**Pastoral Care Plan, Woodland Presbyterian Church**

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***Who do I contact when I have a pastoral need?***

Anyone can request pastoral care for themselves or for others by contacting Pastor Adrian White. Adrian will be glad to provide pastoral care for members and friends of Woodland or, if Adrian is unavailable, to coordinate with another member of the Woodland community who is trained, equipped, and willing. All pastoral care conversations are treated with confidentiality, except in cases in which those seeking help may be a danger to themselves or others.

***Pastoral Care Resources Available to the Congregation***

·       **Weddings**

* As guided by our wedding policy, we welcome anyone who desires to have a wedding at the church. A copy of the wedding policy will be sent to the person making the request.
* Ordinarily, the pastor of Woodland Presbyterian Church will serve as the officiant of the wedding and may invite assisting pastors when requested by the couple.
* The officiating pastor will meet with the couple at least once and either provide subsequent premarital counseling sessions or refer the couple to qualified counselors.

·       **Hospitalizations/Surgeries/Chronic Illness**

* When a church member is in the hospital, going into surgery, or experiencing chronic illness and desires a visit, prayer, or a phone call, they can contact the church (615-212-9373, [contact@woodlandnash.org](mailto:contact@woodlandnash.org)) or Adrian directly (adrian@woodlandnash.org)
* When a church member is aware of someone going into the hospital, going into surgery, etc. they should also contact the church or Adrian directly.
* Adrian will gladly call or make a home or hospital visit or, if they are unavailable, coordinate with another pastor connected to the Woodland community.

·      **Bereavement and funerals**

* When a member or friend of Woodland experiences the death of a loved one, Adrian will meet with the member/family to provide pastoral care and prayer, if desired. If you have experienced a death or other loss, please contact Adrian or a session member.
* When a family desires to have a funeral service at Woodland, they can contact the church or Adrian directly.
* It is assumed that families will calendar and secure the pastor for the funeral before publishing the obituary with arrangements.
* Ordinarily, funerals held at the church are officiated by Woodland’s pastor who may, upon request from the family, invite other pastors to assist in officiating.

·       **At Home Communion**

* Church members and friends who are unable to attend church in person and who desire to have communion brought to their home periodically can request at-home communion at any time simply by calling the church at 615-212-9373 or emailing [contact@woodlandnash.org](mailto:contact@woodlandnash.org). We will be glad to visit you.

·       **Prayer**

* + Adrian is available for conversation and prayer regarding all the joys and concerns of life. Although they do not hold regular office hours at the church, Adrian is available to meet at Woodland, for coffee, or at your home. Session members are also available to receive your prayer requests and pray with members and friends of Woodland.
  + If you would like for a prayer to be shared in the church newsletter so that the community may pray for you, share it during prayers of the people in worship or let Adrian know.