. 9:30am-12pm. Volunteers should be of middle school age or older. (Project Leader: Marcia Korane)
- 57. **915 N. Main Sleeping Mat Prep & Weaving:** Prep materials for sleeping mats and weaving. FULL DAY. (Project Leader: Patti Hester)

BUILDING PROJECTS:

- 58. **Legacies of Success Residential Build:** Assist Legacies of Success with a residential building project. FULL DAY. Volunteers should be 16 or older. (Project Leader: Mark Johnson)
- 59. **Residential Home Rebuild Wooden Front Steps:** wooden front porch steps and rail at resident's home. FULL DAY. Volunteers should be 16 or older. (Project Leader: Jason Baylor)
- 60. **Residential Home Rebuild Cellar Door:** Re-build new exterior cellar door and frame. FULL DAY. Volunteers should be 16 or older. (Project Leader: Derry Wimer & Andrew Wimer)