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Cookie Shower for Episcopal City Mission Originally an Outreach subcommittee)

Chairperson: Pat Willmering

Members: Everyone who baked cookies

Planned Activities for 2020:

Organize a cookie-drive of three dozen cookies each, no peanuts or peanut products; arrange for a Chaplain or Director of Episcopal City Mission to preach and to lead the Sunday Forum; take or arrange to have taken, cookie donations to the offices of Episcopal City Mission at Christ Church Cathedral, downtown.

We had talked about involving the Sunday School in making cookies the morning of the Cookie Shower, as they have done in the past. We had also thought about including composition books for the young people in detention along with the cookies. We had hoped to donate 80-dozen cookies.

Activity completed in 2020:

We were unable to provide homemade cookies to Episcopal City Mission to distribute to young people in detention in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County, because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Anticipated activity for 2021:

We hope to be able to resume cookie-baking and in-person worship and education for what had been a two-decade mission.



Laundry Love

Chairperson: Bill Cramer

Vestry liaison: The Rector

Members: Warlene Reed, occasional other helpers, including The Rev. Betty Bowen, Keith Hazelwood, John Barnard

Planned Activity for 2020:

In 2020, we anticipated continuing to serve homeless and needy people by paying for their use of washers and dryers at Starcrest Laundry on Zumbel Rd in St. Charles, and by providing detergent, dryer sheets, and other laundry products for that process. We planned to offer free laundry use on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 5 – 8 PM.

We intended to continue our shared ministry with Transfiguration/Lake St. Louis in Laundry Love at their locations in O'Fallon and Wentzville. To do so, we needed to recruit more help in St. Charles. We were discussing with Transfiguration leaders how to raise more money, as the need for laundry services was increasing at the St. Charles site, as well as in the additional sites, above. They (Transfiguration leaders) planned to apply for a Community Ministries (second) grant for Laundry Love in St. Charles County.

We intended to continue to pass the donation jar for quarters and dollars and other spare change at the Wednesday AM Bible Study Class and to make it available on Sunday mornings. It was possible that additional cash might have been donated through planned Trinity events/fund-raisers, such as the St. Patrick's Party and Auction or The Priceless (Yard)sale.

Activity completed in 2020:

We provided Laundry Love at Starcrest Laundromat on the First Tuesdays in January, February, and March (Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 5, 2020). At that point, COVID-19 restrictions shut us down. By the end of the summer, that temporary halt became effective through 2020 and into 2021.

We received notice that the Diocesan ECW Board had named Laundry Love as their diocesan outreach focus for 2020, beginning with their annual retreat. Transfiguration Church received notice that their Community Ministry Grant request was approved.

Anticipated activity for 2021:

Regroup, reopen, proceed with mission to provide access to laundry facilities for everyone who needs to use them.



PATRIOT PACKAGES

Chairperson: Elizabeth Meyer

Member: Marty Neuman

2020 Activity:

Personal care items and snacks were collected November through March 2020. Patriot Packages met and mailed out 528 Care Packages in the three months of January-March. A big thank you to the people that contributed so generously.

2021 Activity:

Patriot Packages will not be meeting again until the Officers of Patriot Packages and the Armory deem that it is safe to do so. The organization is able to take donations through its website which will be very much needed when it resumes sending Care Packages. The Motto is, "Until they all come home."



Name of Committee: Martha Guild

Chairperson: Jane Culligan & Betty Bower

Members:

Team 1 – Jane Culligan, Donna Osiecki, Ellen Sundermeyer, Marty Neuman and Susan Goddard.

Team 2 - Betty Bowen, Val Lanning, Marge Heim, Babs Kehl-Fairchild, Carolyn Hackman.

Floater: JoAnne Harris, Avril Brudy and Barbara Oldin.

Activity 2020:

Between January 1 to March 15, 2020, we had no funeral receptions.

We had to close the Church building on March 15, 2020 due to the

Corona Virus Pandemic. Mary Webb, a long time parishioner, passed away on June 22, 2020 and we held her funeral in the Memorial Garden, but we were not allowed to have a reception.

Anyone interested in being on a Team please see Jane or Betty – the more people we have to help the easier the work becomes.

Activity in 2021

Until we are allowed to meet in the Church again we will not be allowed to cater food while the Pandemic is still around. It is hoped that this Ministry will continue once we are allowed to serve food again.



Ministry of Healing

Chairperson: Betty Bowen

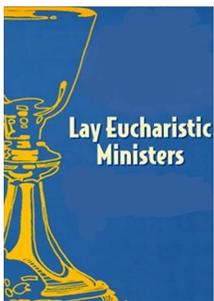
Members: The Rev. Tamsen Whistler, Lori Cooper and Jan Peery

The Healing Ministry is a sacred trust given by God to the Church to care for those who are broken in body, mind and spirit. The Love of God underlies all aspects of this Ministry, and God is the ultimate source of all healing. This is a Ministry of Presence and Grace, with the most important thing being to communicate God's Loving Presence to all people. People are invited up to the Altar to receiving the Anointing of Oil and a prayer. On the second Sunday of the month in the Season of Advent, we include a Service of Solace and invite members of the congregation to come forward to light a candle for a loved one who has passed on to God's Heavenly Kingdom.

Activity in 2020:

Due to the Closure of the Church because of the CoronaVirus, we only held Healing Services in the months of January, February and March 2020. We are planning to offer the Service of Solace, virtually, on December 13.

Anticipated activity in 2021: We will plan to offer this Service virtually on the second Sunday of each month until we are able to do it in person again. Anyone interested in this Ministry is invited to talk with Betty or Lori; some training is involved.

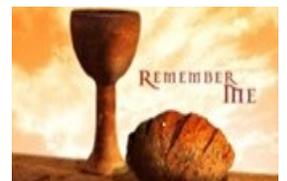


LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Chairperson: Betty Bowen

Eucharistic Visitors: Lori Cooper, Harlan Meyer, Jan Peery, Lucinda Itoka, Susan Goddard, Nancy Noel, Judy Hodge.

Activity completed in 2020: The Ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) is to take the Sacraments of Holy Communion to parishioners who are ill or unable to attend Church. This Ministry brings the Church directly into the person's home, hospital, or nursing home, thereby keeping them in close contact with God and the Church Community.



"In the Name of Trinity Church, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are One Body, because we share One Bread and One Cup."

The following parishioners received the Eucharist between January to March 15 this year. Carol Nicholson, Catherine Cummings, Jill Knickmeyer, Barbara Ritter, Mary Webb, Betsy Willerton, and Pat Gutgesell. Due to Covid 19 we could no longer take the Eucharist to any of our parishioners from March 15 until December 31, 2020. We continued to pray for these parishioners in our weekly Service. Eucharistic Visitors were asked to continue to stay in touch with the people who they usually took Communion to on a monthly basis.

Anticipated activity for 2021: God willing, it is hoped that once the Virus is under control and we are allowed to visit our parishioners who are mostly residents in Nursing or Retirement Centers, we will once again be able to visit and take the Eucharist to them.



PRAYER SHAWL/BABY BLANKETS

Chairperson: Betty Bowen

Members: Ann Mason, Judith Hodge, Ruth Eggers, Babs Kehl-Fairchild, Eleanor McCune, and Bonnie Curnow.

Activity completed in 2020: The Knitters have not met in two years, and some people are still knitting from home. Whenever we need Prayer Shawls, the word is sent out and shawls appear. Thank you to those who are still knitting; and to Millie Oberlin who has supplied us with several beautiful afghans.

As we age, some of us are having trouble with arthritis which makes knitting or crocheting difficult.

We welcome new people to this Ministry; please see Betty if you would like to make Prayer Shawls or, baby blankets for the children at DePaul Hospital.

Activity for 2021: We plan to continue



SHARE A MEAL

Chairpersons: Avril Arthurton-Brudy, Jane Culligan/Betty Bowen

Members: Team 1 – Avril Brudy, Benisha Brudy, Jay Le, Lucinda and Patrice Itoka, JoAnne Harris, Xiaodong Shi, Barbara Oldin.

Team 2 – Jane & Larry Culligan, Betty Bowen, Donna Osiecki, Claudia Cates

Activity in 2020: Lunches are served at St John UCC on Fifth Street, St Charles, and four other area Churches take turns working each Saturday of the month. Trinity serves lunch on the month that has five Saturdays; we therefore serve 4 Saturdays each year. We plan, shop and prepare the food to serve whoever comes for lunch,

no questions asked. We usually serve between 19-30 people, and whatever is not eaten we send home with the guests.

When it was apparent that our Churches were not to meet in person due to the CoronaVirus, St John UCC continued to serve meals to the hungry each week, but there was a change in how the lunches are served. To-go box lunches are assembled in the Kitchen and one bag at a time is placed on a table outside for the guest to pick up and we give each person a cup of milk. Our guests are asked to wait around until 11.30 am and we offer them any boxes that have not been given away.

We have noticed that the number of people coming by for lunch have been greatly reduced, it now can be anywhere from 13-20 people. Trinity has been able to offer a full hot meal to the people who come for a lunch, and we have received complimented on the tasty food we have been serving.

Funds for the purchase of food come from the Quarterman Memorial Fund, for which we are very grateful.

Anyone willing to serve in this Ministry should speak to Avril, Jane or Betty; we welcome new people!

Anticipated Activity in 2021: Both Teams will continue to do this Ministry on each Fifth Saturday as we fulfill the Mission of Christ, *"...for when I was hungry you gave me food..."* Matthew 25.34.