

# C H R I S T + C H U R C H

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## PASTORAL CARE 2014

### Emergency 911

Community Medical Center (732) 557-8000

Church Office (732) 349-5506

Mother Joan Mason (609) 760-9181 + Father Timothy Holder (917) 399-8921

Deacon Emily Holman (732) 341-2519 + Deacon Ted Foley (732) 609-1822

### CLERGY CRITICAL CARE VISITS & FOLLOW-UP

- Four Clergy visit and publish e-notes every-other-day, primarily as to 'critical' and parishioners requiring immediate care
- Clergy also follow-up for the longer-term sick and needy

### LEV'S (LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS)

- LEV's typically serve three or more members who are unable to come to Church
- LEV's receive training and annual updates for pastoral care education

### SHEPHERDS

- Parishioners who volunteer to serve as "Shepherds" check-in on the lonely and homebound
- Christmas and holiday cards are sent to our sick and shut-in
- And bereavement notes at the time of death

### OCEAN COUNTY CAREGIVERS & HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

- Twenty or more members of Christ Church serve as "Ocean County Caregivers" assisting the vulnerable and elderly living throughout the County
- They join a thousand or more Caregivers working to serve one of the nation's largest populations of retirees
- Members of Christ Church also serve as hospital volunteers locally and throughout the area

### PRAYER TEAMS, THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE & DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

- Prayers teams – formally and informally – offer prayers for the sick and needy
- Church publications regularly offer names of those in critical need of prayer
- A Healing Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel
- The Monday Night Prayer Group meets weekly to pray for all those on the Parish prayer list and for other concerns of the Parish
- Members of The Order of St. Luke pray with those requesting healing before each Liturgy
- Daughters of the King pray for the sick and support families of deceased loved ones

## **PRAYER QUILTS**

- Personally-made, unique prayer quilts are made for those who are sick as requested
- Each quilt is presented to the Congregation who pray for the sick person by individual 'knot-tying'
- Clergy then bless the quilts on behalf of all sending this special gift to home or hospital bed

## **CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITIES**

- The "Christ Church Community at Brandywine" (Assisted Living) is a satellite ministry of Christ Church. We celebrate Prayers & Music weekly and Holy Eucharist on specially announced Feast Days of the Church
- Other possibilities for satellite communities include: at-risk populations, refugees and immigrants, those affected by loss and disaster, and persons who exercise regularly

## **DEATH, DYING & BEREAVEMENT**

- Clergy and Staff assist all members and their families with the full-range of planning for dying and death. This is done by making appointment with Church Clergy
- Parishioners serve as members of hospice teams to share skills in providing comfort to patients and their families. Each hospice provides its own volunteer training.
- Christ Church has a monthly Grief Support Group titled The Emmaus Group, offered by professionals from, Christ Church.
- Bequests and Estate-giving to the Church are also planned through the Church Office

## **EDUCATION & SELF-CARE for PASTORAL MINISTRY**

- On-going training is offered for pastoral ministry and self-care by all leadership and volunteers
- All volunteers are expected to attend an annual conference about self-care and leadership development
- Additional topics and subjects of use and interest are offered from time-to-time

## **EMERGENCY & DISASTER MINISTRY**

- Christ Church plays a leadership role on the Jersey Shore assisting individuals and families with spiritual counseling and need through the Christ Church Community Outreach Center's "Spiritual Support in Disaster Recovery"
- Referrals to area disaster preparedness and recovery ministries and agencies are available by contacting the Church Office
- Clergy also serve as Chaplains for Emergency Preparedness and participate in local, regional and Diocesan disaster relief and planning organizations

## **TWELVE (12) STEP GROUPS**

- Christ Church hosts eight weekly support groups (some meeting every day of the week) for people with addictions.
- Counseling and support is available to individuals as needed.