

Shared Ministries Team Report (SMT)
2018-19 Annual Report
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Description of the ministry: Pastoral Care (PC) is the way the community cares for itself. It is the embodiment of the love we share for each other, encompassing times of need and joy.

Requests for care are reviewed by the Pastoral Care Coordinator and/ or the Pastoral Care Team (congregants who assist with care request) then shared and completed by either the Pastoral Care Network (congregant to congregant care) or by a member of the Ministerial team (Minster to congregant care).

Alignment with UAAA core values: Pastoral care is a key element in the creation of beloved community - binding self, spiritual growth/ spiritual acts and congregational involvement.

Highlights of activities May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019:

- Aug 1 2018- Pastoral Care Coordinator hired
- Oct 2018- Ministers shared Pastoral Care Network vision with Pastoral Care Coordinator
- Nov-Dec 2018- Building PC infrastructure: building relationships, assessing congregational needs, preparing communication and interaction strategy for Pastoral Care Network
- Jan 2019- First meeting of Pastoral Care Team
- Feb-Mar 2019 Trained eight Large Group Ministries Liaisons (congregants who connect request for care to the PC network); identified initial scope of PC activity
- April 2019 - Developed PC graphics outlining overall goal, process and timeline

Active participants in the ministry:

Pastoral Care team:

Sandy Breck
Donna Clark
Judi Marks
Karl Sikkenga
Priscilla Spencer

Care Team Visitors:

Sandy Breck
Joan Burleigh
Sara Gibb
Meredith Ley
Tom Longworth
Emily Simon
Vey Valentine

Future ideas, plans, and goals:

- May 2019 (anticipated) - New PC Network shared from the pulpit; congregants asked to commit to two-to-four acts of PC care for the next year; create a care database
- Summer 2019 - create “Acts of Care” database
- Fall 2019 - offer more PC-related trainings and education