

Community Service Worker – Summer 2026

Location: First Baptist Church, Fort Erie, ON (165 Bertie Street, Fort Erie)

Position Type: 8 Weeks (July 6–August 28, 2026)

Hours: 30 hours per week (including evenings and Sundays)

Pay: \$18.60 per hour (no overtime)

Overview

We are seeking a compassionate and motivated **Community Service Worker**. This role is centered on serving others with care, dignity, and Christian love while helping to build meaningful connections within the church and the wider community. The successful candidate will support outreach initiatives, encourage volunteer engagement, and assist in ministries that address both practical and spiritual needs.

Key Responsibilities

- Work directly under Rev. Dr. Phil Styles and/or Rev. Jim McBeth and/or Rev. Adrien Wilsonne to collaborate on community outreach plans, goals, time management, and budgets. Timecards and budgets are processed and approved through Rev. Dr. Phil Styles.
- The successful candidate will be required to attend and complete mandatory First Aid and Safety Training on **July 7**. This training is an essential condition of employment and is intended to ensure a safe and prepared environment for all participants, volunteers, and staff. Attendance and full participation are expected.
- Assist in organizing and running Fresh Food Giveaways. At least two vehicles are required to pick up food at **Open Arms Mission** (Welland).
- Organize and lead monthly care initiatives, like a clothes drive.
- Encourage and visit those who are sick, or in need, in partnership with another approved volunteer or ministry leader, like Pastor Adrien.
- Help plan and lead a monthly worship service for seniors at Garrison Place.
- Coordinate and host "Church on the Lawn" barbecues (3rd Sundays): **July 19 & August 16** - 5:30 PM (food); 6:15 PM Outdoor Service
- Attend and participate in weekly Prayer Meeting Gatherings (**Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM**), and Prayer Breakfasts (**2nd Saturday at 8-10 AM**).
- Engage with community members in a warm, welcoming, and supportive manner.
- Recruit, encourage, and mobilize volunteers for outreach community initiatives.
- Ensure all ministry activities comply with church safety guidelines and Protection Policies.

Sunday Worship Service Requirement

As an essential part of the position, the Community Service Worker is required to attend Sunday worship services from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. These hours form part of the employee's regular 30-hour work week.

During Sundays, the Community Service Worker will:

- Welcome newcomers, visitors, and regular attendees, helping them feel connected and valued.
- Pray or help resource individuals who are seeking encouragement, comfort, or spiritual support.
- Promote church community outreach initiatives and serving opportunities.
- Recruit, encourage, and engage volunteers for outreach activities.
- Assist Pastor Adrien with benevolence requests and needs.
- Support a welcoming, caring, and Christ-centered atmosphere for all who attend.

Qualifications

- Be between 15 and 30 years old at the start of their summer job.
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment period and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.
- Demonstrate a personal Christian faith and commitment to the mission, vision, and values of First Baptist Church Fort Erie.
- Have a compassionate heart for serving others with kindness, dignity, and respect.
- Possess strong interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to promote community services, celebrate ministry initiatives, and encourage participation.
- Be able to take initiative and work effectively as part of a team.
- Demonstrate leadership ability, particularly in recruiting, organizing, and encouraging volunteers.
- Be organized, dependable, adaptable, and self-motivated.
- Be able to pass a Police Vulnerable Sector Check and comply with all church protection and safety policies.

Why This Role Matters

This role plays a vital part in bringing practical care, dignity, and hope to people in our community. Through meaningful acts of service—sharing food, providing clothing, visiting those who are isolated, supporting benevolence efforts, praying with those in need, and creating welcoming spaces for connection—the Community Service Worker helps ensure that people experience both compassion and belonging.

Ultimately, this position contributes to a healthier, more connected community where people are welcomed, valued, and empowered to participate in the life and mission of the church.