

From time to time, we all find ourselves in need of the care and support of our church family. Illness, surgery, grief, family issues, a major life or job change – any of these, and many others, are appropriate reasons to ask for prayer and pastoral care. Here are some ways to receive the care you need:

Pastoral Care: To receive hospital, pre-surgery, nursing home, or home visits, contact one of the Pastors or the Church Office. Appointments for pastoral counseling can be made directly with either of the pastors. If you experience a pastoral emergency after office hours or on the weekend, call the church office number. When the automated attendant answers, press 4 and your call will be immediately forwarded to the pastor's cell phone.

Prayer: To add a name to the “Let Us Pray For...” prayer list printed in the Weekly STAR, fill out one of the Prayer Cards in the pew racks or contact the Church Office. Names remain on the weekly prayer list for four consecutive Sundays, unless otherwise requested. Names are spoken by the petitioner during worship on the first Sunday they appear on the list. Names of those who are currently hospitalized, scheduled for or recovering from surgery, or experiencing an acute need are also spoken by the petitioner. Worshipers are encouraged to speak the names of those on the prayer list and others in need, to take the list home with them, and to pray regularly for those on the prayer list.

To add a name to the Prayer Partners list, contact Nancy Grush, coordinator. The Prayer Partners are a group of folks who commit to pray daily for those on their confidential list.

Ongoing Care and Support: To inquire about receiving the care and support of a Stephen Minister, contact Martha Oldland, Stephen Leader. Stephen Ministers receive extensive training in how to provide confidential support, empathy and a listening ear to those experiencing life challenges.

If you are unable to attend worship, permanently or for a protracted period of time, our lay Eucharistic Ministers and the pastors will bring you home communion on a regular basis. Contact one of the pastors or the church office to receive this ministry.