

# Called and Sent to Love and Serve... *With Joy*



Recently, we've been reflecting on the joy we experience at CtK—in worship, fellowship events, study groups, and service events like the rummage sale and Trunk or Treat.

But what about beyond the walls of CtK? As people “called and sent to love and serve the world...with joy,” where do **you** experience joy as you love and serve out there?

Most Monday mornings and many Wednesdays in the winter, I'm at Cultivate Food Rescue for a few hours working in the kitchen. I help prepare frozen meals that will be distributed to elementary school children on Fridays so they will have six meals for the weekend.

Sometimes I am slicing large roasts left over from Notre Dame football games. Other times I'm slicing vegetables or making 40 gallons of oatmeal. And then there's peeling and dicing onions...not my favorite chore.



I could talk at length about Cultivate and the opportunities they have for *everyone*—regardless of ability or available time. For now, I think it's enough to say that I certainly experience a lot of joy in working for an organization whose mission statement is “No neighbor hungry / No food wasted.”



*continued on back*

I have friends who experience a lot of joy in serving, too. Like me, some work at Cultivate. Others serve meals at Dismas House to people getting a new start after incarceration. Still others volunteer at Senior Suds, St. Margaret's House, or Christ Child Society. Some serve folks abroad through their work with Phebe School in Liberia or Sunbeam Boys Home in Jamaica.



I'm sure that many of you experience the joy of serving through your involvement in other organizations or as a neighbor who lends a hand now and then. Perhaps you know the joy of loving and serving others through your workplace too.

And then there is the joy many of us experience as parents and grandparents. I know I experience a great deal of joy as a grandpa!

So, where is it that you experience joy through loving and serving others? Are there any opportunities for loving and serving that you'd like to know more about? Would you be willing to share below what stirs up joy in you as you love and serve? Or perhaps what opportunities you'd like to know more about?

Thanks in advance,  
*Pastor Steve Schwier (on behalf of the Stewardship Committee)*

**Where do you experience joy in service? What opportunities would you like to learn more about?**

---

---

---

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_