

St Mary's Caring Ministries Report 12/19/21

Eucharistic Visitors Have resumed and are currently ministering to individuals at home and at Symphony, Stuart Lodge, Hobe Sound Manor with hope to serve people at Watersedge and Sand Hill Cove soon. Presently there are eleven Eucharistic Visitors and three additional people to begin in January.

Daughters of the King continues to meet monthly to offer prayers for those in the congregation. There are currently twenty Daughters in the group and they Made a generous donation of gift cards to LAHIA and toys, clothes, cash and gift cards to the Treasure Coast Foster Closet.

The hospital visitors and nursing home visitors continue to be inactive since the pandemic. Both Ministries need new chairpersons as well as visitors. Currently those in nursing homes are served by the Eucharistic Visitors.

Cleveland Clinic is moving forward in developing a Spiritual Care Program to include part time paid Chaplain. Community Clergy are always welcome to visit parishioners upon request. Future plans include spiritual care volunteers to resume providing spiritual support when volunteers are allowed to return. Eucharistic Ministers will be required to be part of Volunteers Services and complete and on-line program, background check and TB testing.

The Stephen Ministry will have 8 Stephen Ministers and 5 Stephen Leaders in the new year as several Ministers and Leaders are retiring or on sabbatical. Four Stephen Ministers are currently between caring relationships and are available for new assignments. A training class for Stephen Ministers is being considered later next year. Two Stephen Leaders are scheduled to leave in June 2022 and will need to be replaced. Cindy Eaton can be contacted by anyone in need of care or who has administrative skills with a passion for caring.

The Healing Center is in the process of setting up spiritual programs, centering prayer and spiritual arts program. A grief support group has begun to meet weekly. Unfortunately, many parishioners are unaware of the ministry of the Healing Center. The Intersession prayer team will resume in the new year.

The praying Hands Ministry has three dedicated members who make the beautiful prayers squares that are available in the Office, Nave, Ross Hall, Healing Center and Thrift Shop. The prayer squares have been well greatly appreciated by those who receive them. The ministry needs additional members and would like to make prayer shawls for those in need.

Birthday and Anniversary cards are sent out by a dedicated church member who also makes the Birthday and Anniversary bookmarks. Last month 100 cards were sent.

Arrangements for the Memorial Garden Bricks are made through the Church Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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