**Grace United Methodist Church**

**VISITATION MINISTRY**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR THE VISITATION TEAM**

1. **WHAT DO I SAY?**

Introduce yourself by name. Let them know you are from Grace United Methodist Church. (*Remember to wear your church name tag.)*

 Be aware of impairments such as difficulty in hearing or vision problems. Adjust your speaking volume as needed or stand on whatever side is most helpful for them. If adjustments need to be made for a hearing aide or glasses, let the caregiver attend to this. Listento what they want to share; learn about their needs, do not probe into their medical condition or specifics of care.

1. **WHAT DO I WEAR?**

What you are comfortable wearing and is appropriate for where you are going.

1. **WHAT IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT?**

You will find that different times and different days are easier for you to visit people.

 It may change according to your schedule or commitments. Be easy on yourself.

 Through experience you will find what works best for you.

1. **CAN MY CHILDREN COME WITH ME?**

If you do not already know the person, you might want to do an initial visit and then ask

 the person if they would like to meet them. Children can certainly be a highlight.

1. **WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THEY MIGHT LIKE FOR ME TO DO FOR THEM?**

Ask if their water or tissues are convenient for them to reach.

 Ask if they would like to send a card to anyone...you would be glad to help them.

 Ask if they receive the GUMC Church Bulletin and would they like for you

 to go ever anything with them.

1. **HOW OFTEN DO I VISIT?**

You will be scheduled a SPECIFIC WEEK of the month. It is up to you to decide on the day

 and time. If you are unavailable, please notify the Visitation Leader.

1. **HOW DO I LET THE PASTOR KNOW ABOUT MY VISIT?**

Please send a brief email to Pastor Gary: pastor@rockygrovegrace.org and/or copy to Peggy Stroupe: adminasst@rockygrovegrace.org. If you feel that your message is confidential to the Pastor then do not copy to Peggy.

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