

NEW CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM CREATED

Last month a small group of folks met in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Scott and Jennifer Dimmer, Fellowship Team Representative on the Church Council. The group was brought together by their answers to the Ministry Options survey back in the spring in which they had all indicated they were interested in either being a part of a Congregational Care Team or in helping with Greeting Card Writing. The group is going to begin extending our current practice of sending notes to people who we have become aware are facing a particular crisis or celebrating a special joy and begin sending notes to everyone around their birthday and at the time of their wedding anniversary.

Special thanks to Chris Drasch, Alice Ruffin, Jane Schwacher, Bev Mueller, Meg Tackes, and Jeanne Mantsch for each taking two months of the year to write all of those thoughtful notes! Chris Drasch has also agreed to take on the writing of notes throughout the year for people experiencing those special joys and concerns. We were so fortunate that Sherrie Dimmer had been doing this for us, but glad that Chris will be able to continue this ministry.

We are also working on extending the care of the church and strengthening our connections through a group of fellow church members who could reach out to those in need with a phone call, an additional note, or even a visit, and so thanks to Roberta Blumenberg, Meg Tackes, Ken Matthews, Alice Ruffin, and Bev Mueller for being willing to help Pastor Scott in this way. Really, they already do this sort of thing naturally, but we're hoping to all be in better communication and give support and encouragement! The group will be meeting again, and would welcome additional assistance. Please let Pastor Scott know if you are interested in being a part of the Congregational Care Team.

