

ORDER OF ST. ANDREW ANNUAL 2019 REPORT

The mission of Order of St. Andrew is to be supportive caregivers to the Federated Church family.

These are some of the ways that we strive to achieve this mission:

In various ways we connect with families who have experienced hospitalization or loss. Members of the group make frequent visits to people who are living in local retirement and nursing care centers. Visits may include a small gift or food items.

Prayer is a powerful practice as we extend support to the Federated Church family. The prayer chains are activated in different ways. We now have people who prefer e-mail and text message, rather than a phone call, for prayer request notifications.

We also have an ongoing guided prayer group that meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30; this group is open to anyone that would like to attend. Prayers are offered for our pastor, church leaders, church family, community, nation, and the world. This past year every member of our congregation was lifted up in prayer.

One of the tasks of our group is to send thank you notes to people who make a memorial contribution to the Federated Church.

The Order provides several publications to support the spiritual lives of our church family. They include: These Days, CareNotes, I'm OK and Holiday Grief.

Following the Easter services we deliver donated plants to homebound members and nursing homes. We assist in the annual Necrology Service by reciting the names of those who have died in the past year and honoring their memory with a white rose.

Members of the OSA extend Christian love and support in far more ways than reported here. This is often done in private. With God's help, we strive to share our blessings with others.

Respectfully submitted,
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