

SENIOR MINISTRY REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL
AUGUST 9, 2017

Our Senior Ministry program has enjoyed a rather quiet summer. Due to construction at CUMC some adjustments have needed to be made.

1. **STARS** (Spiritual Time and Renewal for Survivors) continues to meet monthly on the second Thursday at 1:30-3pm. Since handicap access is restricted during construction, we have made arrangements to meet at First Congregational Church UCC across the street from CUMC. They have agreed to have us meet in their Community Room with the break out session for caretakers in their library. There is a \$20 set up fee that will need to be payed by check monthly to their custodian and we have arranged for that to be taken care of by Brenda. Our free will offerings at STARS will be used to cover the set up fee.
2. **Exercise for Life** continues to meet Tuesday and Thursday 1:30-2:30pm and is averaging 13 participants a session. We have made use of all the fans we can get to help cool the Fellowship Hall during our exercise sessions since A/C is not available there. We have recently ordered and passed out class t-shirts to new members and have taken pictures with each of our instructors that can be seen on the church web site.
3. **Sunday Musicales:** Our next sunday musical will take place on October 15 at 3pm. Jonita Latimore and Henry Pleas will team up with Chris to bring us a musical event not to be missed. This will be their first joint concert.
4. The **Artisan** group has continued to meet as members are available. Other than the seat cushion project, and various other individual charitable projects, we have no ongoing joint projects at this time.
5. Our **Outreach Ministry** continues at both the Brookdale Assisted Living Facility in Lisle and at he Ecumenical Adult Care Center in Naperville. Pastor Tom and Jolene Bastounes continue to help to make these services meaningful and joyful for our participants.
6. During July, Pastor Grace and Pastor Tom led **Saturday Prayer Meetings** at several of our local senior facilities where members of our congregation are now living. Jolene Bastounes helped by providing musical accompaniment for hymn singing.

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

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