

### **Acute Care Visitation**

Congregational care provides hospital visitation for First Church attendees, family and friends when notified. Approval from the patient/family is necessary. The visitation ministry meets with patients before surgery, has devotions/prayer and then stays to support family during the procedure. There is a ministry team that makes daily hospital visits during the week until dismissal from the hospital or rehab facility. Call 244-5959 for more information.

### **Long-Term, Home Care Visitation**

Volunteers are used in ministry to make visits with those of our congregation who are in long term care or home bound situations. Our goal is to keep the person connected to First Church even though they can no longer attend. Prayer with each person is an integral part of each visit. A call is needed to Congregational Care or the Church office to be put on the list to be visited.

### **Pastoral Counseling**

The Congregational Care Pastor comes along side those who are hurting and helps the person to find their identity and strength in Christ. Focus is on Scripture, Truth and prayer. Most common issues dealt with are: depression, anxiety, bipolar, addictions & eating disorders, marriage problems/divorce, Christian growth, self-esteem, anger management, grief, etc. There is no charge for pastoral counseling and it is available to attendees/family of First Church, Stepping Stones and women using First Church non food pantry. Contact Penny Mosher for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### **Week-End Prayer Emergencies**

Congregational care receives weekend prayer requests and makes appropriate calls and or visits. Contact Penny Mosher at 244-5580 with a weekend prayer emergency.