

WAYS TO RECEIVE CARE

The whole congregation is invited to participate in sharing loving care and encouragement with one another to build up the body of Christ. The Congregational Care Ministry includes a team of dedicated laity working with the pastoral staff to minister to both the needs and joys of the Hope Church family.

Prayers, Visits, Meals, & Transportation

If you find yourself going through a time when you could use the support and care of your congregation, contact the pastors or the church office. Requests for prayer are shared through the PrayerLink, which sends emails to those who have pledged to pray for the needs of the congregation. Times of prayer with the pastors or parish nurse can also be arranged. The pastors, parish nurse, and Congregational Care Ministry members also organize a system of visitation for those members who can no longer attend worship regularly. The Congregational Care Ministry can arrange for meals, transportation, or other resources in times of need as well. Prayer Shawls are also shared during times of extended illness or hospitalization as a way of sharing a sense of God's peace and healing.

In-Home Communion

Elders serve home communion twice a year, and the pastors can share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper if you are unable to be in worship during a time of extended illness.

Health Ministry

The Health Ministry supports the Congregational Care Ministry with a specific focus on faith and health. They regularly make available adult education on health-related topics, medical equipment for use at no cost, blood pressure clinics, and regular communication to support the Hope Church community in understanding the close relationship between faith and health.

Parish Nurse

In recognition of the connection between spiritual and physical health, the Hope Church community includes a parish nurse, who can

- Help to sort through complicated medical information
- Locate and advocate for health-related resources during or after a hospitalization
- Evaluate safety issues through home visits
- Offer resources for making end-of-life decisions
- Provide support through presence and prayer at times when stress begins to affect health
- Meet with you at the church during weekly office hours listed in the bulletin
- Contact Ginger Clark at the church office or gclark@hopechurchca.org for a one-on-one consultation

Care-Giver Support

If you are a care-giver, you may be interested in the REST group, which meets twice a month (see the church calendar or contact the office for specific plans). By coming together at REST, care-givers can Relax, Empathize with each other, and Share experiences in a spirit of Thanksgiving to our God.

WAYS TO GIVE CARE

Prayer Shawls, Baptism Banners, and Baby Blankets

Volunteers are needed to knit or crochet prayer shawls, cross stitch baptism banners, and knit or crochet baby blankets. The Congregational Care Ministry shares prayer shawls with people during times of extended illness. Personalized baptism banners are given to families at the time of baptism and baby blankets are shared at the birth of a new child or at the time of baptism.

Volunteer Blog

Sign up to the Life of Hope Church volunteer blog at lifeofhopechurch.wordpress.com. All volunteer opportunities within the community are shared through this blog including requests to make meals or provide transportation for people in times of need.

PrayerLink

Contact the church office (office@hopechurchca.org) to receive prayer requests via email and be part of this ministry of prayer for the needs within Hope Church.

Loving One Another

Within the Hope Church community, we support each other spiritually, emotionally, and physically, through individual relationships and through groups and resources available to all members.

Watch the newsletter, website, and calendar to take advantage of resources and opportunities offered by Congregational Care, the Health Ministry, or the parish nurse.

Congregational Care and Health Ministry

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.
John 13:34-35

HOPE CHURCH
office@hopechurchrca.org
HopeChurchRCA.org
77 West 11th Street
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-7947



A proud member
of Room for All

