

Adult Education and Caring Ministries Report for Church Council

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Adult Education:

- **Prayer Room** — this coming Sunday we will be having a dedication service.
- **Labyrinth by Candlelight** — took place on Oct. 20th with around 12 people participating in this prayerful experience. It was a beautiful sight! We plan to do it again in the future.
- **“Passages” Field Trip** was held Oct. 1st and was attended by at least 25 people. Thanks to Lauri Warmack for utilizing her spiritual gift of administration and serving as event planner for this event. The adult education committee will be looking to host more “field trips” in the future and Lauri has agreed to be the events coordinator.
- **Spiritual Gifts** — the fall class ended the first part of October. I am conducting one-on-one follow up visits with participants to discuss their personal gifts and possible ministry opportunities. The class will be offered again late February or early March.
- **Made to Crave** — this fall class ended mid October. The class was “excellent” based on the end of class evaluations. Participants recommended that the class be offered again.
- **Adult Education Committee** — meeting every third Tuesday.
- **Current fall adult classes/events**
 - Bible 101 (Sunday)
 - Beth Moore Study: Living Beyond Self (Sunday)
 - Disciple 2 (Sunday)
 - Disciple 4 (Wednesday)
 - **Future adult classes/events:**
 - Methodism 101 (begins Sunday, Nov. 6th)
 - Worship 101 (Sunday school hour Jan. 8th)
 - Prayer 101 (Wed. evening, January 11th)
 - Divorce Recovery workshop tentatively scheduled for Wed. evenings in January, provided there is enough interest.
 - Spiritual Gifts (late Feb or early March during SS hour)
 - Bible 101 (Wed., March 7)
 - Methodist 101 (Wed., April 18)

Caring Ministries:

- ♥ Hospital visitation — Pastor Michael, Pastor Christy, Cathy C. and the Stephen Ministers share in this rotation schedule.
- ♥ Communion for Homebound members — next date is Thursday, Dec. 15th.
- ♥ Cookin Up Casseroles (Linda Blue) - The next casserole cooking day is Friday, Nov. 4th at 10AM. Bring your favorite recipe and join in the fun!
- ♥ Casserole delivery — We have a small group of people that deliver casseroles as needed. We are looking for a few extra helpers.
- ♥ Holiday crafts (Sue Corbin) —November 4th (10:00AM) is the next meeting date for crafting and baked goodies for the homebound members. Join us as we make holiday goodie bags/baskets for our homebound members.
- ♥ Stephen Ministers (Gail Templeman) — this group meets for supervision and continuing education the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. The Stephen Leaders recently met to discuss the 2012 continuing education topics. We plan to open two of these training opportunities to the community.
- ♥ Homebound Shepherding (Cathy Childers) — this team of people pray for and visit our homebound members regularly. Do you have the spiritual gift of Faith, Healing, Helping, Compassion, Mercy, Miracles, Service or Shepherding? You could use your gift by sharing God’s love as you visit our homebound friends.
- ♥ Prayer Chain (Sharon Burke) — the prayer chain is active. The Prayer Line (extension 351) is operational and is checked daily.
- ♥ Prayer Shawl (Sue Corbin) — this team meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday to praying, knit, and crochet blankets and shawls for people experiencing births, deaths, illnesses, hospital stays, etc. CRAFT SHOW this Saturday (10/29) at 9:00A — 48 vendors!!
- ♥ Card Ministry (Sue Corbin) — 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.