



## Pastoral Care Network

Church	Contact	Ministry Type	Area of Expertise
Urban Heights	James Curry pastor@ desmoineschurch.org	I think Caring is the biggest gift our church has to offer. It seems like in our history our church has attracted people who are in need or crisis. I have repeatedly seen people from this congregation step forward with a meal, a card, prayer, a phone call/visit, and compassion toward individuals or families going through crisis. In a way, it is as if we are a spiritual hospital for the sick and broken. I pray God continues to build us up in this area.	As for me, I am continually learning that crisis points in people's lives are often open doors for me to become more present in their lives. Though I think my spiritual gifts of mercy and helps are lower than others, I do see the need and importance of meeting people exactly where they are, and providing encouragement, love, and hope in Christ no matter what they face. My wife, actually one year ago to this day, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Walking alongside with her has in some way increased my capacity to show compassion for others. Though I'm not quite ready to thank God for her cancer, I do know He is doing and going to do great things through us both because of this journey.