

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 the residents living in the Chelsey Park and Cherryhill Retirement Communities, and other retirement/nursing homes when and if requested.

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 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 second Wednesday morning of each month throughout the entire year, the Minister of Pastoral Care, assisted by a dedicated volunteer pianos, provides a short worship service for Metropolitan's members and the residents living in Chelsey Park. Chelsey Park provides coffee and cold drinks for a social time following the services. On average, six 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 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. On the second Thursday morning of each month throughout the entire year, the Minister of 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. On average, 8-10 residents attend the service held in the Cherryhill community building at 190 Cherryhill Circle.

Kensington Village

1. On the second Thursday afternoon of each month, the Minister of Pastoral Care conducts a worship service at Kensington Long-Term Care. Probably over twenty (20) residents are brought by the staff to the service. The present Minister of Pastoral Care plays the piano and plays familiar hymns for 20-30 minutes before the service which is thoroughly enjoyed the residents.

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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