

## Caring Ministry at St. Lucas UCC

The Caring Ministry of St. Lucas UCC is composed of a group of folks who believe caring for others is an integral part of their own lives. Through this ministry there are several ways to act as the hands and feet of Christ.

- **Lay visiting ministers** make regular calls and visits to home bound members, bringing the spirit of the congregation into each home. If visitation is not a possibility for you, there are several other ways to send a message of caring through this ministry.
- Caring ministry also sends **birthday cards** to our homebound members and to all members over 90 years of age.
- Caring Ministry folks also **deliver altar flowers** (after worship services are completed) which are re-arranged and taken to hospitalized or rehabbing members.
- Caring Ministry also includes a **prayer shawl group** which meets once a month to knit or crochet gifts to anyone who is going through a challenging time. These prayer shawls are kept in the church office and are available at no cost to anyone who would like to stop by, sign our book and take a lovingly made prayer shawl to someone, to remind them of God's love.
- Our congregation houses an **intercessory prayer team** who have promised to pray for those who submit their prayer requests. This is a confidential network, so prayers are between those praying for you and God. All it takes is a request directed to our receptionist, who will distribute your request to our **confidential prayer network**.
- We have a group of folks who make "**freezer meals**" to be taken from the church freezer when needed to cover a lean patch.
- We have a group of folks who meet weekly to **pack and deliver food for our back-pack program**, through our local school district, to serve families experiencing food insecurity.
- Persons are also invited to stop by the "**Little free pantry**" outside our church building to help yourself to canned goods when needed.

Life is sweeter when shared and love multiplies when we give it away. Come join our ministry to share the gifts of God for the well-being of all! Contact us a [hello@stlucasucc.org](mailto:hello@stlucasucc.org) to get involved!

- Pastor Carol