

PASTORAL CARE

At CHELSEY PARK and CHERRYHILL RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Policy

The Minister of Pastoral Care at Metropolitan United Church is responsible for bringing Metropolitan's hospitality and support to its members and residents living in the Chelsey Park and Cherryhill Retirement Communities.

Chelsey Park Worship Service

1. The Chelsey Park Worship Service started as a way for Metropolitan to continue its hospitality and support to its members. A team of willing members of Metropolitan regularly make contact with Metropolitan's members in Chelsey Park Retirement Community and the Chelsey Park Long-Term Care home.
2. Every Friday, one willing member of Metropolitan picks up ten copies of Metropolitan's calendars and delivers them to Chelsey Park. The calendars are placed on a table outside the main office for the residents to pick up and have available when they tune in to the 11 a.m. Sunday morning Metropolitan United Church radio broadcast.
3. On the first Wednesday morning of each month throughout the entire year, the Minister of Pastoral Care, assisted by dedicated volunteer members of Metropolitan, provides a short worship service for Metropolitan's members and residents living in Chelsey Park. Volunteers bring people as needed from their rooms to the worship service; another regularly accompanies the group on the piano for the singing of the hymns; volunteers bring cookies for the social gathering after the worship service; Chelsey Park provides coffee and cold drinks. On average, eight residents attend the service held in the auditorium in the basement of the Chelsey Park residence.
4. On the third Tuesday of December, the Minister of Pastoral Care conducts a Candlelight Service organized and assisted by willing members of Metropolitan. Approximately forty members and residents at Chelsey Park attend this annual special service.
5. Both in the Spring and the Fall, the Minister of Pastoral Care conducts memorial services each year for the retirement community and the families of residents.
6. Firsthand reports indicate Metropolitan's members and residents of Chelsey Park appreciate the calendars, worship services and regular contact with other members of Metropolitan.

Cherryhill Worship Service

1. A team of willing members of Metropolitan regularly make contact with Metropolitan's members in the Cherryhill Retirement Community.
2. On the second Thursday morning of each month throughout the entire year, the Minister of Pastoral Care, assisted by dedicated volunteer members of Metropolitan, provides a short worship service for Metropolitan's members and residents living in Cherryhill. In general, two volunteer Metropolitan members lend support, one as a pianist, the other serves refreshments ... coffee, juice, cookies and cake purchased the day before the worship service. On average, 8-10 residents attend the service held in the Cherryhill community building at 190 Cherryhill Circle.

Annual Review

In June each year, volunteer supporters and the Minister of Pastoral Care review this policy. If changes are made, it is sent to the Board of Elders for approval.

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