



KATHRYNE MARR FOUNDER OF ADULT PLUS

Kathryne Marr Adult Plus, a program provided by the Senior Adult Ministry of First Presbyterian, Houston, (FPC) offers an opportunity for fellowship and service for senior adults.



ADULT PLUS HISTORY

In 1958, Dr. Charles L. King encouraged Mrs. John D. Marr (Kathryne) to form Adult Plus, a group of mostly non-church members over 65 who gather twice a month for lunch, games, programs and service projects. During 2010 -2011, (September through May) meeting attendance averaged 95 with a membership of 141.

Through the years, officers have been appointed and bylaws written to give guidelines and direction for the organization of Adult Plus and to set forth the responsibilities of leadership.

All leaders of Adult Plus are members of FPC. Adult Plus began as a program of the Comfort and Care Committee that later became the Caring Ministry of the Session. In 2001, the Session voted to transfer Adult Plus from the Caring Ministry to the Senior Adult Ministry. The Associate Pastor of the Caring Ministry adds greatly to the leadership of this vital, growing ministry for senior adults in the church and in the community-at-large.

Adult Plus, an ecumenical program for both men and women, meets twice a month on Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (September through May).

Part of the richness of Adult Plus comes from the wide range of ages of its members. Many close relationships have developed through the years. Those enjoying their 90th and 100th birthdays receive special recognition.

Adult Plus meetings begin with service projects for some while others enjoy playing bridge, dominos and other games. It is a happy time of greeting friends and meeting new ones.

An important dimension of Adult Plus is its community outreach to those in need. The *Piecemakers* is an integral part of two outreach ministries. This past year, eighty-eight baby quilts and blankets, six pairs of booties and five hats were donated to Ben Taub Hospital. These handmade items are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

A delicious hot lunch is served promptly at noon and is thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. Following lunch, inspiring, educational and entertaining programs are presented. Programs may include devotionals for special seasons of the year, presentations on local, historical places and special musical offerings.



John 15:12-13

My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them.