

Prayer is at the Foundation of Unity

Prayer is the foundation upon which Unity was established and is at the heart of every aspect of Unity of Traverse City. Through our team of prayer chaplains, we are able to offer prayer support to our spiritual community as they open to the unlimited possibilities of Spirit in their lives.

Serving as a Prayer Chaplain

Serving as a prayer chaplain involves a deep level of commitment, an openness to creating heart connections with others, and a willingness to experience personal and spiritual growth and transformation.

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a prayer chaplain. The information contained in this brochure is intended to provide you with an overview of the Unity of Traverse City prayer chaplain program. It will answer some of the more common questions you may have and serve as the 'first step' along the path of personal discernment as to whether being a prayer chaplain is indeed yours to do.



What is a Prayer Chaplain?

To begin, prayer chaplains are not the same as hospital chaplains. Whereas hospital chaplains may be ordained and offer counseling to their patients, prayer chaplains:

- Create and hold sacred and prayerful space
- Lovingly and empathetically listen to others
- Pray from their heart, allowing Spirit to speak through them
- Honor the sacred trust that is created with another when in prayer
- Hold all that is shared in strict confidence

What if I've not done anything like this before?

This is a common question for many who might feel called into prayer chaplaincy. No prior experience necessary. We offer a very thorough training program to prepare you to step into service as a prayer chaplain. We do ask that you:

- Exhibit a deep level of commitment to our spiritual community
- Express an active involvement in the church and its programs
- Are now a member, or be willing to commit to becoming a member of Unity of Traverse City at the first available offering

What is the time commitment of a Prayer Chaplain?

Prayer chaplains make a one-year commitment to the program. During the course of this commitment, each prayer chaplain:

- Offers prayer support following a Sunday celebration service a minimum of 2 times each month
- Makes monthly calls of prayer support to members of our congregation (calls made from the church offices or your home, approximately 1 hour / month)
- Attends the prayer chaplain bi-monthly meetings (~ 2 hours in length)
- Attends yearly training – sometimes split between an offsite location and the church campus

How do I find out more?

Information meetings are held in the months of May and/or June, providing you the opportunity to obtain more detail and ask questions about the program. These meetings are intended to help you discern whether becoming a prayer chaplain is the next step on your personal spiritual journey. No further commitment is required on your part at that time.

2016 Prayer Chaplain Information Meeting and Training Schedule

Attendance at one information meeting is required for all prospective prayer chaplains. Training is required for all prayer chaplains.

Prayer Chaplain Information Meetings

Sunday, May 15, Noon to 1:00 p.m., or
Sunday, May 22, Noon to 1:00 p.m.

First Enrollment Interviews (choose one)

Wednesday, June 1, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m., or
Sunday, June 5, Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Potluck Social

Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Training Schedule *

Friday, July 15, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

NEW PRAYER CHAPLAINS - Additional meetings with Rev. Eileen during July - September will be individually scheduled.

Second Enrollment Interviews (choose one)

Thursday, Sept. 8, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11, Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Prayer Chaplain Dedication Ceremony

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Congregation - Sunday Celebration Services

Sunday, September 25
10:30 a.m. Celebration Service

***Location and Cost (non-refundable) for training - includes snacks and training materials**

- Unity of Traverse City
- New Prayer Chaplains \$25; Returning Prayer Chaplains \$15

What it means to be a Prayer Chaplain at Unity of Traverse City

In the words of those who have served as a prayer chaplain at Unity of Traverse City:

"Prayer takes us into the mystery of the Divine. Being a Prayer Chaplain allows me, in a very personal way, to join with others in the mystery."

"The decision to become a prayer chaplain was prompted by a desire to be of service to my church family. I want to be a vessel for Truth, love, and peace and to help others focus on the presence and power of God within."

"I believe that God's light of goodness and love is in all of us. As a prayer chaplain, I will let that light shine through me so that others may be inspired to believe in their own light."

"Praying with and for my Unity family just may be the highest form of service I can do for myself and others while on my own spiritual journey. This experience of prayer chaplaincy makes my soul sing."

"Prayer is only way I know to serve on every level without knowing anything but the Truth."

"When two or more come together in prayer, we have the opportunity to recognize our oneness and miracles occur. It is an honor and a blessing to pray with another."



A positive path for spiritual living.



Prayer Chaplain Program

"Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spirit of God."

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