The Ministry of Congregational Care

The Ministry of Congregational Care provides care, support and encouragement to all members in times of joy, bereavement, illness and crisis. This lay ministry relies on the talents of members who enjoy preparing meals, making visits, praying for each other, serving as hosts at memorial receptions, delivering flowers or contacting other members on special days.

The following are ways in which this ministry serves our congregation:

Stephen Ministry

Since our founding in 1943, we have followed the practice of being priests to one another -- clergy to laity, laity to clergy, and laity to laity. Caring for one another in times of crisis and listening to the needs of one another is a key part of this. Through Stephen Ministry, we have 12 laity in training. Over the course of a few months, they are taught the art of listening, how to help in times of grief, the importance and practice of confidentiality and more. Stephen Ministers are here to offer care and support.
Kitchen Connections

Individuals who meet monthly to prepare meals for delivery to families following the loss of loved ones, members returning home from a hospital stay, or to members experiencing other difficult situations.

Visitation/Food Delivery

Team contacts families to offer food prepared by Kitchen Connections; coordinates the deliveries and visits with these families.

Memorial Receptions

Individuals act as hosts for receptions following a member’s memorial service.

Caring Touch

A group of volunteers who contact members at various times throughout the year.

Floral Delivery

Delivery of poinsettias at Christmas to homebound members and lilies at Easter to members who have lost loved ones.
Thursday Prayer Group

Group dedicated to offering prayer for those in need as well as writing notes to members who have been hospitalized.

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