



**WOODCLIFF**  
United Church

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# Pastoral Care

*Together we worship and praise God, grow as Christians,  
and share our journey in friendship and service.*

## Mission Statement

Pastoral care at Woodcliff United Church is a ministry of the whole church community. We seek to offer love and compassion to all who are in need of support.

The Pastoral Care Committee of Woodcliff United Church has oversight of all pastoral care activities in the church, working in close collaboration with the Minister. The work of pastoral care is carried out by dozens of faithful people who, in their individual ways, reach out with a caring presence to the church community.

New members to our committee are always welcome. There are different opportunities to serve according to one's own time and preference. If you have questions or are interested in supporting one of our ministries by giving time, please contact the committee chair through the church office. These are the present ongoing ministries of the Pastoral Care Committee:

## Card Ministry

Cards are sent to congregational members to honor special events in their lives, in time of illness and in times of bereavement. Please contact the church office if you know of someone celebrating a milestone or if someone is in the hospital or someone needs a caring thought.

## Funeral Receptions

We provide assistance for memorial and funeral services held at Woodcliff for members of the congregation. Included in the charge for catering is set up and take down of the reception room, coffee, tea, beverages, linens, serviettes and dishes. Families are asked to provide the food.

**Each one should use whatever gift they have received to serve others faithfully administering God's grace in the various forms.  
– 1 Peter 4:10**

## **One-on-One Visiting**

The team endeavors to keep in touch via telephone, email or personal visits with those who have been active members at Woodcliff, but perhaps are now less able to attend church. If you, or someone you know, is in need of a one-on-one connection, please contact the church office.

## **Prayer Chain**

Our prayer chain is comprised of a circle of congregational members who offer intercessory prayer on behalf of those for whom a prayer request has been made. Each person in the chain prays in their own way and in the comfort of their own home. We meet once a month, following morning worship service, September to June, and we communicate between meetings by email. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact the church office for more information or to make a prayer request.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The ministry's message of caring is simple and enduring, as expressed by the message on the gift card which accompanies each shawl: *We hope that this shawl will warm you inside as well as out, knowing that others care about you. Prayers and blessings are knit into each shawl.* Anyone is most welcome to join the ministry. Yarn and patterns are available. For more information about the prayer shawl ministry, or to make a request for a shawl, please contact the church office.

## **Healing Pathways**

This ministry was started by Woodcliff members who saw the importance of activating Christ's healing ministry in the congregation and surrounding community. The practitioners have received extensive training and practice twice a month to keep their skills current. If you wish to become a member of the Healing Pathways team or if you would like a treatment, please contact the church office for more information.

## CareNotes

CareNotes for children, teens and adults can be found in the literature racks located in the lower hall. These uplifting pamphlets offer support and guidance for many of life's difficult and distressing moments. Feel free to take pamphlets as needed.

## A few more things you might be wondering about...

### Flowers

Seasonal plants are purchased by congregational members at Christmas and Easter as a loving tribute to family members. These plants are then distributed to those in our congregation who are in need of our love and attention. You may wish to remember a loved one in this special way.

### Pastoral Visits from the Minister

If you would like a visit from the Minister, or have an urgent need for pastoral care, please phone the church office or contact a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

### More questions?

Do you want to become involved in pastoral care or do you have other ideas that will enrich this ministry? Please be in touch with the office or with any of the pastoral care committee members.



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