

Cancer Care Ministry Team Members

The Cancer Care ministry members would like to introduce ourselves. If you or someone you know is in need of support, either as an individual with cancer or a caregiver, please feel free to contact one of us.

Nell Bonaventura: I am a retired teacher with wishes and hours to help others. I just went through a year of fighting breast and lymph node cancer and am a very grateful and happy survivor!

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Patti Hirst: I am a 25 year survivor of breast cancer. The diagnosis of cancer is frightening and I felt called to this ministry so that I could walk the journey with others and give support.

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Steve Jados: I joined the group in place of my wife, Marilyn, after her death. She had a rare type of cancer called Thymoma, cancer of the thymus. It is my hope to use what we learned during her 9 years as a cancer patient to help other patients and caregivers.

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Michael Newland: I am a retired special education teacher (30 years) who worked with multiply handicapped deaf/blind/visually impaired students at the Ohio State School for the Blind the last 20 years (retired 2004). In 1/2016, my 3rd colonoscopy revealed that a pre-cancerous adenoma had increased in size, and due to its location near the ileocecal valve which separates the small and large intestines, I had a right hemicolectomy to remove the adenoma. The adenoma proved to be stage 1 cancer. Thankfully, it was contained and there was no need for chemo or radiation. As a result of my experience, a family member also had a colonoscopy, which revealed a cancerous rectal polyp. As a result of my colonoscopy, two lives have been spared.

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Patti Rottenbiller: I am a 25 year breast cancer survivor. I received great love and support from my Maple Grove family while I was going through treatment and I will always be grateful for that. I hope to support others through my service on the Cancer Care ministry team. God is good.

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Thom Stevenson: I am currently an adjunct instructor in the Patton College of Education at Ohio University in Athens. I am also the Executive Chef for the Cancer Support Community of Columbus. My work also includes being the Executive Director of a pilot project, ChefVet which advocates for differently abled persons and veterans learning the art of culinary. He is currently working on his Ph.D. at the Antioch Graduate School of Leadership and Change. At Maple Grove, Thom participates in the choir, is involved in the cancer support work ministry and is the leader for the reconciling ministry work.

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Beth Wiley: I work at the James Cancer Center as a Clinical Research Coordinator on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia trials. I hope to be able to share what I have learned through my experience at the James. This is my second year as the Cancer Care Ministry Team Leader.

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Community Resources

Cancer Support Community of Central Ohio: <http://cancersupportohio.org/>

JamesCare for Life: <http://cancer.osu.edu/patient-support>

Ohio Health/MD Anderson: <https://www.ohiohealth.com/cancer/>