The Catherine Van Gundy Endowment

Catherine Van Gundy, born in Emmet, Nebraska, came to live in Boulder when she was four years old. In May of 1941, she married Eldon Blaine Van Gundy and they left Boulder for a career in the Army.

Twenty-six years later, they returned for their retirement years.

They joined Community UCC and sang in the choir. Eldon died in 1983. Catherine continued to attend CUCC. Every Sunday, she took care of the plants in our sanctuary and cleaned the kitchen after fellowship. Catherine was cheerful and friendly, not letting a severe hearing loss get in the way of socializing and following along with the service.

With no children, the church congregation became her family after Eldon's death. As her needs increased, people visited, took her shopping and to appointments and assisted with medical and financial needs. Catherine was such a warm, gracious person that more and more individuals were drawn into a caring ministry for her. It was a relationship of mutual love.

A portion of the generous gift that Catherine left Community UCC at her death is being used to re-institute the caring ministry project in her honor. We join our hands and hearts with Catherine's, knowing memories of her will continue to bless us.

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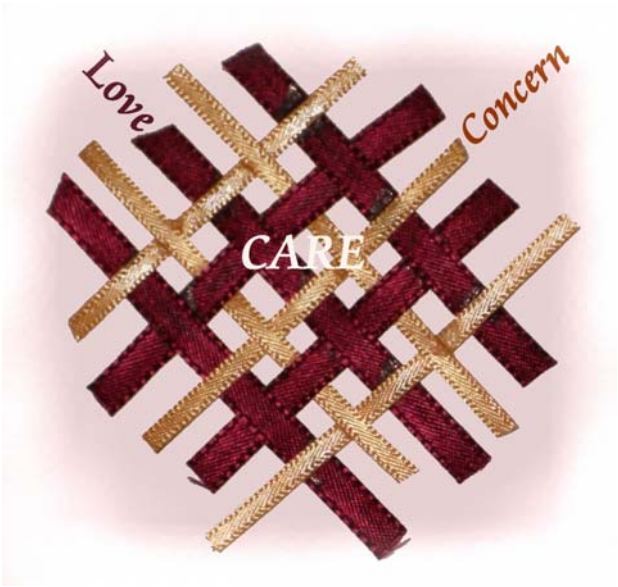
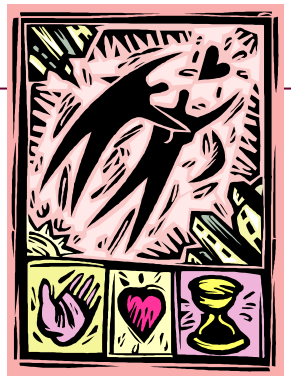
The Caring Ministries of Community United Church of Christ



Where Concern & Love Intersect, There is Care

We Dare to Care

Caring Ministries



What are Caring Ministries?

Supportive circles of our CUCC community bringing the Spirit and loving care to members and friends of our congregation.

Who are Caring Ministers?

People within our congregation who have completed the training offered at CUCC.

People who are fully present and accepting of others.

What do Caring Ministers do?

- Share the sacred gift of listening
- Be a special spiritual friend
- Respond to others in crisis or celebration
- Be good to themselves while helping others
- Covenant with our congregation at a deeper level

Types of Caring Ministries

- Visits to the homebound and hospitalized
- Support with transportation, delivering meals, shopping, and other needs
- Prayer ministry
- Reading aloud
- Providing your special talent for someone's special need

Description of Training

Training Sessions

Introduction to Caring Ministries

Sunday, January 8 from 11:30 – 12:30

Class sessions begin Thursday, January 19th

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at CUCC and conclude Thursday, March 9th.

Recognition Ceremony – Sunday, March 12th

Topics to be Covered

Learning to listen compassionately

Building relationships

Self-care for the caregiver

Presence with the Spirit

Caring ministry situations and how to respond

Dealing with life's transitions

Resources/referrals available in our community

On-going Support

Caregivers will have support with scheduled post-training gatherings of caring ministers

The CUCC Caring Ministries Steering Committee

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For further information about the CUCC Caring Ministries training, call any of the above or the church office at 303-499-9119.

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