

Narrative Budget 2023: Congregational Life

The program area known as Congregational Life encompasses a number of activities to build community among the members of our church. It includes Membership, Fellowship, Communications, SAGES, Congregational Care, Counseling, and Visitation. These ministries are important to DCPC for the reasons shown below.

Membership

The continuing growth in our congregation, both in terms of numbers and participation, can be largely attributed to our Membership Ministry. Through the new member orientation program those joining our church learn about various activities and opportunities for service. They are also paired with a host family or individual to develop a personal relationship with each new member. It is important that we maintain contact with all members through such things as a ministry fair, time and talents surveys, and membership information through Realm, the church database.

Fellowship

Fellowship is important to DCPC as we engage our church community in activities which promote and deepen relationships among members and prospective members. These activities may include anything from large gatherings centered on food to something as simple as a group hike in the woods.

Communications

A robust communications program provides information both within the church and to the community at large. It is important to use various platforms such as our website, social media, and print advertising as well as email newsletters, brochures, banners, and other media. It's important to make people aware of programs and activities and opportunities for service.

SAGES

SAGES is a senior adult fellowship and service group and welcomes all members and friends ages 65 and over. This group enjoys fellowship, meals, travel, plus educational and service opportunities throughout the year. SAGES members build relationships not only with each other but also with our youth through sponsoring intergenerational events.

Congregational Care and Visitation

Everyone needs a helping hand or just a loving word from time to time. This caring relationship is built through ministries such as our pastoral counseling and visitation program, prayer shawls, providing meals, welcoming new babies, personal visits, transportation, Stephen Ministry, and Mental Health Matters activities.