Bereavement Ministry

When someone in our church family dies, the simple gift of time around the table and a warm, welcoming space to gather can mean more than words can say. Our Bereavement Ministry quietly steps in at one of the hardest moments in a family's life – setting up a small family reception, offering finger foods, and creating a place where loved ones can share stories, weep, laugh, and remember together. It is a deeply Christ-like ministry of presence, hospitality, and compassion.

We're inviting new volunteers to join this important work in two distinct ways –

1. **Bereavement Team Members:** Become a member of a four person team to help in the day of a Bereavement family reception. Team members will…
    - Respond when called to help with a family reception (we have 8 teams who serve on a rotating basis).
    - Coordinate simple food (sandwich trays, fruit, veggies, desserts).
    - Set up a welcoming space in the Fellowship Hall with basic decorations and supplies that are already on hand.
    - Host the family during the reception with a calm, caring presence.
    - Help with light clean-up afterward and see that leftovers and flowers are shared or donated.
2. **Bereavement Food Volunteers:** Bring food when called upon by a Bereavement Team. The Team Coordinator will tell you the finger foods needed and you will choose which to bring (sandwiches, fruit, veggies, desserts).

If you feel God nudging you to walk alongside grieving families in this quiet, powerful way, we'd love to talk with you.

Please contact Lee Ritchie or the church office to learn more or to sign up for a Bereavement Team.