

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Macon GA
2021 Annual Meeting

Pastoral Care: "Serving St. Paul's Family"

"Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning.
Love has to be put into action and that action is service." - Mother Teresa

The mission of Pastoral Care Team is to provide service and comfort to our St. Paul's Family, including;

- * Assisting a bereaved church family by providing a meal for the immediate family, or a light reception in the undercroft or Parish House in conjunction with the memorial service
- * Ride share: to those requesting rides to church service when we were gathering, January-March this was provided to several members
- * Providing meals or assistance to church members coming home from a hospital stay, during rehab recovery or during an illness
- * Distributing Easter and Christmas flowers or cards to those that are not able to join us at church (our true shut-ins)
- * Staying in touch through calls, notes, cards, visits with people unable to attend church for any reason
- * Sending Birthday Cards and calls on church members' special day
- * Maintain prayer chain, (distribute prayer shawls, lap robes, baby blankets)

During 2020, members of Pastoral Care Team faithfully responded to the needs of our St. Paul's Family. The teams focus during this year was to stay connected, while keeping everyone safe following the restrictions placed on us all this year. Since March, the team attempted to stay connected to all St. Paul's family via phone calls, notes, cards, safe socially distanced visits. The team took on the task of calling or emailing in attempt to update our church directory, so that we could have an updated (although living document, ever changing) to stay connected during these times of isolation and social distancing. We had several memorials throughout the year, continued to support the bereaved family through calls, cards and, at request meals, for the families receptions. We also provided meal trains for several members going through illness or rehab.

Members of our faithful team: Mary Burt, Sandy Cadle, Emily Cook, Kay Davis, Mary Hinson, Jane Lucas, Mary MacNeil, Callie Millis, Glenn Sprenger, Kathy Sprenger, Mary Alice Webb, Terri Yeomans and Tamika Sanders as our Vestry liaison.

Emily Cook was in charge of our Easter and Christmas distribution and also handmade masks and mailed out to all (true shut-ins)

Kay Davis was in charge of our Birthday Card ministry and sent greetings to each church member on his or her special day during the year.

Mary Hinson handmade knitted several prayer shawls, lap robe, baby blanket to replenish our inventory for future distribution

Special thanks to everyone that contributed in ways too many to mention, to our Pastoral Care mission. Grateful to all that donated their gifts.

- Kathy Sprenger, St. Paul's Pastoral Care Leader