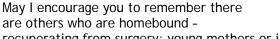
Hospitality Idea April 2013

My mother is not considered a shut-in with her church. Mom doesn't drive now, so I pick her up and take her for lunch or dinner; I do her grocery shopping; pick up her medicine; take her to get her hair cut; etc. When it comes to going to her home church on Sunday, she feels like she is imposing on me. She wants me to attend my own church. Sometimes that becomes a burden to me!! I know she misses her friends and attending her church.



recuperating from surgery; young mothers or in the bereavement stage.

Romans 12:13, Hebrews 12:3 and Hebrews 13:2 tell us we are required to have a hospitality ministry in our hearts and in church family.

Romans 12:13, "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." (NIV)

Hebrews 12:3, "Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (NJV)

Hebrews 13:2, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." (NIV)

So let's begin a **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY** by using the following ideas for service and caring:

- **Bread Ministry** share loaves \diamond
- ♦ Seasonal Ministry decorate their home
- Meal Ministry

- Music Ministry quartet practice at their home
- Card Ministry
- ♦ Home Chore Ministry
- Phone Call Ministry
- Birthday Ministry
- ♦ Secret Pal Ministry

And the list goes on!!

I found an excellent website: www.hometouchministry.com. Each week a personal care package is sent from the ministry team. They give three great ideas to put in the envelope (of which you can print a sample) to encourage the recipient. I would add one more item, such as your church bulletin. This is something you can use and expand on as you see the need.

We are so creative with our hospitality gifts -I look forward in the next months of hearing what you have started at your church!