

Adult Education and Caring Ministries Report for Church Council

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Adult Education:

- **Adult Education Committee** — This year Dave Morgan will be chair of this committee. He and I met on Jan. 9th to review responsibilities, mission, team covenant and current activities. Going forward Dave will be reporting on Adult Education. The committee will continue meeting every third Tuesday. The first meeting of the year was held Jan. 17. The focus of discussion was making 2012 the year of Education/Growth. The group would like to double attendance in adult SS classes and plans are in the making for “Education Moments” — teachers and students sharing how Christian education has impacted their lives. Possible: Seder Meal field trip and Grief workshop.
- **Winter/Spring Class Offerings** —
 - Worship 101 and Emotionally Healthy Spirituality in progress.
 - Prayer 101 — DATE CHANGE: BEGINS Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 7:00P — Cathy Burkett
 - Spiritual Gifts (7 weeks) — BEGINS Sunday, Feb. 12th at 9:45A — Karen Nowlin
 - Soul Sisters — continues to meet the 1st Thursday of the month. Next gathering is Feb. 2nd.
- **Preparation is underway for the following classes:**
 - Made to Crave — POSTPONED
 - The Marriage Breakthrough — Michael Burkett
 - Divorce Recovery — the plan is to send a team to train at Church of the Servant in February
 - Bible 101 — Wednesday evening March 7th — Dave Morgan
 - Methodist 101 — Wednesday evening April 18th — Nancy Poe

Caring Ministries:

- ♥ This year Cindy Kovatana will be chair of Prayer Ministries. She and I met on Jan. 11th to review responsibilities, mission, team covenant and current activities. Going forward Cindy will be reporting on Prayer Shawl, Prayer Chain, etc. The first meeting of the year will be held Thursday, Jan. 26th.
- ♥ Cookin Up Casseroles (Linda Blue) & Holiday crafts (Sue Corbin) — will join forces February 3rd (10:00AM) for a Valentine’s Day craft and bake for our homebound members.
- ♥ Casserole delivery — We have a small group of people that deliver casseroles as needed. In 2011, this ministry served 25 different families throughout the year.
- ♥ Card Ministry (Sue Corbin) — Late January Sue will be transferring this ministry to Mary Fourkiller for 2012. This team sends cards from “Church of the Good Shepherd” to members recognizing their contributions, congratulating births, and sending written prayers during times of illness and sorrow.
- ♥ Homebound Shepherding (Cathy Childers) —people pray for and visit our homebound members regularly. I visit homebound members in nursing home facilities at least bi-weekly. In 2011, this ministry served 18 different people throughout the year.
- ♥ Hospital visitation — Pastor Michael, Pastor Christy, Cathy C. and the Stephen Ministers share in this rotation schedule.
- ♥ Stephen Ministers (Gail Templeman) — currently there are 18 active Stephen Ministers with care receivers. Stephen Ministers meet for supervision and continuing education the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. 31 people have been trained as Stephen Ministers. February 6th Evelyn Skarky will be sharing information about Alzheimer’s Disease and support groups.

Misc.

- Re-Ignite (previously called Local Church Leader Workshop) is January 28th (8:30A-2:00P)
- Men’s Emmaus Walk will be March 22-25 and Women’s Emmaus Walk will be April 12-15 at Mustang UMC. We currently have two pilgrims signed up and two staff members working the walk.