

Pastoral Care Committee

After a couple of years of not officially functioning, this committee was reconvened in the summer of 2020 under the leadership of myself, Martha Gail Dawes, and Lynda Bateman and in consultation with Rev. Allen Ye and the Session.

For those of you who are not familiar with it, the Pastoral Care Committee was established at St. Giles' in January 2011. It is a group of volunteers approved by Session. The committee's purpose is to oversee, review and delegate members of the committee or other members of the congregation to confidently attend to the physical and spiritual needs of members and adherents of St. Giles' by prayer, visitation or other support deemed appropriate. The committee also assists the minister in providing for the pastoral needs of the congregation and works in partnership with elders who have oversight of whatever individual or family might be in need of care.

In the past, the committee was mainly made of members who were trained as Stephens Ministers. When the committee reconvened in the summer of 2020, several members of the congregation were added that had sufficient training in some other capacity. At this time the members of the committee are: Lynda Bateman, Helen Dahl, Martha Gail Dawes, Elda Egan, Barbara Fairservice, Pearl Lee, Chris Nelson, Bob and Margaret Plewes, Caroline Walsh, and Allen Ye.

The first meeting of the committee was in August, 2020, in Martha Gail's carport. There are several members of Session on the committee & Lynda Bateman provides a report to the Session.

We are providing prayer and a "phoning ministry" primarily at this time. There has been some provision of meals. The committee meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday of the month using Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted by Martha Gail Dawes