

## **Congregational Care Ministry**

We have a great opportunity to be part of an exciting new ministry of congregational care here at Swansboro UMC. Much need exists in our church and community to connect with folks and build relationships through caring.

"Life is messy and often painful and none of us can avoid the grief and loss that happens in our lives. What we do to help each other get through difficult times can be complex, yet it can be so simple. As people of faith committed to healing and wholeness, sometimes we can just show up and reach out. Other times, we offer words of comfort or a listening ear." Karen Lampe, author of "The Caring Congregation."

The ministry of Congregational Care is a specific ministry in which volunteers serve regularly, in pairs, to provide care for emotional, physical, or spiritual needs, working alongside the pastors in the care of their church family.

Do you have the gifts and graces of compassion, encouragement, and organization or the desire to develop them? We will explore ways to grow and encourage these gifts through "The Caring Congregation" training developed by The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection.

If you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry or simply curious to see what it's all about, join us for an Informational Gathering on Sunday, **February 19, 2023 at 2-3 p.m. in building three sanctuary.** 

Questions? Contact Pastor Regina at pastorregina@swansboroumc.org or call the church office.