

Neighborly Care Network proudly nominates Sue Allen for the esteemed St. Petersburg Hall of Fame.

Sue has been recruiting and organizing a team of volunteers and delivering Meals on Wheels (MOW) to clients in St. Petersburg for almost 29 years. In that time, she has recruited over 51 volunteers, 27 of whom are still active. 10 have served with us for over 10 years! Sue and her fellow First United Methodist (FUMC) parishioners deliver nutritious food to homebound seniors every week, and they connect with each senior, reducing their isolation. Along with the meals, the FUMC folks deliver smiles, a little conversation, and a lot of love. Because of her advocacy for our clients, we were delighted when she joined our Board of Directors last year. Sue Allen is a compassionate and steady leader.

FUMC volunteer Sherry Smith: Sue Allen is extremely deserving of this nomination. Dedicated to recruiting and committed to Meals on Wheels, Sue motivates by example, always being willing to help where needed, whether it be training, delivering meals, or administratively with emails and the quarterly calendar. As a mother and wife, a Bible study leader, a Lay Leader in our church, managing MOW, and in so many ways, Sue has certainly been a role model for me, and for many others. I am incredibly happy to see her receive this recognition.

FUMC Volunteer Hal Heitler: Sue recruited me years ago and as a leader of other ministries, I can attest that she is thorough, kind, instructional and goes the extra mile to ensure that route 707 is always covered. Even when she is away, she always keeps us well informed. There is no doubt that she should be in the St. Petersburg Senior Hall of Fame.

FUMC Volunteer Anna Chetlain: When I started with Sue's MOW St Pete Sunshine Center route 707, Sue made sure I was welcomed into the group and shown the ropes for successful deliveries. Her kindness & patience are very much appreciated, as well as her heartfelt dedication to seniors' meals, fostering their well-being and independent living. She publishes a monthly schedule and follows up on any missing days with additional volunteers to always confirm coverage. Sue is a volunteer role model for all.

FUMC Volunteer Kay Maize: Sue is an exceptional motivator and friend to many.

FUMC Volunteer Cindy Dudding: I don't think of Sue as a Senior! She is extremely deserving of induction into the Hall of Fame. Sue leads our MOW volunteers with grace, friendliness, and professionalism. Even when she is traveling, she is available to answer questions or help the volunteers fulfill their duties. MOW is one of the many areas in which Sue's caring spirit is demonstrated. She selflessly gives her time and talents in the community and other ministries in the church, always doing so without seeking recognition or praise. Her servant's heart and giving nature are only two of the multiple qualities which warrant her induction into the Hall of Fame. Thank you for the opportunity to share just a few reasons why we all love Sue!

FUMC Volunteer Marilyn Cutting: The first time I met Sue I could feel her warmth and gentle nature. When I do my route with her, the clients are recipients of her genuine interest in their lives. Besides keeping all the volunteers with route 707 informed, scheduled, and rescheduled at the last minute, she teaches a bible study, and heads the stained-glass tours at the church. I'm so glad that she is receiving this nomination for all she has done for our church, the United Women in Faith group, and the community that she serves and loves.

Along with her dedication to Neighborly, Sue volunteered in Pinellas Schools for 23 years, tutoring students, assisting teachers, chaperoning field trips and the Chess club. In 2025, she started that work again! From 2018 to 2021, with the United Way, Sue led weekly reading sessions for elementary students to promote grade level literacy. Since 1984 she has served on several church committees, taught Sunday School, leads an adult Bible study, and cooks for the homeless at the First United Methodist Church, St. Petersburg.

Thank you, Sue, for sharing your time and talents to the benefit of so many citizens of St. Petersburg. You are a role model to your fellow volunteers and an angel to the seniors you serve. Neighborly's work could not be done without you.