

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry group met with the entire ministry groups in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm Tuesday January 11, 2010 with Pastor Karen opening the meeting with prayer. After general introduction and information each group was sent to their respective meeting places.

Prayer Ministry met in the yellow Sunday school room with Larry Dolan, Gene Davis, Jan McLeod, Tom Patterson, Dawn Larson and Frieda Davis present. Estelle Torgerson, Donna Sutton (snow bird) and Lucas Richards were absent.

Frieda opened the meeting with prayer. The general goals and purposes of the ministry was read and discussed. Also the work of the ministry was reviewed for the new and present members.

Discussion: the Joys and Concerns project written on paper and posted on the window at the back of sanctuary each Sunday during first service. Gene and Tom are usually the ones who put up the list. Tom shared a positive comment made by a second service attendee. We are happy to hear that some one is noticing. All the concerns and joys are then summarized each month and placed in the Newsletter by Frieda. Question asked if they might put on the web site each week? Pastor responded that it would be to world-wide and not just church family so would probably not be a good idea.

Mentioned the list of those needing prayers in the bulletin. Question of who they are and why listed. Discussed that many are shut-ins, chronic illness, bereaved, etc.

Prayer Chains: phone and email. Suggested that it be listed in the bulletin for those who are not aware of the process. Those put on email are usually emailed to the pastor and those on the phone tree are phoned in.

Also mentioned that the prayer shawl program is in place with Joanne Hyde distributing the shawls wherever there is a need or request.

Discussion: Having prayers during worship time for the pastor and congregation. Maybe this could be done by the shut-ins? Or other volunteers?

As a new project: have a prayer vigil, one or two praying from Good Friday to sunrise on Easter Sunday. Would not have to be in the church building but sign up and pray for an hour or so, as assigned, during that time.

Prayer Tree: on which you could put your name and your concern, in maybe a small envelope and anyone who would like to be a prayer warrior take it off and pray for that individual.

Name badges are one of our projects. Discussed how that is managed. Feel it is a positive project and one which helps people learn to meet and know others. For whole church involvement it was suggested that we have everyone's name in a (whatever) and others draw out the name, like have a secret pal!

Labyrinth: discusses as a way to reach the community and praying for others outside the church. Could have workshops on meditation and or relaxation and combine that with having a labyrinth on our church green space.

Prayer Ministry has signed up for June for the Bullfrog project.

Pray upon these ideas and come back with insights.

Closed with prayer at about 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Frieda Davis