

Pastoral Care at Riverside United Church

A cornerstone of our ministry at Riverside United is our love and support for our church family. Pastoral Care is provided by our Minister and volunteer Associate Ministers, and by a very caring & supportive Pastoral Care team that can respond on short notice to the spiritual and emotional needs of our congregation. This brochure provides some information for people who have or anticipate they will have pastoral concerns. Our Minister, Reverend Paul Dillman is available to respond to your questions and concerns.



Pastoral Care Team

Our church has a well-established Pastoral Care Team – an organized group of people ready and able to provide a specific, timely response to assist the Minister and staff in reaching out and connecting with the pastoral spiritual and emotional needs of people of all ages in the congregation.

The Pastoral Care Team provides support to our ministry in several ways. The Team is involved with, among other things, driving people to medical and other appointments, providing food on a temporary basis when there is need such as bereavement or serious illness, and with visitations to the sick, lonely and elderly.

The Team organizes a Spring & Fall Communion Service & Tea. The communion is for those who cannot manage to attend regular church services. A hymn-sing is a favourite part of the service & a social time follows. Transportation is provided.

The Pastoral Care Team also provides refreshments after the Quiet Christmas Service, a special service at Christmas time for those who find the season a lonely and difficult time.

Cards are sent to congregational members for special events – sympathy, get-well, milestone birthdays & anniversaries, thinking of you, etc. We depend on the congregation to provide information regarding these events.

Visitation

We have friendly visitors available, some with pastoral care training. If you would like a visit, please call the church office. All visits are treated in the strictest confidence.

If you have any other needs or concerns, we would be happy to hear from or to meet with you.

Transportation

We can assist you with arranging a drive to church, a doctor's appointment or for medical treatments. Simply call the office (613-733-7735) and we will help you with the arrangements.



Riverside United Church Quiet Garden

Our Quiet Garden provides a restful location to sit, reflect, and share concerns with others.