

All members and friends of St. Paul's Church are invited to participate in the ministries that are offered by the Congregational Care Committee.



We invite each one of you to search your heart and prayerfully consider the gifts that God has blessed you with, and use those gifts to bless others. We are a family here, and we are committed to caring for one another. Please help us to help others.



We look to our church family also for help in learning who might be in need of our services. Please do your part to keep us informed.



To seek more information, to offer assistance or suggestions, or to contact the Congregational Care Committee, please call the church office.

Coffee Fellowship



Eucharistic Ministry



Funeral Receptions



Greeting Cards



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Recording Ministry



Visitation

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United Methodist Church**

Congregational
Care Ministries

Do not forget to do
good and to share
with others, for with
such sacrifices God
is pleased.

— Hebrews 13:16

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Prayer Chain



The mission of this ministry is to lift people up in prayer in times of need. Our Prayer Chain offers an email chain where members receive prayer requests and pray regarding those requests. We also offer a telephone chain. Those members receive a phone call with the requests, pray and call the next person on their list to relay the request. All prayer requests go through both chains.

Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee strives to make everyone feel welcome at St. Paul's. We welcome first-time visitors with a small gift and information about St. Paul's and our caring ministries.

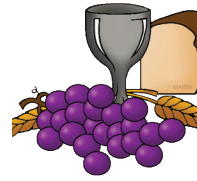
We also organize our Coffee Fellowship held between our church service and Sunday School hour. Each month volunteers from one of our committees or groups prepares the coffee and provides snacks. Held in Fellowship Hall, this ministry enables visitors and members to interact with each other in a casual setting.



A third part of the Hospitality Ministry is to assist in coordinating funeral receptions for those in our church family. We work together with our pastors and bereaved families in planning and assisting with the reception.

Communion/Visitation

Communion is such a special gift that is open to "all who love the Lord, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another." The mission of this focus group is to share this gift with those who are unable to attend our worship service. We are available each month to visit and to serve.



Greeting Cards

The Greeting Card Ministry supports our congregation in two ways. Our homebound members are reminded of our caring by Thinking of You, holiday, and birthday cards on a monthly rotation. Active members whose joys or concerns are raised during Prayer Time receive an appropriate card, such as Sympathy, Get Well, Anniversary, or Praying for You. All materials needed for this ministry, DONE IN YOUR HOME, are in our Traveling Box. This box moves from one volunteer to the next on a monthly rotation.



"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

— John 13:34

Grief Support

The mission of the Grief Support Ministry is to provide a support network for members and friends of St. Paul's who have suffered a loss through death or other challenging life changes, and who believe that they might benefit from sharing their journey with others who are grieving.



Prayer Shawls

When family and friends of our congregation are struggling with illness or going through a time of trouble, we bless them with a prayer shawl. We hope that this gesture will bring a sense of peace, comfort, and the knowledge that they are in our thoughts and prayers. The shawls are lovingly made by our church community and presented by caring members and friends.



Recording Ministry

This ministry is an inclusive way of offering weekly church services to our homebound members and friends. Worship Services are recorded each week. On the home page of the St. Paul's website, www.stpaulsumcde.org, click on "recorded services" and select the date that you wish to see and hear.

