

Congregational Care Ministers Franklin First United Methodist Church

Congregational Care Ministry is supervised by Associate Pastor, Rev. Miriam Seyler and by Visitation Minister, Rick Beck. A team of trained lay persons works with them to help meet the needs of our church family.

Congregational Care Ministers will meet regularly with the pastors for supervision and assignments.

They can make hospital calls, telephone persons in need of contact, meet one-on-one with persons needing a listening ear for prayer and encouragement, offer support to grieving families and proactively seek to encourage and care for persons with their care. This partnership between lay and clergy will enable us to provide another level of care to our church family.

If you are interested in being a Congregational Care Minister, please complete and return this application to Rev. Miriam Seyler in the church office or at mseyler@franklinfumc.org.

The training requirements and additional studies are detailed below.

Congregational Care Ministry Requirements and Application Franklin First United Methodist Church

Biblical and theological requirements for serving as a Congregational Care Minister:

Congregational Care Ministers partner with pastors to offer some of the care previously done only by our pastors. It is important that these persons have basic theological and biblical training. Congregational Care Ministers will be required to have completed at least one or two of the following:

Stephen Ministry Training	_____	completion date
Disciple	_____	completion date
Disciple II	_____	completion date
Companions in Christ	_____	completion date
Spiritual Gifts Inventory	_____	completion date
Lay Servant Leadership Training	_____	completion date

Congregational Care Ministers will also be asked to attend Safe Sanctuary Training and consent to a background check as part of that training.

You will also be asked to attend a training class for Congregational Care Ministers where we will focus on Sacred Space, Methodism, Hospital Visits, Boundaries, Counseling, Prayer, Funerals and Visitation in Nursing Facilities and Homebound. Training will take place after candidate is reviewed and accepted.

Other requirements:

Congregational Care Ministers must have been active members of Franklin First UMC for at least one year. They must be living out their membership vows of prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness for our Lord Jesus Christ.

They will be asked to covenant with the pastors, setting the tone and pace for a caring congregation by shaping the hearts, character, and life of this Christian community.

Spiritually healthy leaders will produce a spiritually healthy church. It is vital that we walk together in Christian Community.

We use standards to hold ourselves accountable. Congregational Care Ministers will be expected to commit at least two to three hours per week to this ministry.

Franklin First UMC Congregational Care Minister Application

Name _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Church Member since _____ (to be confirmed with Church Database)

Safe Sanctuary Trained _____

Areas of Involvement at Franklin First UMC:

1. Why do you want to be a Congregational Care Minister?

2. What does it mean to be a deeply committed Christian?

3. Do you practice Spiritual Disciplines? If so, what are they?

4. Explain your understanding of grace.

5. Write a brief statement of your journey of faith.