

SENIOR MINISTRY REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL  
June 14, 2017

Our Senior Ministry program continues to work to provide a variety of choices for members of our congregation. As a result, we have updated our program that now includes the following activities:

1. **STARS** (Spiritual Time And Renewal for Survivors) continues to provide an opportunity for participants to refresh their faith and share with others along their personal road to recovery. We continue to meet monthly on the second Thursday. In May, one of our participants, Ted Waltmier, received one of the first *Inspire Awards* given by Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital to recognize patients for their outstanding determination and accomplishments throughout their rehabilitation journey and return to their communities. In July, the group plans an outing to see the Kane County Cougars play an afternoon game. A few extra tickets are available and will be offered to members of our CUMC congregation who may want to join us for the game on Monday, July 17.
2. **Exercise for Life** continues to meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 1:30pm. We have recently welcomed many new members and have re-ordered the group t-shirts for them. You should soon see a new picture of our group decked out in our shirts on the web site. This group was begun in January, 2012 and is still going strong today. We now have three instructors who lead us on a rotating basis.
3. The yearly **Celebration of Wisdom** service was held on May 6. This year our program included 13 individuals over the age of 90! We were fortunate this year to have two couples who celebrated together, the Alberts and the Spiegler. Thanks to the work of the Krazinskis and Suzanne Will, we had another beautiful program booklet and buffet supper for our celebrants, their family and friends as a part of the celebration.
4. We have continued to sponsor **Sunday Musicales** in conjunction with our director of music ministry, Chris Garofalo. Our *Lady of the Lamp* concert on April 30 was well attended, in spite of the in-climate weather. The *George Sand and Frederic Chopin: A Love Too Strong* concert will take place June 11 at 3pm.
5. The **Artisan** group has completed two seat cushions that will be made available from our ushers during church services for members of our congregation who may need them to sit comfortably on our wood pews. If these cushions are used and requested, the group will make more of them for our church family.
6. Our **Outreach Ministry** continues at both the Brookdale Assisted Living Facility in Lisle and at the Ecumenical Adult Care Center in Naperville. We are pleased to have Pastor Tom and Jolene Bastounes with us for both of these services now.

As always, we continue to be thankful for and blessed by all the volunteers who help out with our senior ministry.

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