

SENIOR MINISTRY REPORT TO CUMC CHURCH COUNCIL
DECEMBER 13, 2017

Our Senior Ministry has continued to re-invent itself in order to continue to offer a variety of spirit based options for our CUMC family.

1. **Service Ministry:** On November 10, the day before Veteran's Day, a breakfast was held at Colonial Cafe in honor of our Veterans. Veterans from Wesley UMC, Grace UMC, Congregational UCC and St. Peter and Paul were also invited; however, the two veterans who attended were from our congregation. We continue to look for other opportunities to reach out to members who have served or are currently serving our country in the military or in other service related occupations.
2. **STARS:** (Spiritual Time And Renewal for Survivors) continues to offer a monthly service and support group for those who have survived stroke or other long term illnesses and their caregivers. We have made plans to continue the monthly service during the winter, weather permitting. At our last meeting, we decided to make our spring educational program a homecoming event to give us a chance to see how those who have attended our meetings over the past years are doing and to offer them a chance to participate in the educational programs planned for the day. Date and time are still TBA.
3. **Exercise For Life:** Attendance has continued to average 14 participants per class; however, we had one class of 21 people! The class will begin its sixth year on January 2, 2018.
4. **Sunday Musicals:** Chris Garofalo has begun to explore options for 2018 and we will be scheduling the first musical on Sunday, April 15. As previously reported, we have made a decision to schedule musicals on the third Sunday of the months of April, July and October in the same time slot as we have been using 3-5pm.
5. **Parish Nurse Team:** Following a discussion with Pastor Grace, a decision was made to include the Parish Nurse Team under the Senior Ministry program. In addition to providing access to flu shots on October 22, updated and refreshed the CUMC first aid kit, the team updated the Protocol for Medical Emergencies and provided a CPR/AED class for certification for the CUMC leadership team and interested others. We have continued to offer Blood Pressure screening on the second Sunday of each month. We are currently working on updating and providing first aid kits for our children's ministry classrooms.
6. Our monthly **Outreach Ministry** continues for both the Brookdale Assisted Living Facility in Lisle, and the Ecumenical Adult Care Center (EAC). I attended a special meeting for Parish Nurses at the EAC that

was held to discuss ways that the center could update and improve its ability to serve those needing adult day care in the Naperville area. We are thrilled to have Beth Hagemeyer filling in on piano in December while Jolene is working in the local school system.

7. As the number of our congregants get older we have found that **The** number of accessible **Handicapped Parking** spaces available to our members and visitors with health concerns that limit their ability to walk is inadequate. Currently there are three designated handicapped parking spaces .on Center Street. **RECOMMENDATION: As** construction nears completion we are recommending that at least half of the currently designated visitor parking spaces behind the church be designated for handicapped parking. While the new entrance will allow some of our congregants to be “dropped off” at the new entrance, those members who drive themselves to church will need better access to parking.

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As always, we continue to need more volunteers for our programs, but are very thankful for those who have been available to help and support this ministry over the past year including:

Judy Allen	Bob Atcheson	Pat Atcheson
Roger Barney	Ellen Bartel	Jeanette Bartel
Jolene Bastounes	Wanda Boebel	Joyce Brunsting
Gary Chipman	Carol Cotner	Ken Cox
Dean Craig	Brenda DeGeer	Is Dittrich
Mary Kay Doody	Nancy Ebel	Linda Edwards
Peggy Gaskins	Chris Garofalo	Beth Hagemeyer
Grace Imathiu	Kim Johnson	Lynda Krazinski
John Krazinski	Tom Kupferer	Garth Lawson
Kay Lawson	Yema Luhahi	Roberta Messer
Paula Overstreet	Tom Rawlinson	Betsy Roche
Pat Shanower	Judy Smith	Clyde Uebele
Bonnie Valiant	Anne Warfield	Suzanne Wills
Maureen Wood	Rosemary Zimmerman	

Respectfully submitted,
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