

# **Nursing Home Ministry**

## **2022**

***“To everything there is a season,  
A time for every purpose under heaven:  
A time to be born,  
And a time to die;  
A time to plant,  
And a time to pluck what is planted.”***

***Ecclesiastes 3:1-2***

***God is good and His mercy endures forever! Since 1996 I have been honored to be used of the Lord in nursing home ministry. While the majority of this ministry was at the Pine’s in Machias, we’ve also ministered at the Wyoming County Community Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility located in Warsaw in 1996-1997. At that time Juanita Smith (a past member of PCF who was a gifted teacher) was teaching Bible Study at the Pine’s in Machias. When Juanita and her now late husband Merritt moved away to Buffalo, I headed up the team at the Pines for PCF along with Russ Miller where we made it a church service that ministered once a month. Also during 2018- 2019 I ministered on Sundays after our church service quite often at the Jennie B. Richmond Nursing Home which adjoins the Chaffee Bertrand Chaffee Hospital located in Springville NY.***

***With the outbreak of COVID in 2020, the ministry at the nursing homes shut down, and when it reopened, it presented challenges with added requirements to enter.***

***Now, after over twenty-five years in this ministry, I have decided the time has come to retire from my ministry at the nursing homes. While this is a bitter-sweet decision, I feel that the Lord will continue to use others, in various ways at the Pines and elsewhere in this arena. I’d like to make an honorary mention of the various people who helped out regularly at the Pine’s with me over the years. Some are no***

***longer with us; nevertheless, their names are mentioned to honor their Christian Service in this ministry:***

***Russ Miller, Angie Dusterhus, Eileen Brittian, Lorraine Mikoll, Dave and Carol Tucker, Juanita Smith, Anne Zdanowski, Sonya Attrott, Jennifer Parkinson and her children, Susie Prutsman, Marie Miller, Gayle Sprague, Joyce Koch, Kristyn Loos and her children, Sharon Ellnor, Mike Wypij. (If I forgot to mention anyone, please forgive me.)***

***I will be continuing the Angel Tree Gift ministry to benefit the Pine's Nursing home residents at Christmas time however. The Pine's Activity Director, Kim Hewiett wrote a very nice letter of thanks to all of you who gave to this ministry. You will be able to read that letter out at the welcome desk in the welcome center.***

***I'd like to end by saying, if anyone feels the leading to pick up this ministry please come and see me, I would love to encourage you in this area. And may we all remember elderly and treat them with the respect and dignity they are due.***

***Psalms 71:9 – "Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone."***

***Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Wypij***