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Senior Adult Ministry



assistance for partners and friends who are senior adults or living with disabilities

Broomfield UMC's Senior Adult Ministry assists our partners and friends who are senior adults or living with disabilities in five major areas: bill paying and finances, light household maintenance and repairs, technology assistance, transportation needs, and respite care. If you have a need for assistance in any of these areas, please contact Thomas Cross at thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org or 720-880-5221. If he is unavailable, you are welcome to contact Sirena Gilbert at 720-880-5216 or sirena.gilbert@broomfieldumc.org.

Senior Adult Ministry Service Teams

Bill Paying and Finance

The Bill Pay & Finance Senior Adult Ministry team will provide senior and disabled clients with bill pay and financial organization support. Initial requests can be submitted through Pastor Thomas or the church office. Once a request is received, a team member will contact the client to start the intake process. The intake process will gather information on how bills are currently being organized & paid which will help determine the client's needs. At this point, the team will match a volunteer with a client based on needs, skills, and availability.

We look forward to serving the Broomfield UMC community by meeting the bill pay organizational needs of our seniors and disabled clients. -- *Susan Sieber, Team Leader*

Light Household Maintenance and Repairs

We consider this team to be more of a “Handy Man” group than just a maintenance and repair team. Our intent is to save our senior or disabled partners the cost and trouble of arranging small repairs, odd jobs, and maintenance in their homes. Of course, the main question is, “What is meant by ‘small’; what will we be able to do or not do?” Honestly, that will depend on each request and the expertise and comfort level of the committee members. Therefore, we want seniors to at least contact Pastor Thomas with their requests -- at which time we will consider each request and see if we have the ability to handle it. Then we will contact the senior and arrange a time to get together and either complete or schedule the project (or help coordinate getting outside help). The projects we have already performed included helping to move furniture, hanging pictures, and carrying in objects from a vehicle that may be too cumbersome for the senior to handle alone. We also envision helping with needs such as changing light bulbs, helping with smoke alarms, working on simple plumbing and electrical problems, installing grab bars/handrails, and other household needs. We cannot list every possible thing with which we can help, so please submit your requests, and let us decide what we can or cannot do for you -- and at least help you evaluate the problem.

For many of the projects, there will be costs involved. While we hope the requestor will be able to purchase needed supplies, we do not want that to be a barrier to asking for help. Again, we will consider each request individually, and we will have access to some funds to help with or to cover the involved costs.

Additionally, if anyone else has the ability to help with such projects, even if it’s just to help steady a ladder, carry small objects, or help provide supplies, contact Pastor Thomas and we will get you on the contact list to help evaluate requests. We will function from an email list sent to everyone with received requests so that no one will be “put on the spot” to volunteer help. Our experience with such groups and projects has been that the volunteers benefit as much as the recipients -- just in the fellowship of the group and the satisfaction of helping each other. So the invitation to join in is open to everyone, regardless of the scope of your ability to help. -- *Ted Beemer, Team Leader*

Technology Assistance Team

The Senior Adult Ministry's technology assistance team is available to assist our senior adult and disabled friends with simple tech issues such as connecting devices to WiFi, setting up computers and televisions after a move, or arranging access to livestreaming to view our Sunday worship services at home.

Simply contact Pastor Thomas with your need, and he will put the word out to the team members to see who has the expertise and time to respond. Generally, these types of issues can be remedied pretty easily, but if an issue is too complex for the team, we can make recommendations as to where to go to get professional help if required. At its best, technology can help us stay connected with other people, even when physical limitations restrict mobility, so please reach out for the help you need! -- *Thomas Cross, Team Leader*

Transportation Team

The Senior Adult Ministry's transportation team will provide senior and disabled clients with rides to and from medical or other critical appointments based on volunteer availability. We can also provide rides to Broomfield UMC worship services for those beyond the Wheels-to-Worship service area as our driver schedules allow. Initial requests can be submitted through Pastor Thomas or the church office. Once a request is received, a team member will contact the client to clarify details of each transportation need, and the client will be contacted again by an available driver to coordinate specifics of the ride for the day of the appointment.

The team will try to satisfy all transportation requests, but further advance notice increases the chances of successfully meeting your needs. When volunteers are unavailable for an appointment, we will advise clients in a timely manner and work to coordinate transportation with available community resources when possible.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact us through Pastor Thomas for additional details. We look forward to serving the Broomfield UMC community by meeting the transportation needs of our seniors.

--*Kathy and David von Rosenberg, Team Leaders*

Respite Care Team

The Senior Adult Ministry's respite care team will provide short-term relief for primary caregivers of someone who is sick or disabled and cannot be left unsupervised. These services will be based on volunteer availability. As most of our volunteers are not skilled healthcare professionals, the respite care team can basically only provide supervision while the primary caregiver is away. The team can also provide such activities as reading to the client or going for a brief walk (if the client is safe on their feet or using a wheelchair). We can also offer a meal of the primary caregiver's specification if the client needs to eat while the caregiver is away.

Initial requests can be submitted through Pastor Thomas or the church office. Once a request is received a team member will contact the client's primary caregiver to clarify details of the respite care need. The client's caregiver will be contacted again by an available respite care team member to coordinate specifics of the appointment for respite care.

The team will try to satisfy all respite care requests, but further advance notice increases the chances of successfully meeting your needs. If a volunteer is unavailable for an appointment, we will advise the client's caregiver in a timely manner so that you have adequate time to make other plans. -- *Ellen James, Team Leader*

Need Assistance?

If you're a senior or an adult with disabilities who needs assistance in any of these areas, contact Thomas Cross at 720-880-5221 or thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org. If he is unavailable, contact Sirena Gilbert at 720-880-5216 or sirena.gilbert@broomfieldumc.org. We look forward to serving the Broomfield United Methodist Church community by meeting the needs of our seniors and adults with disabilities.

Want to Serve?

We give thanks for our 15 caring and careful volunteers who participate in the Senior Adult Ministry. If you enjoy serving in any of these areas, we have room for you to participate. Contact Thomas Cross (720-880-5221 or thomas.cross@broomfieldumc.org) and he will help you get connected! To protect our seniors, a criminal background check is required to serve in this ministry.