

## Caring Ministry



Our church has reorganized the Caring and Support Ministry to make it easier for you to ask for support when you need it, and offer support when others need it. If you have questions, contact our Director of Congregational Life, Lori Emison Clair at [dcl@ucdsm.org](mailto:dcl@ucdsm.org).

1. **Caring Table** – located at the east end of the foyer. Here you'll find:
  - The Joys & Concerns (J&Cs) form – electronic version available as well
  - A list of the most current J&Cs, plus an archive of past ones you may have missed
  - Cards for sending a personal note – we'll mail your cards for you.
  - Medical equipment loaner list – walkers, wheelchairs, canes etc.
2. **Caring Communities** – To bring help closer to home, our members have been sorted into smaller geographic communities for tasks such as meals or transportation. Lori Emison Clair will contact the area group leader when someone asks for assistance. The leader will contact others in that community by email with a link to a calendar that shows what's needed and how you can help if you choose.
3. **Caring Associates** – A small group of church members will be trained to be a confidential, supportive presence for people going through difficult times with medical or emotional issues. They will make visits to homes and hospitals and make personal calls to people in need. These individuals can serve as a resource for more specific services.
4. **Memorial Services** - Our minister and the Memorial Support Team support memorial services and receptions for congregants. Services and receptions for other families who seek us out in time of need can be provided by arrangement.