

**Seabury Resources for Aging
Lunch and Learn Meeting of Congregational Resources
Friendship Terrace, June 2, 2011**

Attendance:

Vikki Clayton, St. Peter's
Sharnita Farrar, Seabury
Linda Ewald, St. Mark's DC
Barbara Ramos, St. Luke's DC
Kathy Rickard, Friendship Terrace
Annie Shaw, Seabury
Wilhelmina Walden, Atonement
Thomasina Washington, St. Philip the Evangelist
Nora Wellington, St. Mary Magdalene
Paul Whitmore, Ascension, Gaithersburg
CB Wooldridge, St. Paul's K Street

Annie Shaw welcomed the attendees as Mary Ann Wilmer is out of town providing emotional support to her family. Thank you to parish contacts for supporting the group sponsorship for the Leadership in Aging Celebration. The drawing for the parish contact to "win" the two designated tickets to the Celebration will be held Tuesday.

Kathy Rickard gave an introduction to the "new" Friendship Terrace. With its renovations nearing completion, she proudly introduced the facility and its amenities to the parish contacts.

Victoria Clayton, the Pastoral Intern at Springvale Terrace, led the opening prayer. Following lunch, she led the discussion on Pastoral Care within the congregations by first speaking a little about St. Paul's then she invited each parish contact to discuss their parish's lay pastoral care tasks (these are listed by congregation).

Ascension: The Associate Rector has pastoral oversight. Pastoral Partners is 9-12 people linked to particular person or need within the congregation. Couple of people will assist with transportation with the church office in the coordinating role. Dream: organized list of potential volunteers, perhaps listed on the website. With a large database of volunteers, then folks might not feel too overwhelmed to provide assistance.

Atonement:

Spiritual Friends: While not an official church group, Wilhelmina described a circle of homebound individuals whom she regularly contacts and calls her Spiritual Friends and encourages them to pray for others.

Welcoming Committee – funeral repasts, church greeters "you are welcome here!"

Pastoral Care: Rev Irving visits sick/shut ins as do the trained & certified LEMs

St. Mark's

Ongoing Pub Club – lunch with beer or wine after church. This is set up as a private club. Volunteers provide lunch of soup & sandwich at \$3.00. This is a popular program for folks to attend, sometimes no volunteers have signed on.

(St. Paul's serves sherry after the 11am service).

Transportation Rota of volunteers who help 1st Sunday, 2nd Sunday, etc.

St. Mary Magdalene

Circle of Friends 4-5 in ministry

New rector currently making the home visits but re-activating the LEM teams

Prayer support, bereavement committee calls on family, coordinates the repast,

Daughters of the King provides prayer and service. These programs are being restructured

St. Paul's K Street:

Lay Pastoral Care oversight:

Blue Pew Pastoral Care Request Cards (available via word document)

Card requests fall in 3 areas: Food, Transportation & Pew Companions

Summit of all ministries to explore pastoral care as an arm of each committee

Name Badges: check-in volunteers note members who've missed several Sundays so they receive a "we've missed you call".

A yellow dot on your name badge indicates a "go-to" person for greeting or additional support, direction giving. Yellow dot is a way to have a wide number of people to call upon,

Know your Neighbor Campaign – free software that maps the database into geographical areas. St. Paul's plans to encourage neighborhood dinners and/or assistance groups.

St. Philip the Evangelist

Food Pantry

Church will be 125 next May. City recently renovated their historic court.

Sunday luncheon by donation.

LEMS have monthly training and take communion, bulletin and tell homebound about the sermon.

Transportation Coordinator is a church volunteer. Rides and companionship for medical care (chemo, dialysis, etc).

While many of these committees appear to be the same, they are differently expressed in each church:

Welcoming committees

Hospitality committees

LEMS

Telephone/communication trees/Prayer Trees

Ideas we might want to take back to our home parishes for consideration:

Map: congregation sorted into local neighborhoods

Pew Companions

Spiritual Friends Network

Pew Cards for pastoral care

Thank you to Friendship Terrace for the most delicious luncheon and the tour of the facility!

Annie Shaw, NoteTaker