

Mission: The Congregational Care Committee of Fort Collins First United Methodist Church was created June 21, 2016. Its purpose is to help FUMC organize, coordinate and promote Congregational Care Ministries, many of which have been a part of FUMC for many years. Recognizing the varied and intense needs for comfort which all persons experience, our church is committed to provide needed nurturing support systems to our congregants.

Vision: We envision systems which provide support for numerous common life events that encompass both the joys and trials of life, and especially the transitioning events that visit each of us. Sympathetic listening, caring support individual counsel and advice, when sought, are key elements in those systems. In addition, we will commit to continue to operate, fund, and expand, as appropriate, our existing internal nurturing programs. We commit to recognize the unique needs of Seniors and that there are always varying ranges of interests and physical capabilities within each group. We commit to develop and provide broad, strategic visions as well as specific ideas for FCFUMC programs that can nurture the "Senior" population of our church and community, the feasibility of FCFUMC undertaking programs to meet those needs, potential methodologies for delivery, and prioritization of nurturing and educational services for persons in the Fort Collins community.



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Additional information on these ministries is available in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings.



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Our Ministries

Love in Action

Volunteers provide rides, services and other acts of kindness to congregants and, occasionally, other members of the community. To volunteer or to make a request for assistance, contact the church office at 970-482-2436

Prayer Shawl Ministry

All are welcome to join this ministry who have an interest in knitting or crocheting Prayer Shawls. The shawls are dedicated, and blessed and given freely for the comfort of others. No need to know how to knit or crochet—there are willing hands to guide you. Yarn, patterns and needles are available. Although you may work on the shawls at home, a group happily gathers once a month to enjoy good camaraderie and fellowship as they prayerfully prepare shawls or prayer squares. Additional information is available by contacting Elva Alden Petring at 970-482-0983 or elvamaine@aol.com. If you know of anyone who would be blessed by receiving a prayer shawl, they can be obtained through the church office.

Prayer Ministry

One of the ways we care for each other at First United Methodist Church is to support one another through prayer. There are two organized ways at this point to be involved with intercessory prayer—a small group meets at the church for prayer and spiritual conversation on Tuesday mornings at 9:30, and an online intercessory prayer group receives requests as they are called in or shared on the yellow prayer cards at church. Prayer requests are treated with respect and confidentiality. We welcome anyone who would like to be a part of either group. Call Margaret Hotze at 970-420-4283 or church office at 970-482-2436 for more information or to request prayer.

Card Ministry

Handmade cards are sent to congregants for a variety of needs. For more information, contact

Glenda Gill at 970-266-1177 or glendagill58@gmail.com.

Support Groups

• Grief Support Group

This support group provides support to grieving people with meetings/classes on Tuesday afternoons. Contact JoAn Hopkins at 970-222-5925 or jodhop@hotmail.com for more information.

• OK Chorale

Okay Chorale is an informal, open membership singing group that meets twice monthly on the first and third Thursdays from 3 to 4 in the Village Commons. Accompanied by guitar and piano, the group sings old favorites from seasonal and varying song lists. Newcomers of all ages are always welcome—especially those with memory issues or diagnoses. Contact Linn Zink at 970-689-3047 or lczink@gmail.com for more information.

Hospital Visitations

When a visit is requested or the pastors are made aware of someone who needs a visit, they and/or other specially trained volunteers visit hospitals and care homes. To request a visit, contact the church office at 970-482-2436.

Congregational Care Visitation

Being homebound can become very lonesome. The Visitation Team provides caring, compassionate visits for those unable to leave their homes to attend church. To volunteer for this ministry, please contact Charlotte Allum at 970-226-4149 or callum4102@gmail.com.

Grief Books Ministry

To offer compassion and care to loved ones of those who have entered eternal life, four *Journeying through Grief* books published by Stephen Ministries are sent during the first year after the loss of a loved one.

Care Closet

Medical care supplies such as walkers, wheelchairs, canes, etc. are available for check out at the front office. There is no charge, but please return the items when no longer needed. Donations of medical care

supplies are appreciated and may be brought to the church office.

Flower Delivery

Each week, members of this ministry deliver flowers to people who could benefit from receiving flowers. The bouquets are created from altar flowers and funeral flowers which are donated for this purpose. To become part of this ministry, please contact Susan Block at 970-282-3509 or gram4b@comcast.net.

Funeral Receptions

Volunteers for this ministry prepare and serve refreshments at funeral receptions. Donations of cookies are always welcome for this purpose. Please label the package with "Funeral cookies" and the date and place them in the kitchen freezer. To volunteer to help with funeral receptions, please contact Minnie Krueger at 970-484-9138.

Transportation Ministry

When congregants move to care facilities and are unable to drive any longer, this ministry provides fellowship and a ride to church on Sundays. Drivers and assistants are always needed. Meet people, gain friendships and be appreciated. Please contact Randie Bell at scoutscool@gmail.com to become part of this essential ministry.

Worship CDs for Shut-ins

Each Sunday, the worship service is recorded and copies are made and sent to those who are unable to attend and request the CDs. Volunteers are needed to make these copies and prepare them for mailing. To become part of this ministry, please contact Karen Waldron at 970-282-7183 or keakw@comcast.net.

Telecare Ministry

Volunteers follow up by phone with people who have just returned home from the hospital, rehab centers, those who are ill, lost a loved one, and the older people in the church. If you would like to volunteer please contact Rev. Cynthia Paquette.