

# *Church Neighbors Ministry*

## *Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church*

Church Neighbors are Deacons and other church members who seek to provide a consistent personal contact for the homebound and other elderly members of CCPC so they continue to feel a part of the congregation and to help the congregation stay connected and in touch with these members. The relationship is a two-way connection.

Specific responsibilities for care and connection include:

- ◆ Visiting regularly, and specifically at times of illness, bereavement, holidays, etc. (These visits offer a consistent presence and connection for the member to CCPC, and are in addition to those provided by other Deacons as occasional Rides and Flowers visits.)
- ◆ Sending cards and notes for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, Easter, and holidays.
- ◆ Deliver news of the church to the member (church directories, recordings of worship services and sermons, etc.) and remembering the member in the life of the congregation and to other church members.
- ◆ If appropriate, offering rides to church for church programs and events outside of Sunday morning (including Chevy Chase Concerts and the 50-plus Member Recognition Lunch.)
- ◆ When able and appropriate, seeing that the member receives poinsettias, lilies, and is provided homebound communion.

Church Neighbors can be former Deacons and persons who feel a called to an individual ministry of care and compassion. Participants may identify an existing relationship that they have with a church member, or they may request to be matched with a Church Neighbor who they do not yet know. It is a great way for members to get to know one another, and an opportunity to involve children and youth in acts of care, compassion, and service.

To learn more about the Church Neighbors program or to volunteer, please contact Steve Robertson at 202-363-2202 or [steve@chevychasepc.org](mailto:steve@chevychasepc.org).