

Congregational Care



PROVIDING CARE AND SUPPORT TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF

Westminster Presbyterian Church Nashville, Tennessee

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Westminster's Congregational Care Ministry responds to our shared mission of Living Out the Word by reaching out to provide personal care and support to members and friends. The Congregational Care Steering Committee seeks your assistance in identifying and communicating needs as we strive to serve each other.

Please contact members of the Steering Committee, or Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, regarding care needs or desires to serve in our care ministry. You may call the church office, 615-292-5526, for contact information.

Congregational Care Steering Committee:

Emily Coleman, chair Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, staff Stephanie Boaz, staff Mary Prue Alley Jim Barr Rhea Bucy George Luscombe Keith Maddin Rosemary Verrall Frank Wade

Communion@Home Ministry

On the first Sunday of each month, pairs of elders take communion to at-home members of Westminster. Some elders also make phone calls to those receiving communion kits at home.

Contact: Jim Barr

615-975-0948 jim@barrgroupinc.com *Emily Coleman* 615-579-0870 emilyandersonart32@gmail.com

Independent Living Ministry

This team visits members living in independent living situations in retire -ment centers. Each team member visits a different person each month.

Contact: Nancy Langdon

615-948-8254 nancylangdon64@gmail.com

Special Meals Ministry

This group takes meals to the homes of members during times of special need.

Contact: Cathey Fuqua 615-269-6646

catheyfuqua@hotmail.com

Worship Flower Delivery Ministry This team delivers the sanctuary chancel flowers to members of the congregation who are homebound, or in other times of need. Contact: Jane McDow 615-390-4149 mcdowjane@gmail.com

Pastor's Aides Ministry

This group of men and women visits members who reside in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, or who are mostly homebound. Each team member visits the same assigned people monthly.

Contact: Jane McDow

615-390-4149 mcdowjane@gmail.com

Hospital Care Ministry

This team makes visits as needed Wednesdays and Fridays to members of our congregation who are hospitalized, and also prays and sends cards.

Contact: Rosemary Verrall 615-584-4545 (c) rverrall@msn.com

Medical Equipment Lending Closet Ministry

Westminster maintains a supply of durable medical equipment for use by those in need. Among the items available are walkers, wheelchairs, shower seats, toilet chairs, and crutches.

Contact: Ward DeWitt III

615-500-3761 dewittmoving@comcast.net

Special Care Ministry

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In longer-term situations of significant on-going need, special care teams are formed.

Staff Contact: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler 615-292-5526 hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org

Caring Connections Ministry

This team cares for members under -going rehabilitation following orthopedic surgeries and hospitalizations.

Contact: Sylvia Leins 615-243-9773 srleins@gmail.com

Prayer Blankets & Shawls Ministry

We offer care for members and friends who are hospitalized, going through rehabilitation, or other special needs through prayer blankets and prayer shawls – as needed and desired, or to help with simple sewing. **Contact: Sylvia Leins**

615-243-9773 srleins@gmail.com

Memory Loss Outreach

This team has received training in understanding and supporting people and caregivers dealing with memory loss (dementia, Alzheimer's, and other forms of cognitive decline). Resources, education, and support offered.

Contact: Rhea Bucy

bucy@gsrm.com 615-715-7808 **Sylvia Leins** 615-243-9773 srleins@gmail.com

Bereavement Ministry

This team offers support at times of loss, at the first year anniversary, and at the first holidays. Grief resources, referrals, support group options, and end-of-life planning assistance also offered. **Contact: Elaine Williams** 615-708-5341 elainefwilliams@gmail.com

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Team prays for all prayer requests received from individuals, ministry staff, and pew prayer request cards. The team meets together monthly to pray as a group, and prays throughout the month as well for prayer needs received. All confidential requests are respected.

Contact: Theresa Carl 615-812-3261 tgccarl@gmail.com Staff Contact: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler 615-292-5526 hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org

Families with Young Children Ministry

This care team supports couples, families, and children, pregnancy through grade 6 and responds to needs for care in a variety of ways. **Contact: Zak Keiper** 615-636-6951

zkeiper@gmail.com

Adjunct Meals Team for New Baby Families & Other Young Families in Times of Need

This care team provides meals as needed. Volunteers help as available. **Contact: Leslie Grote** 615-973-1530 lesgrote@gmail.com

Additional Services and Resources

Care Notes

These informative brochures are available on the Mayfair Information Desk, and at the North Entrance. They cover a range of care needs and topics.

• Knitting and Crocheting Ministry: Joy in Learning

Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels meet in the church parlor every Thursday morning, 10 a.m.—12 p.m. to work on a variety of creations, including baptismal caps, baby blankets, and hats for those unhoused. **Contact: Sheppy Vann – sheppyvann310@gmail.com; 919-622-2655**

Baking Ministry: Joy in Learning The baking ministry of Joy in Learning creates baked goods to share with our older members, and for other needs within and beyond the church. Contact: Ann Schulze – annaschulze@outlook.com; 615-761-4766

• 12-Step Programs

AA, Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m., Koinonia Youth Café, Westminster **Contact: Steve Roberts - boxofminds@gmail.com; 615-476-4269**

Prayer Requests

The Prayer Team of the Congregational Care Committee and the pastors are called to be in prayer for the needs of the congregation. Prayer request cards can be found in the pew racks, or please reach out to any staff member with needs for prayer.

Pre-Planning Services of Witness to the Resurrection Help with pre-planning is provided by all pastors. Staff Contact: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org or 615-292-5526.

Advent Service of Hope and Healing This service is held early in Advent on a Sunday evening to support members entering the Christmas season who are dealing with grief and loss sadness or depression, or

- the Christmas season who are dealing with grief and loss, sadness or depression, or other needs for healing of body, mind, spirit, or relationships.
- Weddings, Funerals and Counseling Services
 These services are provided by all pastors.
 Contact: The church office at 615-292-5526 for more information.

• Senior Resources and Advance Directives Planning A range of resources are available through the Congregational Care library. Pastoral support offered for advance directives planning as desired.

All Saints' Columbarium Service

The first Sunday in November, an afternoon service is offered lifting up those we are remembering in special ways.

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