

Senior Outreach Ministry Report to CUMC Council
July 9, 2014

The Senior Outreach Ministry is pleased to report the following:

- Our **Wisdom Services** on May 17 and 18 were very well received by both our celebrants and our congregation. We thank everyone who made these days special for our 90+ celebrants including Lynda Krazinski who put together the booklet with pictures and information about our celebrants, Suzanne Wills who created a beautiful “Wisdom Board” outside the CUMC office, Ellen Bartel, Pat Shanower, and Emily Todd for their thoughtful testimonials, Pastor Grace for the special sermon for our seniors, Graham Wills for his dramatic interpretation of the poem “Break the Mirror”, and all the others who contributed to the success of our Wisdom Service.
- The **Issues in Aging** “Getting Organized” luncheon and workshop was attended by 30 individuals who now have the tools needed to get their important papers together and organized in case they need them in an emergency.
- In June, we took our combined **Reminiscence and Fellowship Service** “on the road” and had our service at the Sunrise facility on Chicago Avenue. Their bus was our for service and Silverado had indicated that they had a conflict and would not be able to bring their guests on the day of the service.
- The **Community Quilters** group is finishing the “super hero capes” and will be donating them to the Bike Bald group at the end of July

Other happenings that have been planned:

- Sylvia will be meeting with Lauren Rheingans, our new Director of Congregational Care to review the Senior Outreach program and work on ways that we can work together to further enhance programs for our older members. It is our hope that our new music director will also be available to share his thoughts about how to enhance the music for our senior ministries.
- We have been given the go ahead and will be purchasing a file cabinet to store supplies for our senior outreach programs. We hope to find convenient location for this cabinet.
- Programs pending at this time include the **Family Wellness Event** (date TBA) and the **Annual Quilt Show** in September.
- Our next **Issues in Aging Seminar** will be held in September (date TBA). Our speaker is Cheryl Ghlassan who will present information on the new Self Administered Gerocognition Examination (SAGE).
- Our **Reminiscence and Fellowship** services will resume their separate schedules in August.
- Our other programs have continue on their regular schedules including the service at **Westbury of Lisle and STARS and Exercise for Life.**

We continue to be blessed with the support of our volunteers, ministers and CUMC staff. We look forward to working with Lauren and the experience she brings and will be sharing in the senior ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Kupferer, MS, RN (Retired)