

pastoral care ministries

Our Mission...

Is to care for people experiencing difficulties in life as a shepherd cares for his flock and as Christ cares for His church through various arms of this ministry.

"Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answers, "Yes, Lord you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." John 21:16 (NIV)

For challenging issues in life many people need more than a friend. They need someone trained to listen and understand various beliefs and behaviors. We help people make good choices.

SOCC offers many counseling services. We work with other Christian counselors to help those experiencing significant challenges in their life. We also offer premarital, marital and crisis counseling as well as spiritual guidance and Bible instruction.

We believe that Christians participate in Jesus' life. He washed feet, served the ailing and gave himself up for all. He came to serve not to be served. He told us that when we give and receive loving care, He joins us. He wants his followers to bring him into lives by serving. Pastoral care is a divine/human activity that confirms the Spirit if God at work.

Alan Phillips, Pastoral Care Minister

Special Needs Support Group

A Support group for parents of children with special needs. Meets the first Wednesday of each month. Meet for dinner at 5:30 at the SOCC Café and then go to Room G150.

Childcare is provided

Contact: **Kristen Weida**, 333-1368
kweida@gmail.com or **Kim Schilke**, 334-0206,
ext. 279, kschilke@socc.org

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DivorceCare

The sessions meet Mondays at 7:00 pm in Rooms G150, G151, G152. Turn left at Door #13.

Ministry Leader: **Larry Decker**, 336.3089, ref3236@yahoo.com

GriefCare

GriefCare sessions are held on Wednesdays evenings in the Conference Room, Door #3 at 6:30 pm

Ministry Leader: **Babett Jackson** - 391-3376, babett.jackson@gmail.com

RespiteCare

RespiteCare gives time away to care givers of those suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's disease or other serious illnesses. Meets 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Rosalie's home

Ministry Leader: **Rosalie Davis**, 330.9647, rdavis1571@aol.com

Mission of Hope for Men & Women

For Men and Women who have been impacted by cancer

Men's Ministry Leader: Phil Thompson, 334.0206, pthompson@socc.org

Women's Ministry Leader: Jacque Finley, 345.2306, Jacque.finley@hotmail.com

Friends & Family

Of Gays & Lesbians meets 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm in Room 360.

Ministry Leader: **Cindy Mahan**, 941.7180, cjmahan@sbcglobal.net

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Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry provides Christ-centered, one-on-one care to those in crisis such as loneliness, loss of a loved one, unemployment, spiritual struggles, etc

Ministry Leader: **Cheryl Gamberg**, 339.3339, cherylgamberg@comcast.net

Parish Nurses

Parish Nurses minister to the physical needs of our church family by providing health awareness, monthly blood pressure checks & education.

Ministry Leader: **Sally Begarly**, 333.1607, sabegarly@comcast.net

Food/Bereavement

This ministry prepares and serves meals for funeral dinners upon request for families who have lost a spouse, parent or child .

Ministry Leader: **Mary Young**, 332.0190

Meal Ministry

This ministry prepares food for people who have been hospitalized or are too ill to cook and need a meal or two brought to them upon requests.

Ministry Leader: **Mary Moll**, 334.0206, mmoll@socc.org

Piecemakers

A caring, sharing group that meets monthly to bake communion bread, sew lap robes and Live Nativity costumes . We meet the 1st Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Acorn Room.

Ministry Leaders: **Mary Crohn**, 825.5500, mccrohn@bluemarble.net and **Alice Barrett**, 336.0613, acbarrett2000@yahoo.com

Financial Counseling:

Contact: **Bill Butler**, 824-4111

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Alzheimer's Disease Support Group

SOCC's Alzheimer's Disease Support Group meets the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

Ministry Leader: **Roger Clark**, 334.0206, rclark@socc.org

Sexual Addiction Support Group

Contact: **Alan Phillips**, 334-0206, ext. 222 or aphillips@socc.org for information.

Visitation Ministry

This ministry visits those homebound, in nursing homes and the hospital. Contact: **Mary Moll**, 334.0206, mmoll@socc.org

Communion Visitation: Taking communion to Hospital/Nursing Homes

Contact: **Mary Moll**, 334.0206, ext. 217 mmoll@socc.org

Career Transition Ministry

Job loss or fear of looking for a new job? Let this ministry help you navigate the turbulent waters. Check out the Growth Groups catalog or to learn more contact **Bob McConnell** at 824-9609. Meets Mondays at 6:30 pm in Room R361.

Counseling Ministry;

Contact: **Steve Edwards**, Licensed on staff counselor, 334.0206, ext. 261, sedwards@socc.org