

Update on Congregational Life:

Our congregants have been resilient and steady during the last year, managing the pandemic. A collective comment I receive is that they want to be back in person, and the “core” majority appreciates the work that the staff has done to continue sharing services while we cannot meet in the sanctuary. They are highly anticipating being back together again.

The work of our Caring Committee is extremely impressive, and each person who takes the turn of Caring Coordinator does this job with compassion and dedication.

- Approx 413 cards have been sent by caring coordinators, and Coordinator of Congregational Life since the beginning of the year.
- At least that many calls and emails have been sent
- Those on the list to deliver meals provided some in need grocery or meal gift cards, offered to grocery shop, Melissa sent grocery and meal gift cards as well. As restrictions have loosened, those on the meal list have resumed cooking and delivering. Having both options available is a good decision, and some gift cards can come out of the Human Needs Fund if funds are not available from the Caring Committee or Congregational Life Fund.

Small Group Ministry:

2020/2021

7 Groups/Facilitators

70 members

2021/2022

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? Members (*registration now open)

Facilitators and members of chalice circles have expressed gratitude for the continuation of the Chalice Circle program THROUGH the pandemic. Facilitators learned how to facilitate through online options (there was a learning curve!!) and all members were dedicated to sharing in this “different” way.

Our 2021/2022 program will include in person gathering, online gathering and a hybrid option.

2021/2022 Facilitators are:

Melissa Egger

Joe Lobl

Roxanne Schlasner

Maggie O’Connell Nolte

Lisa Talcott

Margo Stich

Paul Trewartha-Wiener

Topics:

September: Embracing Possibility

October: Cultivating Relationship

November: Holding History

December: Opening to Joy

January: Living with Intention

February: Widening the Circle

March: Renewing Faith

April: Awakening
May: Nurturing Beauty
June: Celebrating Blessings

Membership: As of 8/31/2021
371 Members

NEW MEMBERS:

Peter* Dvorak
Leslie* Morris
Nikki* Gruis Diekmann
Lynn* Didier
Janel* Keller
Marilyn* Deling
Austin* Ferguson
Folke* Arbin
Ann* Sigford
Stephanie* Evans Hanson
Mike* Harris
Kim* Harris

REINSTATED: Shelly Rohe, Marv Mitchell, Sam* & Theresa* Hurne

Members who have relocated:

Paulette DeMers
Linda Scholl
VanLaningshams
Diane Closson,

Randy & Anita

Paul Ray

Budget 2021/22

Congregational Life

Membership	\$1000
Social & Fellowship Events	\$1000
Spiritual Care	\$500