

## **Mount Cross Care Team Regular Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2021**

Present -Karen Diehl, Mary Kienitz, Evonne Kuchera, Pastor Julie Morris, Susan Prosser, Becky Riley, Cecelia Travick-Jackson, Judy Winters

1. Devotions and Light of Christ from God Pause– Susan
2. July & August Minutes – Submitted via e-mail.
3. Caring Conversation – Team members shared highs and lows and prayer requests.
4. We welcomed Judy Winters as a new Care Team member.
5. Resource Nurse – Health Ministry Update by Evonne  
Evonne shared her continuing work over the last month. She assisted several members through health concerns and decisions. Caregiving seems to be getting more critical as fewer professional caregivers are available driving up costs.
6. Report of Caring Needs – Update from Pastor Julie  
A long list of members with health challenges and how can the Care Team be of assistance.
7. Meal Support Update – Susan  
We may have two additional families needing meal support. We have three new meal support volunteers—Marion Cole, Gail Baird and John Grennan.
8. Health Education Planning – Evonne
  - Decision to have the Health and Healing service on an annual basis.
  - Evonne learned the Ventura Sheriff's Dept. Office of Emergency Services will be offering a Community Disaster Preparedness Workshop on Zoom Wednesday September 22 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Interested parties will need to register to receive the Zoom codes to participate. Notice will go in the eGrapevine, Sunday's bulletin and Pastor will announce it at church Sunday.

The Care Team will also offer an onsite version of the same Workshop on Sunday, October 24 with a recording of the Sheriff's workshop, resource materials, etc. Information about this event will be in the October church newsletter.
9. Karen Diehl will have more to report at a later date on chemo bags.
10. A new group of sympathy cards and Care Notes will go to the Nelsons so they are fully equipped for taking over this ministry. Karen and Dan have also discussed the possibility of distributing some Stephen Ministry grief materials.

11. There was a brief discussion of written materials in the pews. Although this has not been addressed by the re-opening committee, as Bibles and Worship Books are in the pews there is probably no reason that our materials couldn't be there too.

12. Decided to wait on making any decisions or changes to the way altar flowers are being handled. This might be more the altar guild's responsibility than the Care Team.

13. No takers yet on using volunteers for smoke alarm battery and bulb changes but we do have two willing volunteers to undertake the work. We will increase publicity in October.

14. New Business –

October 3 will be the blessing of the animals service noting that members of the congregation have lost beloved pets this year.

**Next Meeting Thursday, October 21, 2021, 1-3 p.m.**