

Pastoral Care Report

Pastoral Care ministries

At present, ten ministries are grouped under the Pastoral Care umbrella:

1. Daughters of the King (an Episcopal order for women dedicated to discipline and prayer): Kathy Baggerman, chapter president
2. Eucharistic Ministry (team members visit and take Communion to shut-ins), Nancy Pickens, coordinator
3. Healing Ministry (lay healing ministers): Nancy Pickens, coordinator
4. Hospitality (organizes parish-wide meals and parties): Karen Miller and Madeleine Baugh, coordinators
5. Hospital Visitation (team members visit and take Communion to the ill): Nancy Pickens, coordinator
6. Integrity (a witness of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons in the church and community; the Lexington chapter, organized at St. Michael's, now meets at St. Martha's): Charles Coulston, contact
7. New Families Ministry (support for expectant families during pregnancy), Patty Webb, coordinator
8. Peace Group (parents entrusting their adult children to God): Nancy Pickens and Karen Miller, coordinators
9. Prayer Partners (prayer support for vestry, clergy, and staff): Karen Miller, Coordinator
10. Share a Ride (participants provide transportation to and from church): Lori Mellon, coordinator

In addition to these ministries, the Pastoral Care page on the St. Michael's Website has two important links: (1) Pastoral Concerns, a page where are listed the names of parishioners who request prayers, who are serving in Iraq, etc.; and (2) Contact US, a page with contact information for parish offices, staff members, etc., including Mtr. Joan's cell number for pastoral care emergencies.

I plan to build a sense of cohesion among the seven Pastoral Care ministry coordinators and myself by creating an email group for sharing information about activities.

Recommendations

1. Recognize Hospitality as an independent ministry along with other areas for which Vestry members are responsible (Building, Communications, Discipleship, Grounds, New Member Incorporation, Growth, Outreach, Pastoral Care, Stewardship). This will leave nine ministries in Pastoral Care.
2. Because only three of the areas named in Suggestion 1 have links under “What We Do” on the St. Michael’s Website, links should be added and articles written for Building and Grounds, Communications, Discipleship, New Member Incorporation, and Growth (a page for Hospitality already exists).
3. Pastoral Care ministry coordinators’ names need to be updated on the Website.

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