

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018

Members: Rabbi Chava Bahle – Spiritual Leader, Joan Jackson, Pat Light – co-chairs, Marilyn Mayo, Don Fraser, Barb Gibson, Hal Gurian, Judith Briggs, and Christie McGue.

The Congregational Care Our team monitors the needs of our congregation. These needs are communicated by word of mouth, calls from family, notes in Joys and Concerns book, as well as newspaper articles and obituaries. CCT provides temporary care in a friendly, neighborly manner with food, calls, visits, cards, lending of available medical equipment and we follow through as long as necessary. Notices are printed in The Flash and in the “All About Us” column in The Beacon.

We continue with the shawl ministry and present shawls or lap robes when congregants are recovering from an illness, surgery or grief. These shawls are made by congregants, donated to our team and held in reserve until the need arises. Our future intent is to honor and thank the donor by identifying them with a tag on the item.

The CCT coordinates and assists in Memorial Services with the Spiritual Leader and the Memorial Services Committee. This may also include interment of ashes in the Memorial Garden.

We have a discretionary fund which comes from a portion of the funds given from the offertory basket passed on Sunday mornings. We have used some of these funds to help congregants in need. There are gas and food gift cards also given when appropriate. Last August we gave gift cards to our families for the purpose of attaining back to school supplies. This year we will give out gift cards again in August and then during the Holiday celebrations to families and others in need.

CCT meets usually on the first and third Thursday, monthly, from 1:00-2:30 pm. To be part of this team requires no special training. Common characteristics include a ready smile, a kind heart, and a compassionate mind. One needs to be a member of the congregation for at least 6 months; however, exceptions can be made. We are now preparing to offer adjunct positions to those members who may be unable to participate in a full-time manner or to come to meetings. They can be of service by making calls, visits, providing food, and/or sending cards.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Light
Co-chairs, Congregational Care Team