

## Your pledge donations are making a difference: Congregational Care

Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.



This month we continue to highlight some of the differences your pledge donations are making with the work of the Congregational Care Committee.

Recently, one visitor commented after a Sunday service at Immanuel, "It's obvious when you walk through the door that you all care deeply about each other." Similarly, one new member said the main reason she joined Immanuel was how much we care about each other. And Stephanie Berkin stated in a recent *Minute for Mission*, "... those of us at Immanuel have a stronger, deeper connection."

One expression of this is the work of the Congregational Care Committee, which provides a range of very much appreciated services for members and friends, such as:

- 1. Making sunshine baskets for those who are just home from surgery, which contain something to open each day, such as a cross to hold and comforting quotes from scripture
- 2. Placing a rosebud on the altar to announce and celebrate a birth
- 3. Providing rides for members who live at Chesterbrook and other places in the area so they can attend Sunday services, keep doctor appointments, and so on
- 4. Arranging the semi-annual Blood Drives at IPC
- 5. Initiating the Prayer Chains
- 6. Maintaining the lists of Military and Ongoing Concerns in the church bulletin
- 7. Providing a reception following the death of a member,
- 8. And so on.

New committee chair Sue Owen reports that her committee is always receiving expressions of gratitude & appreciation for what they do.

Please reach out to any Stewardship Committee member with your questions and suggestions or your desire to join:

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