

Senior Outreach Ministry Report to CUMC Council
March 12, 2014

The Senior Outreach Ministry is pleased to report the following:

- With the support of many individual members of our congregation and the CUMC Foundation, the Hearing Loop System was installed in the Sanctuary on February 24. The Ad hoc Hearing Committee under the leadership of Lynda Krazinski has developed instructions for users and ushers. (see attached). Feedback questionnaires are being used to gather information about how the system is working for our members. The committee has asked Dean Craig to determine what additional adjustments/equipment may be recommended to further enhance our sound system. We were pleased to see Community United Methodist Church at the top of the list of facilities in Naperville with the Hearing Loop System Installed in the March 5 edition of the *Naperville Sun*.
- Pastor Grace, Sylvia Kupferer, and Lynda Krazinski are working together to plan the next Wisdom Services on May 17 and 18. In addition to the booklet with information about our members 90 years old and older, we hope to use our services to make the day more meaningful to both our honorees and our congregants.
- We have changed the frequency for our Issues in Aging Seminars from monthly to quarterly. The Senior Outreach Ministries booklet will be updated to reflect this change. Our next seminar will be on June 3 when Cheryl Ghlassan will discuss the new Self Administered Gerocognitive Examination (SAGE) and how it may be used to identify changes in cognition over time.
- Our Exercise for Life class sizes have been smaller (average of 10-12 per class) during the past two months in part due to the weather, illness, and/or participants moving to warmer climates during the winter.
- Our last combined Reminiscence and Fellowship Service will be held on March 19 when bagpiper Dave Johnson will be playing for the service. In April, the Bach Bells from Our Savior's Lutheran Church will perform on Tuesday, April 8 for our Reminiscence Service and again on Wednesday, April 16 for our Fellowship Service.
- We continue monthly services with communion at the assisted living and skilled nursing facility, Westbury of Lisle. Currently volunteers who assist with the service include Pastors Grace and Sarah, Jeanette Bartels, Bob and Joanne Jaynes, Sylvia Kupferer, Pat Shanower, and Nancy Whittington,
- Our STARS (Spiritual Time and Renewal After Stroke) continues monthly and has recently seen several new caregivers join the group.
- A Family Wellness Event will be held in 2014 (date TBA); It is our hope to provide a fun and informative event for our congregants and our community.
- Since our last two shows have been so well received by our congregation, Community Quilters and our prize winning quilters have plans for another

Quilt Show in the Fall

We continue to be blessed with the support of many volunteers and of the ministers and staff of CUMC; without their help, none of the above would have been possible.

Respectively submitted,

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