

Introduction to the iCare Net Ministry

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”

2 Corinthians 1.3-4

iCare Net Summary

The iCare Net Ministry is an invitation for WHPC members to live into our church value of courageously caring for one another. The iCare Net is comprised of a pool of iCare Volunteers who serve congregational needs in conjunction with twelve iCare Coordinators. Spreading these needs over a large number of trained volunteers allows us to provide extraordinary care to our faith family.

iCare Net Participants

- iCare Coordinators
- iCare Volunteers
- Congregational Office Staff
- Lay Ministers
- Deacons
- Pastors
- The unseen presence, action and mystery of love that is the Holy Spirit

iCare Net: “Courageously Caring Together”

A key value at WHPC is that we seek to be a courageously caring congregation. The iCare Net ministry is our primary system of providing care to one another. It is courageous because providing care to another person, especially an unknown fellow church member, challenges our “cocooning” tendencies as a suburban culture. It takes courage to reach out of one’s comfort zone and move into the world with a mission of care. But, thankfully we are not alone. We are inspired with courage as we serve together.



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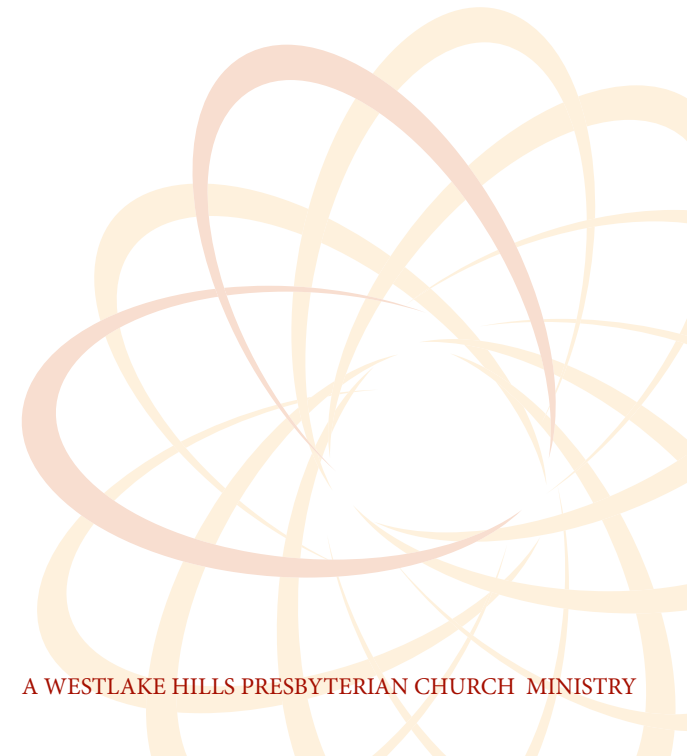
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Courageously Caring Together



iCare Volunteer Role Overview

The iCare Volunteers are the foundation of the iCare Net Ministry. They are the men, women and youth of our congregation who have responded to God's call to care for fellow members and/or frequent visitors who are in need of care. Working in conjunction with the iCare Coordinators, the iCare Volunteer will possess a willingness to provide a meal, offer a ride, run an errand, send well wishes, and/or pray for an individual or family who is recovering from an illness or hospitalization. The goal of the iCare Volunteer is to be the hands and feet of Christ, offering extraordinary care to our faith family. Training is provided for all iCare Volunteers.

1. Possible ways of providing care are:

- a. Prayer
- b. Food
- c. Errands
- d. Household support

2. Appropriate boundaries.

We do not provide the following types of needs:

- a. Raising money or providing funding for care
- b. Administering medicine
- c. Any service where the church or the individual providing care would have excessive liability
- d. Long term care
- e. Overnight or extended visitation

iCare Volunteer Step Overview

STEP 1

Receive an iCare Notification

This will normally occur by email, but in some cases by phone.

STEP 3

Provide Care. Become tangible love with a joyful spirit in the name of Christ.

This is where the iCare Net occurs. You become the love of Christ in tangible form.

STEP 2

Respond as you are led by signing up using www.carecalendar.com

Your prompt response to the situation will include checking the Care Calendar for opportunities to serve. You are invited to respond to as many care situations as you feel led. You are not limited to just one!

STEP 4

Inform an iCare Coordinator of any pertinent information you might learn during your delivery of care.

This step ensures that the care process has the most up-to-date information as possible.

iCare Opportunity

As an iCare Volunteer you will be receiving "iCare Opportunity" from either the Congregational Care office, or an iCare Coordinator. This is the primary way you will be notified that there is a need in our church family for you to provide care. Please do so generously, as you are able and feel led.

