

# Become a Volunteer

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## Experience Belonging with Fairlawn.

Experience Belonging volunteers get involved in activities where they lend a hand, establish meaningful connections or simply enjoy the company of other people.

As Experience Belonging Chair Allan Hux describes it, volunteers in various lay ministry teams “provide support and social activities where everyone can experience fellowship and friendship.”

As part of our Pastoral Visitation Team, they visit those who are experiencing loss or health issues, or who are no longer able to attend church regularly. New volunteers can join Need a Ride/Give a Ride and drive Fairlawners to and from medical appointments or to visit a spouse in hospital. Knitters are welcome

to participate in the Prayer Shawl Ministry and knit cozy shawls to comfort those in need as a reminder that they are not alone. Women in the community who have had or are undergoing treatment for breast cancer are invited to join the Breast Cancer Support Group which meets monthly to provide support, education and fellowship.

People looking for a shorter-term volunteer commitment can become part of a Helping Hands ad hoc group to provide temporary care such as support following a hospital stay or for a move. They can also assist with the June Visitation Tea for Fairlawn’s seniors or with the Post-Secondary Care Package

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Connect with what matters in life.

If giving back to the community by providing support to others is a good fit for you, consider joining one of Fairlawn's Experience Belonging Lay Ministry Support Teams or help create a new one to meet an as-yet unmet need in our community.

*"We have many interesting activities and support groups. If you see one that appeals to you, just ask," says Allan. "We are open to members suggesting new activities that they would like to champion".*



## Build Meaningful Connections.

*"Activities come and go, but our Fairlawn family is a community for life. We are here to celebrate your joys and to offer support when you need it. You are not alone."*

*- Allan Hux, Chair, Explore Spirituality.*

Ministry, which sends parcels of treats donated by the congregation to Fairlawn-affiliated students during the fall exam period.

In June of 2015, Fairlawn voted to become an Affirming Ministry to be a voice and support for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and abilities.

Volunteers are invited to join this ministry to plan events such as the annual Pride Sunday service and Pride Parade participation, and to work for greater

awareness of the issues, leading to justice and inclusiveness within our church and the community.

Linking all of these ministries together, is Fairlawn's "Connector" who assists those in need to connect with either the appropriate Support Group or the Minister.

The Experience Belonging Ministry also includes volunteer-supported social activities that bring members, their friends and members of the community

together for fun and fellowship.

Everyone is welcome. Activities include the annual Fairlawn Book Sale (which marks its 58th year in 2019), Quilting, Knitting, Basketball, Advent by Candlelight, Tuesday Lunch Crowd, Noah Social Group, Young Women's Group, and The United Observer Discussion Group, among others.

**It's easy to get Involved:**

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