

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HOSPITAL VISITS MINISTRY

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION



Objective: *You will help FUPC glorify God through active discipleship, faithful service, and nurturing fellowship by visiting members of the congregation or their family members when they are hospitalized.*

Result 1: A Deacon is scheduled each week to be on call to make visits to members and/or their families who may be hospitalized.

Result 2: The Church Office's Administrative Assistant makes daily calls to local hospitals and care centers to see if any known members have been hospitalized. The Administrative Assistant then sends a group email to the Deacons of the findings indicating the Deacon who is scheduled for that week..

Result 3: The Deacon visits those hospitalized at any time depending on the urgency of the visit, the Deacon's schedule, and the availability of the hospitalized person to receive visitors. There may be people on our list who are "Presbyterian other" meaning they are listed as Presbyterian but not from FUPC. It is strongly recommended the Deacon attempts a short visit if possible.

Result 4: The Deacon will check any precautions needed before entering the hospital room. The Deacon may check to see if there are flowers available from a previous service to take to the patient if appropriate.

Result 5: The Deacon will be prepared to offer a prayer or some scripture if needed and wear a distinctive badge leaving a calling card when appropriate.

Team Composition (number): One (1) Deacon.

Time Commitment: Ten (10) to 15 minutes per patient in local metro east hospitals and care centers.

Special Talents and Skills Preferred: It is required to be an ordained Deacon with a sense of compassion, sympathy, and passion for caring..

Spiritual Gifts: Mercy, Service/Helper, Shepherding.

Support and Accountability: Moderator of the Deacons.

Resources and Training Provided: Moderator of the Board of Deacons and the Deacon Training Manual.

Thank you for considering this important ministry.