## HEALING PATHWAY MINISTRY AT FIRST UNITED in 2024

The Healing Pathway ministry had many active practitioners .We are a ministry offering prayer with laying on of hands for physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellbeing. Since COVID, we also offer distance healing and some of our practitioners practice mostly distance work. Everyone is welcome to receive. You do not have to be sick to come. In the past receivers have gained benefit from the Healing Pathway as they have dealt with, recovery from surgery, chronicpain, life transitions, emotional challenges, family crises, health issues, concussions, or just plain longing for balance and wholeness in their lives and support for wellness and healing on all levels.

This ministry has been ongoing since about 2002. We offer regular weekly Tuesday afternoon sessions in the Chapel, with Tuesday evening sessions every second week. This year our in person and distance practice offered 469 sessions. This does not include many sessions offered outside of the church building.

Healing Pathway practitioners participate in several additional activities:

- 1) Anointing during regular communion services, accompanied by prayer.
- 2) Chair sessions on the third Sunday of a month after church in the chancel area.
- 3) Occasionally going to a person's home or to a hospital bedside offering Healing Pathway
- 4) Responding to group healing requests for distance energy healing e.g. when a grandchild is extremely ill, or someone is recovering from surgery.
- 5) Doing presentations on what Healing Pathway actually is to small groups, e.g. Rite 13.
- 6) Giving leadership to at least one church service a year focusing on healing and wholeness.

The highlight for many of us in 2024 is the post-COVID effect, which means that we have gone back to in-person sessions in the Chapel on Tuesdays. There are still a few receivers who continue to receive healing by distance sessions, but the majority of practitioners and receivers are thrilled to be back in-person again.

We have a robust ministry with dedicated practitioners and would welcome any who would like to learn and practice with us or who would like to receive and see what it is like.

Several members of our team are also involved in Healing Pathway at the national level.