



SEA of Grace

This ministry includes the Shepherds, Eucharistic Ministers, and Assisting Ministers. Together, the SEA of Grace involves bringing members and their concerns into our worship, prayers, and lifting our prayers to God in worship, and taking the signs of God's grace shared in our worship, Holy Communion, to other members of our community. Here is a brief description of each group:

Shepherds are each assigned flocks (groups of members) to which they relate in conversation and prayer. Shepherds have traditionally lead worship during healing service (Lector, usher communion and offered "sermons"). Healing services are usually 3 or 4 times a year, or created on an as needed basis. We need to clarify who is a shepherd and how members are assigned. (The process has begun to do this and is hoped to be finished at the retreat.)

Eucharistic Ministers take Holy Communion from our worship service to members (and friends) of the congregation who are not able to be physically present for worship. Members of this ministry have taken a class with Pr. Jeff and some have paired together until they feel comfortable going out alone. New communion kits have been purchased and are ready for use; there are a total of 10 kits circulating.

Assisting Ministers lead the Creed and the congregation in prayer during our worship service; they also distribute the host along with the Pastor during service. In the past, they have lead the "Call to Worship" and Special Occasion Litanies. We will discuss returning to their expanded roles in the worship service further (at worship committee meeting and at the retreat).

Although there are members who serve in one or more of these ministries, others can serve in 1 capacity without doing all three. It is our hope and prayer that through the coming months we can improve how these ministries function in our congregation.

The Group will have 2 retreats a year (to gather for Bible Study, worship, prayer, and conversation about the individual roles). This would be an opportunity for people interested in these ministries to explore how they might be involved.

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