

Caring Committee - 2009

Members of the Caring Committee in 2009 included: Scottie Bell, Shannon Core, Marge Eckels, Carolyn King, Bill Lamb, Mary Matthews, Ann McLaughlin, and Sue Rogge. Mary Pruneau joined the Committee in the summer. Bill Lamb served as chair. The responsibilities of the Caring Committee involve providing care and support to those within the CUCC community who are experiencing personal concerns. We meet monthly, usually with Steve, to review and update the Caring Committee members of the status of various people we with whom we are paying particular attention.

The Caring Committee sponsored 3 meetings for the congregation during Lenten Series around end of life issues and we revised the end of life wishes document used by CUCC to record advanced planning desires.

There were a number of individuals and families about whom the caring committee directed their concern. A total of 23 separate people were mentioned in the committee's minutes. The level of involvement with individual's circumstances varies from just lifting folks up in prayer to providing direct help in the form of food, transportation, or other forms of tangible support.

We have experienced a number of deaths within the congregation and that usually involves the caring committee in some way. Some to remember include: Joan Little, Scottie Bell, Ruby Lamb, Sonny Spicer, Dot Littleton and Dick King. One agenda item the committee has adopted to work on in the future is to draft up policies about holding memorial services at CUCC which can be given to families about the standard requirements about use of the building, but can also provide options about what we have done in the past in terms of use of the sanctuary, Vaughan wing, etc. Jo Lemons moved to Wilmington and her care, assistance with her move, and keeping connections after her move have involved members of the committee.

An unpublicized function of the caring committee is to recognize a member of the congregation who we feel should be told of our appreciation for their service. We do not select someone every month and we intentionally do not publicize this outside of the committee but after making a selection we hold that person in our prayers and we set up a time to thank them personally from the committee. It always seems to be well received.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Lamb