

To all Members and Friends

In an effort to provide the best nurture and care possible, we want you to know that there are five possible methods to serve you and your family when the need arises for prayer, comfort and consultation. Not all methods achieve the same results; therefore, it is important that you know the difference between each method.

The five methods are: Pastoral Visitation and Prayer, Clergy Visitation, Lay Visitation, Member to Member visitation and the E-Prayer Chain. These methods are listed based on confidentiality, need and severity of your individual situation.

Pastoral Visitation & Prayer

All pastoral visitation and prayer request should be directed to the Pastor's Administrative Assistant, Mary Lee McElfresh or to the Pastor directly. Only members or immediate family members (Spouses, siblings, children or closest living relative) of the member requesting a pastoral visitation will be acted upon.

Clergy Visitation

Clergy visitation other than from the Pastor should be coordinated with Rev. Roger and Marilyn Noah. You may contact them directly or contact the General Church Secretary, Charity Thomas to schedule this level of visitation. Retired Rev. Bill Brazil may be contacted as a backup to the Noah's.

Lay Visitation

Member to member visitation of extended care and homebound members is conducted by the lay visitation ministry. Betty Sutton is currently coordinating this ministry. Please contact Betty or the General Church Secretary, Charity Thomas to schedule this level of visitation.

Member to Member Visitation

This form of visitation is very informal and is based on established relationships between individual members and their families. Member to member visitation does not constitute a pastoral or clergy level need; therefore, all visitations of this sort will not result in the church getting involved unless the member needing care contacts the church office, Pastor's Administrative Assistant or the Pastor directly.

Prayer Chain Request

All requests for corporate prayer **ONLY** should be directed to the prayer chain and your request will be distributed to those who wish to participate in the prayer chain. Information received from the prayer chain should remain between the member requesting prayer, the prayer chain coordinators and the persons wishing to participate in corporate prayer. It is not for general discussion and consumption. To this end the Prayer Chain coordinators or participants are not responsible for sharing information with the general congregation via bulletin, newsletter, and announcement in worship or the web. These forms of communication should be done by the individual(s) or members of their families directly through the General Administrative Office.

We hope this brings clarity.

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