

## OUR MISSION

*To provide those  
with cancer and  
their caregivers  
with compassionate,  
spiritual, and  
practical assistance.*

*We form  
partnerships that  
bear witness to  
God's unfailing love,  
bringing  
encouragement and  
hope to those who  
are impacted by  
cancer.*

Our Journey of Hope  
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*“For I know the plans I have for  
you,” declares the Lord, “plans to  
prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a  
future.” - Jeremiah 29:11*



## There is HOPE in the Journey

**Our Journey of Hope® Cancer Care Ministry of Christ Church Otsego has been commissioned to walk alongside those navigating a cancer journey. We understand the impact of cancer, how people react to it, and how God has called us to respond.**

**For more information, or to request ministry services, please contact:**

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*Our Journey of Hope® is a spiritual and practical outreach program sponsored by Cancer Treatment Centers of America® (CTCA).*

## PARTICIPANT SUPPORT

**Assessor:** Visits with participant and his/her family to assess needs and coordinate volunteer services.

**Meals:** Prepare and deliver meals.

**Transportation:** Provide transportation to appointments, run errands and light shopping.

**Household:** Light house cleaning, lawn care and gardening, pet care, assist with laundry, as needed childcare and homework helper, and minor home repairs as deemed possible by the ministry.

**Medical Advocate:** Attend appointments with participant for support and notetaking.

**Emotional/Spiritual Support:** Visit with participants to spend time doing things that they enjoy, provide prayer, compassionate support and encouragement.

**Grief Support:** Provide support by offering a comforting presence, and able to connect to other grief support services.

**Card Ministry:** Provide caring support to participant and his/her family members through cards and letters.

### **Our Ministry Helps Participants To:**

- Share Questions, concerns and feelings
- Connect with others who understand
- Reduce levels of stress and anxiety
- Increase coping skills
- Help create a sense of well-being

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT

**Assessor:** Visits with caregiver to assess needs and coordinate volunteer services.

**Emotional/Spiritual Support:** Provide prayer, encouragement, and someone to talk to who understands what you're going through. Private and confidential phone calls and visits.

**Respite Care:** Provide short-term rests and breaks for caregiver.

## CANCER CARE MINISTERS

All Cancer Care Ministers receive 8-weeks of intensive, valuable training and instruction. Many of them have battled cancer or have been impacted by the cancer of family and friends. Through their specialized training, they are equipped to provide guidance, support, encouragement and hope in a meaningful and useful way.

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**