

WHO ARE THE PARISH VISITORS?

The Parish Visitors are a group of dedicated Christians who feel called by God to do as Stephen did when he was sent into the world to minister to those in need. It is a ministry so rich in rewards for those doing the visiting as well as being a blessing to those who are visited. We are men and women of Litzitz United Methodist Church who are showing other fellow Christians how much we care.

And the King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

- Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

WHO DO THE PARISH VISITORS VISIT?

The Parish Visitors visit the homebound, those in nursing homes, those convalescing from surgery, and those who would like a caring visit.



WHAT DO THE PARISH VISITORS DO?

Parish Visitors arrange for a visit once a month by telephoning ahead. They arrive on time prepared to fellowship, read scriptures, pray and give communion. Some wonderful relationships evolve from these visits. The visitors often feel that they take more away from a visit than they give!

HOW DO I BECOME A PARISH VISITOR?

In order to become a Parish visitor, you must complete a training course. Please contact Lynn Pierce for more information about what is involved.

DO THE PARISH VISITORS HAVE MEETINGS?

Yes, we meet once a month for a time of fellowship, support, and continued education.

HOW DO THE PARISH VISITORS RECEIVE REFERRALS?

The Parish Visitors work closely with the pastors to insure that all those who need a visitor are assigned.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL I VISIT?

The number of people you visit will depend on how busy your schedule is. Some visitors visit only one person and others visit many. The program will soon be expanding to include visits to hospitals as well, so we will need many more hearts willing to serve the Lord!



WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF BEING A PARISH VISITOR?

Without a doubt, the best part of being a Parish Visitor is the wonderful friendships that are formed with those we visit. If you ask any of the individual visitors, they will tell you they receive more than they give. It is truly a wonderful ministry!

What does being a Parish Visitor mean to those who are doing visitation?

“To visit people who need a touch of the outside world. To help them feel as though they are a part of the church and not left out. To help them think of our Loving Savior.”

“Being a Parish Visitor is one of the most important and rewarding ways that we can serve our church family. Within two or three visits, you become fast friends and really look forward to each visit.

Giving communion is an awesome responsibility that binds us together through Christ. It may sound like a cliché, but the visitors do get as much benefit from visiting as do those being visited.”

“Being able to bring God’s love to his lonely children and having that love come back to me in much greater measure as God blesses the person you visit as well pouring his blessings on you.”

“Making friends. Keeping shut-ins in touch with the church.”

“Being able to visit my brothers and sisters in Christ who are hurting and lonely and to show them God’s love and in return receive love from them is awesome as God works in you and them.”

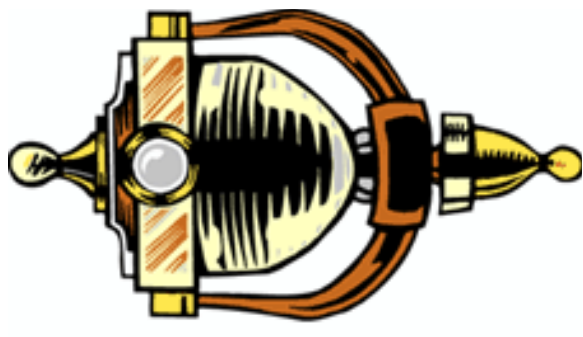
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“Visiting individuals of the family of God and seeing them become more active in their social life and knowing God working through you is God’s love in action. Loving your neighbor as yourself is a gift.”

“As I go to visit, I know I am not going alone, for I feel the Holy Spirit’s presence with me. As a Parish Visitor, I realize I am God’s hands, feet, eyes and heart. Knowing this, compassion goes out to my people. Visits become very meaningful to both of us. Everyone appreciates my coming and I leave filled with joy and praising God for the privilege of the experience. I know this is one place God wants me.”

“God gives each of us gifts and abilities. I feel that God has called me to serve in this ministry. Love and joy, fellowship and caring one for another, the touch of God’s hand are all present when you are a Parish Visitor.”

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Visiting Members of God’s Family

If you would like to join the Parish Visitors or would like more information, please contact Lynn Pierce (735-0134).