

Rev. Dr. Donna C. Hale, Community Chaplain

Since my last month's staff report, I continue to volunteer at HighMark Caring Place's Center for Grieving Children. Each Monday I drive to Lemoyne to the "Caring Place Grief Center" arriving by 5:30 pm and leaving at 8:30 pm. I co-lead one of three adult family member support groups for an hour. (They attend group while their children participate in groups with lesson and activities designed to help the children cope with the deaths of their loved ones.)

I continue to redesign and recruit "grand families" raising their grandchildren because of parental substance abuse to our new support group that meets at the Bosler Library the first Tuesday of each month from 10 am - Noon.

On Thursdays, I attend the Cumberland County Drug Treatment Court sessions at the Cumberland County Courthouse.

I am a member of the NAMI Board of Cumberland County, PA. We meet monthly at the Giant Center in Camp Hill, PA. for our Board meetings; and, also by Zoom as needed.

I recently completed my year-long term as Kiwanis Past President and continue to serve as a member of the Board that meets twice-monthly. We met as a Board on December 14 at 7:30 a.m. on Zoom.

This month I was invited by the Cumberland County Drug and Alcohol Commission to serve as a "Champion" for their "Strengthening Families Program" to recruit families for a program that begins in February 2023.

As a former, two-term Board member, I assist, when invited by Maranantha, to work with our fund-raising staff to thank our community members who participate in our fund-raising projects.

I attend—usually by Zoom—monthly Carlisle Area Religious Council (CARC) Board Meetings. (We also have permission of First UCC's Property Council to convene our monthly meetings in the Choir Room. Thank you!)

I attended UCC - Mercersburg Association's Review Program at St. Matthews UCC in Carlisle Springs, PA. on a Saturday morning from 8:00 am - Noon.

Last week I completed on-line the two-hour UCC Boundary Training required by Penn Central Conference.

I continue to facilitate small reading groups for women interested in spirituality and religion.

Attended First UCC's Council Meeting on December 13, 2022, from 7 pm -8:30 pm.

Served luncheon at Salvation Army - Carlisle with three other Church and Community Connections Council members.

Attended First UCC's Holiday Luncheon at Market Cross pub on December 13, 2022 beginning at 11:30 pm. Thank you to First Church's Consistory and Church Members for hospitality and Holiday Gift. Very much appreciated. And, special thanks to Lyndsey for organizing our Holiday festivities and fun.

As always, I look forward to sharing more about my role as "Community Chaplain."