

Befrienders Care Team Report

The Care Team was formed in March of 2023. Lavon Geasland and Jean Duchrow formed the original team to reach out to the congregation to give care and support by sending cards of encouragement, make prayer shawls, offering meals, rides and visiting people. A large number of people have stepped forward to volunteer their time in each one of these categories.

We blessed more than 20 prayer shawls in 2024. We have handed out several to members and non-members over the year.

Numerous cards have been sent out for those who we haven't seen for a while and those that have been sick or needed encouragement. We have received many positive responses from those cards.

A group of 9 of our members started the Befrienders Ministry classes in the Spring of 2024. On July 28th they were commissioned.

The Care Team was able to provide meals, rides to appointments, scheduled visits and overnight stays for those in need.

We were able to help out when Bryan was on vacation with any care needs.

The Christmas Day meal was a huge success. We served over 80 meals and had a lot of volunteers to help with set up, serving and clean up. People from the community and also our church family attended. Most people stayed after they ate and visited and enjoyed the fellowship. The Care Team feels this meal was a huge success just by the energy in the fellowship hall and the comments we received. We have already started planning for next year!

We feel blessed that our church family is so caring that it has made our task much easier. Because of this, we definitely have proved we are "A Church with Heart".