

## **Caring Circle**

Report to the 1U Annual Congregational Meeting – May 19, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Linda Piantieri and Kathy Homblette

### History:

#### What We Do:

Members of the Caring Circle offer kind, practical, tangible efforts to other church members who may be experiencing significant joys, concerns, sorrows, or changes in their lives.

Monthly Coordinators follow up on Joys and Concerns expressed in Sunday worship, as well as notices from the minister or other church members, about short-term circumstances that may need attention. Other Caring Circle members serve by providing phone calls, greeting cards, rides to church events or medical appointments, and help with meals and/or pet care during a member's period of recuperation.

#### **Do You Need Help?**

Please contact Caring Circle at [CaringCircle@OrlandoUU.org](mailto:CaringCircle@OrlandoUU.org)

#### **Can You Help Others?**

The Caring Circle can use your help — for just one time or on a regular basis; whatever works for you. Having a lot of Caring Circle members allows us to help many without burdening anyone.

Contact [CaringCircle@OrlandoUU.org](mailto:CaringCircle@OrlandoUU.org) and let us know which services you might be able to offer.

You can join our Google Group email list so you'll know of needs as they arise. Then, if you're willing and able, you can participate in a meal train (by taking a meal to a homebound member) or drive someone to a doctor appointment, etc. If you're ready for a bigger commitment, you can serve as one of the monthly Coordinators.

Please join us!

Report:

The 1U Caring Circle continues to tend to the physical and practical needs of our members. In addition to a monthly volunteer who is responsible for sending appropriate communications and/or offers for assistance, there is a sizeable support team willing to help as needed. Use of a Google group allows Gaby Cabrera, our Program Assistant, to forward Sunday's Joys and Concerns to the entire group at once. Meal Trains have been provided for several congregants during the year. Steph Garber has been very helpful in organizing those, and Caring Circle members have responded enthusiastically. Leadership of the Caring Circle has been accepted by Linda Piantieri. New volunteers are being recruited, and work has begun on 'storm emergency care' plans. Caring Circle will also be sharing responsibility of Joys and Concerns in the Sunday services.