

Sharing Joys and Sorrows with the Congregation

This is a review of the processes by which life passages, joys, and sorrows are shared with the greater congregation.

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Caring Corner of the Newsletter

Process for sharing a life passage, joy, or sorrow in the Caring Corner:

- **Obtain consent from congregant.** Permission to share something in the caring corner is often obtained through our Caring Listener check-ins.
- **Request first and last names of people being mentioned, as well as preferred language.** If someone says “please name my grandmother in the prayer,” ask for her name and clarity on language.
- **Caring Corner is a place to share more detail:** Feel free to share more information than in the prayer and links to helpful sites (meal train, obituary, etc.)
- **Create an *Active Pastoral Prayer* note in PCO:** All *Active Pastoral Prayer* notes will be placed in the Caring Corner unless otherwise indicated

Sharing in prayer in the Sunday service

- **Note that we do not have a prayer every Sunday:** While the Caring Corner does come out every week, we do not have a pastoral prayer every week on Sunday.
- **Obtain consent from congregant.** Permission to share something in the caring corner is often obtained through our Caring Listener check-ins.
- **Request first and last names of people being mentioned, as well as preferred language.** If someone says “please name my grandmother in the prayer,” ask for her name and clarity on language.
- **Keep it brief.** The prayer is not a place to share extensive detail or make announcements. It is a place to communally hold people with loving care. More detail can be shared in Caring Corner of the newsletter
- **Create an *Active Pastoral Prayer* note in PCO:** All *Active Pastoral Prayer* notes will be shared in the next pastoral prayer in the Sunday service unless otherwise indicated