ST PAUL'S PASTORAL CARE



Caring for our brothers and sisters in need, we are the hands and feet of Christ. Motivated by God's grace and what He has done for us; we attempt to emulate His servant heart.

Stephen Ministry

This ministry is nationally recognized. St Paul's has a group of highly trained men and women who can provide someone to listen and come along side you during any of life's rough spots. The ministers are pledged to confidentiality so there is no worry about your privacy. The group provides Christ centered care for the hurting. They are not there to "tell you what to do". Through listening, discussion, and prayer God does the needed healing.

FLOWERS

At the request of Pastoral Care, the Flower Ministry delivers flowers to those in need. Their lovely arrangements and warm hearts continue to put smiles wherever they go.

CARDS & CALLS

Cards are sent to those who need encouragement, a loving note, or to celebrate a birth or an important anniversary. Calls to check in with our seniors who are unable to attend church are also provided.

PARISH FOOD TRAIN

We are currently putting together a new food program to prepare meals for those who are temporarily unable to cook due to illness, a new baby, loss of a loved one, or sometimes as a pleasant surprise for someone who needs some comforting.

HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

Specially trained lay members take communion from the altar of St. Paul's to those who are unable to come to church. The program ensures that our homebound members are being spiritually fed.

TRANSPORTATION

LOVE ON WHEELS offers transportation to medical appointments or to church on a special needs basis to parishioners who are unable to drive or are having a procedure that precludes driving home.

GRIEF SHARE

A valuable program is available for those who have lost a loved one. It is conducted by Father Chip Strickland. Walk with others at your side as you learn that grief is natural, normal and needed.

GRIEF BOOK PROGRAM

Four grief books are sent out to grieving members of St Paul's. They are timed to arrive at important intervals during the first year after a loss.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This wonderful ministry makes lovely hand-made prayer shawls and children's caps for those who are seriously ill or hospitalized. They also support the sweet patients at the MUSC Children's Hospital. What a lovely gift of love from the busy hands of these faithful ladies.

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FUNERAL RECEPTIONS

We offer bereaved members an informal reception in the Door Hall Atrium following a funeral at St. Paul's. Our receptions are catered by Parish House Catering and augmented by Pastoral Care members. Item donations are also accepted by anyone who wishes to provide them.

The Village Church Service

Once a month one of our priests provides a worship service at The Village, an assisted care complex here in Summerville. There are many St Paul's members there. The service provides an opportunity to be spiritually fed and assures them that they are not forgotten.

COMING SOON! A BRAND NEW MINISTRY

Stay tuned for this ministry that will serve those who take care of loved ones at home. This loving and demanding task calls out for help through interaction with others performing the same act of love. The target for roll-out is January 2027.

PASTORAL CARE CREED: *Lord, let me be more like you each day. Let me reflect your love to each person I meet. Let me pour myself out, as you fill me up. Grow my servant heart and increase my faith as I come to realize you have given me more than I deserve, less than would make me unfeeling, and all that I need.*



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