

CARING CONNECTION

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34

At St. Peter's, we express our love for one another through caring. This caring gives witness to the world of our response to Christ's call to live in community: to welcome the stranger; to care for the sick or troubled; to reach out to the alienated.

Accordingly, the **CARING CONNECTION** has three ministries:

- ◆ Welcomes and incorporates new people into our faith community by providing the following:
 - An updated newcomers' packet
 - Greeters on Sunday morning
 - An initial welcome gift (a St. Peter's mug)
 - Introduction of newcomers to the Sunday morning congregation and a reception to follow
- ◆ Supports those in crisis, illness, or trouble. The Pastor is the primary liaison to the commission and reports to the commission chair the needs of parishioners as she discovers them or is informed about them. Commission support is currently offered in the following ways:
 - Meals
 - Transportation
 - Cards
 - Phone calls--Commission and Pastor
 - Home, Nursing Home, and Hospital visitation (Commission and Pastor)
- ◆ Reaches out to those members who do not regularly attend church, lets them know they are missed, assesses the reasons for their absence, and encourages them to return. This ministry is exercised through telephone calls from the Pastor and members of the commission.