

Ministries of All Saints Anglican Church

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Pastoral Care*

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. *Acts 20:28*

O merciful Father, you have taught us in your Holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men: Look with pity on the sorrows of our servants. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy; nourish their souls with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* BCP 663

Lay Opportunities to Serve:

Meal Train – A system that coordinates the provision of meals to members of the parish or their families in time of crisis.

Stephen Ministry – Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Stephen Ministers are *congregation members* trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour.

Care receivers are individuals in the congregation or community who are going through a crisis or life difficulty. Potential care receivers first meet with a pastor or Stephen Leader, who assesses their needs for care and matches them with a Stephen Minister. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need persists

Prayer Team – In time of crisis or pastoral needs members of this team prays for those listed in the communication. Currently we have 68 members of the parish on this team. The communication is sent by way of a Constant Contact email.

Finishing Well – System developed facilitate the production of those items that would enable us to finish this life well. The resources range from Advance Directives to Burial Instruction. Information and materials can be found on our website or by contacting our Parish Administrator, Ms. Missy Harris.

Healing Prayer Teams – Fr. Alan has a team of lay ministers each Sunday that have been called by the Holy Spirit and trained for this ministry. This team is available in the Narthex during Holy Communion.

*Armentrout and Slocumb (1999). *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*. New York:Church Publishing.