

# “Why Serve?”

Pekin First Church of the Nazarene

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## **VOLUNTEER vs. SERVE**

**VOLUNTEER** is a person who offers to perform a service willingly and without pay.

**vs.**

**SERVANT** is one who is distinguished as obedient and faithful to God.

“Servant leadership is a philosophy and set of practices that enrich the lives of individuals, builds better organizations, and ultimately creates a more just and caring world.” - **Robert Greenleaf**

## **10 Characteristics of a Servant Leader**

1. Listening
2. Empathy
3. Healing
4. Awareness
5. Persuasion
6. Conceptualization
7. Foresight
8. Stewardship
9. Commitment to the growth of people
10. Building community

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” - **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## **10 Reasons Why Someone Serves at PFN**

1. Spiritual growth happens through active participation.

*James 1:22 (The Message) 2 Peter 1:5-7 (NIV)*

2. To help discover their purpose and feel fulfilled.

*Philippians 4:13 (NIV) 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)*

3. To use their skills and talents for the Kingdom.

**1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)**

<https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/>

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4. Out of obedience to Jesus as we follow His example.

**Mark 9:35 (NLT) Philippians 2:5-7 (NIV)**

5. Learning Church operations.

**1 Corinthians 14:40 (NLT) Colossians 3:23-24 (The Message)**

6. To join the mission of the Church.

**Galatians 6:10 (NLT)**

7. To set an example for family.

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV) Joshua 24:15b (NIV)**

8. To find community by building meaningful relationships with others.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)**

9. Mental and emotional benefits - there is joy in loving people and giving back.

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) Acts 20:35 (NIV)**

10. Creating Lasting Impact

**Psalms 145:4 (NIV) Galatians 6:9 (NIV) Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)**

**Serving is not optional – it's our divine calling and privilege.**

**Sunday, April 6 at 9:30am**

– ONU Student Preaching Ambassadors, Cole Morris & Ryan Mantor