

Our **Bereavement Team** offers support and comfort when a loss occurs in a family or an extended family. Support is provided through personal phone calls and cards for a full year.

Caring Hands provides family support through a coffee, punch and cookie reception at Christ of the Hills the day of a Memorial Service for a family's loved one.

Celebrations are acknowledged by the following ministries: 90+ Birthdays, Children & Youth Birthday Cards, Anniversary Cards, and Email Birthday Wishes.

Communication with members who are convalescing is accomplished by our **Continuing Care** ministry through phone calls and cards, keeping members in touch with the church and letting them know of our support.

Home Communion team members provide communion to church family members who, for health reasons, are unable to be present with us in worship. Communion teams visit members in their homes or at the hospital the same day that Communion is held at church.

Lay Hospital Visitation team members make week-end and holiday visits to church family members in area hospitals. This is in support of staff members who visit during the week.

Love Links volunteers keep in contact with our members not able to be out and about, thus keeping them connected to our church. Love Links volunteers make regular telephone calls to those members.

Support Groups are small groups that are formed around common interests or concerns with leadership coming from within the group. The groups meet on a schedule designed by the group and continues for as long as it wishes. Groups currently active include a Grief Support Group and a support group for individuals who are providing continual care for someone at home.

Prayer Ministries include our Prayer Bear Ministry wherein a team of volunteers make the cutest bears who come to find special places in the hearts and homes of those who are ill or just need a reminder that we are thinking of and praying for them. Prayer Concerns are made known in our Sunday bulletin and prayers are offered by our entire congregation with a small card sent to the individuals on the list. Prayer Chapel Ministry finds members on an assigned basis in the prayer chapel every day lifting up the special needs and requests of members for their family, friends or self. And, if a prayer request is to be confidential in nature it is sent to the Confidential Prayer Chain.

The **Welcome & Photo** team assists new members in signing the membership book the day they join the church and in having their pictures taken which are posted at the church.

New Member Follow Up volunteers ensure that new members have been made aware of and have found areas of interest within the church.

Home Helpers are folks who are willing to go to a member's home to assist with small home-based tasks that require some effort and skill such as turning a mattress or replacing a florescent bulb. Home Helpers also has a reference system in place for those services requiring more professional help.