

Experience Belonging Support Ministries

These ministries provide many different types of support and care for members of the Fairlawn community which help remind them they are not alone and that they are connected by love. The work of the support groups makes a profound difference in the lives of many.

The following is a list of volunteer opportunities available:

Breast Cancer Support Group		
The group meets at the church the fourth Monday of the month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for support, fellowship, and education. Women in the community who have had or are currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer are welcome to join the group.		
Volunteer Title	Description of Responsibilities	Time Commitment
Group Organizer	Annual booking of the room with the Property Manager and attendance at monthly meetings.	2 hours/month.
Group Members	Attend monthly meetings. Members take turns leading informal discussions and checking in on members' health concerns. Nutrition, exercise and current drug therapies are ongoing topics of discussion.	2 hours/month.
Contact: Marilyn King & Shirley Joyce or fill out our volunteer form at www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm		

Connector:
 Fairlawn’s Connector assists those in need of help to navigate the Experience Belonging Support Ministries to determine which one best meets their needs, e.g., Breast Cancer Support Group, Helping Hands, Need a Ride/Give a Ride, Pastoral Visitation or the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Volunteer Title	Description of Responsibilities	Time Commitment
Connector	When the Connector becomes aware of someone in the congregation who has been absent from church or is experiencing medical or emotional challenges, the Connector contacts the person, offers to make a connection with the minister and/or Fairlawn's Support Groups, offers prayers if desired, and remains in touch until the situation is resolved. The Connector also provides regular, confidential updates to the minister and a few key people in the congregation.	Approximately 30 hours/month, including emails, phone calls, coffee get-togethers and report-writing. In addition, attendance at three meetings/year of the Experience Belonging Support Group Chairs.

Contact: Carissa Urquhart or fill out our volunteer form at www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm

Helping Hands:
 Helping Hands provides short-term support, such as visits, phone calls or errands during or following a hospital stay; packing or unpacking in case of a move; or whatever care is needed to assist on a temporary basis.

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Chair	Contacts the person to determine what support is needed and then organizes a team to provide the assistance.	Variable In addition, attendance at three meetings/year of the Experience Belonging Support Group Chairs.

Team Members	Chosen on an ad hoc basis, often friends of the person in need of support. Other volunteers are most welcome.	Varies depending on the situation and amount of support needed.
Contact: Beth Jones or fill out our volunteer form at www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm		
<p>Need a Ride/Give a Ride Need a Ride/Give a Ride arranges volunteer drivers to take congregants to and from doctor and dental appointments, medical tests and treatments, and visits to a spouse in hospital. Forty-eight hours notice is requested, if possible.</p>		
Volunteer Title	Description of Responsibilities	Time Commitment
Co-Chairs	Maintain a list of available volunteer drivers. Contact drivers to match them with requests received for rides.	30 minutes a month. In addition, attendance at three meetings/year of the Experience Belonging Support Group Chairs.
Volunteer Drivers	Drive people to and from medical appointments. Drivers must have a police check. Gas is the driver's expense. Parking fees are covered by the person requesting the ride. There is no charge for the ride.	Variable
Contacts: Barb Warner & Marion Boyce or fill out our volunteer form at www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm		

Pastoral Visitation		
<p>The Pastoral Visitation's team of trained volunteers demonstrates God's love and care by providing support to those experiencing loss, health issues, and/or emotional or physical challenges. The members of the team maintain regular, ongoing contact through phone calls, cards, flowers and visits with these members and with those who are no longer able to attend church on a regular basis.</p>		
Volunteer Title	Description of Responsibilities	Time Commitment
Chair and Assistant	Maintain list of visitors and those visited, adding to it as necessary. Call, chair and take notes for bi-monthly meetings of the team members from September to June. Invite minister and reserve the room for these meetings. Meet regularly with the minister to discuss needs of those visited. Attend Experience Belonging Support Group meetings three times a year. Submit annual budget and authorize expenditures. Organize professional development workshops for the team and, in conjunction with Adult Ed, periodically organize sessions on topics of interest to the congregation. Coordinate ushering by the Pastoral Visitation team in November.	Variable
Team Members	Be in regular contact with those in need, providing a friendly visit and/or support. Attend bi-monthly Pastoral Visitation meetings.	Variable
Contact: Sheila Corkill & Carissa Urquhart or fill out our volunteer form at www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm		

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are given as a tangible symbol of love, comfort and support to members and friends of Fairlawn suffering emotionally or physically, or to celebrate special occasions. Shawls are not for sale. However, donations to purchase yarn are gratefully received and enable the ministry to remain self-sufficient. Knitters incorporate prayers into the shawls they create and meet periodically throughout the year for an afternoon or evening of knitting, friendship and refreshments.

Volunteer Title	Description of Responsibilities	Time Commitment
Co-Coordination	Purchase and maintain a supply of yarn in a variety of colours for the knitters. Have shawls, gift bags and cards on hand to distribute when asked or to give to a Fairlawner in need of comfort. Provide instructions for making a shawl to new knitters. Keep a record of knitters, shawls and recipients. Host the knitters for an afternoon or evening of knitting three or four times a year. Arrange with the minister for an annual blessing of the shawls during a church service.	Approximately 2 hours/month. In addition, attendance at three meetings/year of the Experience Belonging Support Group Chairs.
Knitters	Knit shawls on their own time using yarn provided by the coordinators. Attend the blessing service and knitting get-togethers as available.	Variable
Contacts: Jan Schlee & Barb Warner or fill out our volunteer form at www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm		

The Post-Secondary Care Package Program

Fairlawn demonstrates its care for and support of our youth members while they attend university or college by sending a personalized package of treats to students annually in November as they prepare for Christmas exams. All university or college students with an affiliation to Fairlawn are eligible to receive the packages, whether they are confirmed or not. Members of the congregation generously contribute baked goods, treats, gift cards and miscellaneous items to match the students' requests.

Volunteer Title	Description of Responsibilities	Time Commitment
Chair	Has overall responsibility for announcements, donations, packaging and shipping. Promotes the program to students, tracks donations and with the help of the team members, collects and packs donations from the congregation. Tracks and reconciles expenses and arranges for delivery of packages to the students.	2 – 6 hours per week from mid-October to late November.
Team Members	Team members support the Chair and supplement congregational donations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baking and shopping for student requests, including magazines, candy, chocolate bars, treats and toiletries. Team members are reimbursed for their purchases.• Helping to collate and wrap packages.	Approximately 2 hours a week in November.
Contact: Maureen Davey or Allan Hux or fill out our volunteer form at www.FairlawnChurch.ca/VolunteerForm		

<p>Visitation Tea This is the annual tea held during the first week of June to honour our senior members and adherents who are no longer able to attend church on a regular basis, and who appreciate this opportunity to connect with their Fairlawn friends. Guests are picked up and returned to their homes by a team of volunteers. A short communion service is offered, followed by a light lunch and socialization.</p>		
Volunteer Title	Description of Responsibilities	Time Commitment
Chair	Establish the guest list, send invitations to guests, arrange for volunteers who transport guests to and from the church, serve the tea, manage the elevator and clean up. Make arrangements with the minister and music director. Order sandwiches and purchase other food needed. Make arrangements with the florist and church flower convener to order appropriate flowers.	12 hours of preparation prior to the Tea. 6 hours the day of the event.
Visitation Tea Volunteers	Pick up and return guests to their homes, set tables, plate sandwiches and sweets, make tea, serve guests, visit with them, clean up Assembly Hall and kitchen.	The first Wednesday afternoon in June.
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