

Pastoral Care Committee

We are a new church initiative, feeling our way into a role common in many UU and other churches. Our intent is to be available to individual church members and friends who might wish to have someone to share with as they experience life's difficult issues. Our minister, Olivia, helps guide our committee and we try to support her in her primary role of pastoral care giver.

We have followed up with members and friends as we've heard about situations either through Joys and Concerns on Sundays or by speaking with people. We start with a phone call, introducing and identifying ourselves as being with the Pastoral Care Team. We then ask how the individual is doing and progress from there. Sometimes we reach out with a note via the mail just to let someone know we are thinking of them.

The committee was initiated last September by Steve Edington, with Cecile Bonvouloir as its head and Fred Shirley her assistant. Eileen Herring has recently taken over Cecile's leadership when Cecile was elected to the Ministerial Search Committee, requiring her full-time commitment on that important task. Laurie Goodman was also a member of our team and has had to step down to fulfill her commitment to the Ministerial Search Committee as well. We thank both Cecile and Laurie for their time and dedication to the Pastoral Care Committee this past year.

Current committee members are:

- Ed Bowman
- Kathy Fletcher
- Eileen Herring
- Olivia Holmes
- Fred Shirley
- Elaine Thomas
- Sherri Woolsey