

# Caring Friends

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Purpose/Goals of Ministry: What is to be accomplished by this ministry team?	To promote and maintain connections with our homebound members through visits and phone calls
What talents, skills, and spiritual gifts would be helpful to this ministry?	Good listener, patience, enjoy being with older adults
Time Commitment: When & how often do you meet? What other time commitments are there?	We ask that each Caring Friend visit his or her homebound member at least once a month, usually for no longer than an hour and call at least one time during the month just to check in with the person. There are no regular team meetings.
What specific responsibilities do members of this team have?	Once a month, contact your assigned homebound member to schedule a time for a visit and then follow through with the visit. Make at least one additional phone call during the month to see how your assigned person is doing. If you think the person needs additional pastoral care, contact the Caring Friends coordinator to request that this information be shared with the clergy.
Connections: What other ministry teams does this team work with directly?	Clergy, Membership Care (especially Helping Hearts and Fix-It Friends), Prayer Shawl Ministry
Mission: How does this ministry team help people to follow Jesus, love others, and change the world?	Caring Friends are following Jesus' commandment to visit the sick and lonely. In this way they both offer the love of Christ to our homebound members and experience the love of Christ in return. This ministry changes the lonely world of our homebound members by bringing community to them.
Other: What else do we need to know about this ministry team?	Once a year, we gather for a meal together to celebrate the work of this ministry.
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