

## SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTRY

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**MISSION:** To provide support to the pastors for the worship activities and spiritual welfare of the congregation.

### ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS:

- Members of the Spiritual Care Ministry are called Lay Ministers. They encourage the pastors and support the worship service with liturgy, scripture readings, and administration of Holy Communion. All male communicant members are eligible for nomination as Lay Ministers.
- Ushers assist the congregation in their worship by handing out church bulletins, finding seats, setting up communion, etc. – Mike Carpenter
- Guest Preachers are arranged by the Pastors and Spiritual Care for special services.
- Receptions are held in recognition of special church staff anniversaries.
- The Eternal Flame hangs above the south side of the altar. Lamp Lighters ensure that the eternal flame never goes out by checking the oil in the Eternal Flame on a regular basis. The Eternal Flame is captured by a candle while the oil is replenished. Then the Eternal flame is returned to the lamp and raised back over the altar. The Eternal Flame is symbolic of the eternal nature of God. God is Omnipresent, meaning that God is present everywhere at all times. It therefore also represents that Christ, the second person of the Trinity, is the Light of the World. Ken Kettler
- Flowers are provided by people in the congregation who sign up to donate the flowers for a specific weekend. Once you've signed up, you will be contacted to determine what type of flowers you want and how much you want to spend for the flowers. You will also have the opportunity to dedicate the flowers to a loved one, a special event, etc. Flowers can be taken home after the late service on Sunday – Ann Arnold, 736-7370
- **Christmas Decorations are coordinated by volunteers**
- **Visitation for Seniors and shut-ins is a blessing for all involved. Spending time with members who are homebound or reside in nursing homes is a great way to stay connected.**

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Become a Lay Minister
- Volunteer to be an Usher
- Donate food for service anniversary receptions
- Learn how to become a Lamplighter
- Donate/Dedicate flowers for the worship service
- Help decorate the sanctuary at Christmas
- Visit Senior and shut-ins