

## **Ways of sharing pastoral needs with the congregation other than during the Joys and Sorrows portion of worship**

A pastoral prayer, provided by a minister/service leader, using info from a blank book available to congregants before the service

We have a Caring Network made up of volunteers who each "care for" a group of members. It is headed by a lay member.

Pastoral care team has been set up in the past, but I'm not sure it is functioning well currently.

Direct contact with the Minister or a member of our Care Committee

Care committee

Shinto EMA stand to write concerns and joys and place on the stand for others to read. We also inform via phone, email, etc., and send info to our Care committee.

Contact minister or office; covenant groups.

electronic mid week news

Direct contact with the minister

email list, phone, pastoral associates, covenant groups

Joys and Concerns cards that go to the Care Ministries, including publishing in the newsletter.

telephoning the office; grapevine

There is a Small Group Ministry program. Also people can call/email in a Joy or Concern for the newsletter or to alert the caring committee or minister,

May speak directly to the minister

call minister

direct "referral" to our "Caring Network"

During Sunday services a person needing to express a need during the service can speak during Joys and Sorrows, can fill out a pew card which goes to the pastoral care team, or can light a candle in silence at a separate time during the service.

The Pastoral Care Team and the Caring Committee are available, and they communicate with the minister as well as do some visiting, etc., themselves.

Weekly e-update

Care council that can send out global emails and has subgroups to help with particular needs.

Cards to fill out; instructions in order of service and newsletter.

Direct contact with minister or Care Committee

Contact the care committee or pastor

contact a member of the caring committee or contact the minister directly; fill out a prayer request card

can speak to the minister and/or the Caring Committee. there was a prayer circle but I just disbanded that because of lack of attendance

Cards in pews requesting need Part-time minister organizing Pastoral Care program

There are no other channels that don't require the person in need to initiate the contact.

triage system through voice mail and directly with ministers and lay ministers

Weekly email from the church office; newsletter; caring committee; covenant groups

Helping Hand Committee; Joys and Sorrows in Sunday order and newsletter

Word of mouth from the congregation to the Board and/or caring committee is very active.

phone tree

Pew card that congregants can fill out, lay pastoral visitor is available for consultation during coffee hour

Through a Care Team that meets weekly and includes the minister and addresses Joys and Sorrows from previous Sunday. Team responds if appropriate

Members/friends may call the Care Committee coordinator of the month and may also directly call the minister.

Contact Caring Committee; church eletter & newsletter. Eletter is weekly, newsletter is monthly

Pastoral Visitor Contact each Sunday after services, card for expressing concerns.

We have an active care committee.

Pew cards to tell someone you need to talk; pastoral visitors program advertised weekly; silent candles during the offertory

We have a strong pastoral care team and the congregation is divided into large neighborhood groups with a leader for each group.

Care Rings; contact minister; contact pastoral care team

care circles

Lay ministers, caring committee may be contacted when someone has a need and those may be shared with the congregation via the newsletter or joys and sorrows

Talking to the minister or other staff. Talking to lay ministers. Covenant groups / small group ministry

There are cards in the pews that go to the lay ministers. Many people contact the office, the minister, a lay minister or a caring committee member directly. Also, the covenant group facilitators are trained to direct people for pastoral if needed.

a pastoral announcement or an announcement from a board member

Caring Committee

Email network

Small group ministry; active caring committee.

Speak with member of the Care Committee, contact the Minister, check-in at various Board or committee meetings

Lay ministry cards in pews, phone/email access to pastoral staff

Phone tree, congregation-wide e-mails

Technically, the congregation's electronic bulletin board is for announcements about church business and activities. The minister tends to be the only one who uses it to announce the pastoral/care needs of members.

We don't have anything formal, but we're a small congregation and word seems to spread quickly when there is a need.

A care committee and the minister are available. People need to let us know they have a need.

Joys and sorrows are conveyed by the There are no joys & sorrows spoken by members, rather the minister says these each week in the service. Js & Ss are directed to him by phone, email and during the service there are "cards" passed in the pew to alert him of needs

Announcements at beginning of service, or email

We have a Friends Network wherein members can call one of the reps (myself being one of two) and seek help in the form of transportation, food, etc.; we leave the direct pastoral care, however, to the minister.

contact paraministry comm.

Small group ministry, calling the minister.

phone call, email

Calling members of the paraministry committee.

email to all members

contact minister, contact congregational concerns committee

Contact minister. Information via email.

caring committee

We have a congregational support committee

They could call or email the "caring" committee under membership or call president of minister.

This way is informal and not centralized. If someone has a need, he or she contacts the minister, or someone from the congregation contacts the minister on his or her behalf.

By contacting the minister or the Congregational Support committee chair.

members and friends can speak to me, schedule an appointment, call or email; contact info appears in each Sunday's order of service

Let the minister, a Board member, Membership/Caring Committee know

letting a minister or other staff know by personal contact

lay ministry contact contact ministers newsletter/Sunday bulletin

Members may post to uuman\_announcements (our email group).

We have a "Care Ring" plus small care groups of three -- plus postings of contacts info for minister and Care Ring folks.