

SHEPHERDS' MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH AND MISSIONS COUNCIL

SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY – Areas of Ministry

Spring, 2024

Car Bears Ministry – Nancy B

Teddy bears are kept in the car and given out when it is determined that a person is in need of a caring friend.

Funeral Luncheons – Carolyn B

As the need arises, a funeral luncheon is offered to the family/friends of a deceased person.

Grief Booklets Ministry– Cheryl L

When a member loses a loved one, a series of 4 booklets (spaced throughout the first year following death) are sent from the church to the loved one of the deceased person.

Home Touch Newsletter & the former Daffodil Days-Patti DiDomenico & Jean Kanouff

A newsletter is mailed to shut ins at various times throughout the year. Daffodil Days has been replaced by the sending of Easter cards to people with health issues-to be determined yearly.

N.O.W. (Nurture/Outreach/Witness) Ministry – Diane B & Marie W

A gift is given to members when they have a significant event to celebrate. Examples include: birth of a baby, graduation, marriage, shower, or anything else determined to be significant.

Prayer Baskets Ministry-Sylvia R

When someone experiences a significant health event (surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, etc.), a prayer basket is created and a list of prayers for the particular person is created. The prayer list is given to TTUMC members to pray daily for two weeks after the basket has been delivered.

Prayer Chain Ministry- email – Karen R

A group of prayer warriors prays for the needs of others. The needs are sent by email to those people wanting to pray for others. The list is updated frequently and sent via email.

Prayer Shawls Ministry– Pat B

Prayer shawls are crocheted and sent either in a prayer basket or delivered separately. They are sent out when a specific need is determined.

Shepherd's Ministry - Cheryl L

A group dedicated to sending cards to people with long term needs. An assignment is created every three months, and this group sends cards to their assigned person. They also send cards to others they feel led to include. The coordinator of this ministry also writes monthly Tidings articles. Tidings articles are also requested from others and have included tributes to a deceased person.

Teddy Bear Ministry – Marie W & Kathi B

Teddy bears are sent, either in a prayer basket or separately, to those people who are experiencing significant health issues. This may include: hospitalizations, chemotherapy, surgeries, radiation therapy, etc.

W.O.W. (Women of Wisdom) Ministry – Diane B & Patti D

This group meets monthly to enjoy fellowship & create gifts for other ministries.

OUTREACH AND MISSIONS COUNCIL - Areas of ministry

Spring, 2024

Angel Tree – Diane B

During Advent, a Christmas tree is placed in the narthex and hung with paper angels. The angels list items to be bought for people in need for Christmas. People take an angel, buy and wrap the listed item and return it to church to be delivered to the recipients. In the past, the organizations we have worked with have been Sojourner House, Young Lives, or similar organizations.

Blanket -making for homeless shelters

WOW (Women of Wisdom) use a few of the meetings to make knotted fleece blankets for the local homeless shelters in Pittsburgh.

The Blessing Board – Leslie C and Sylvia R

Collections of household items that are given free to those in need; donations taken to The Blessing Board location in Shaler.

Christmas Alternative Giving Program – Sylvia R

Each December, eight to nine mission organizations are chosen for people to donate to as a way to give with purpose at Christmastime. The organizations are divided between local, national, and international organizations (we try to use United Methodist Advance organizations for national and international giving). Donations are collected through Christmas.

Clothing Collection for Mission Partners – the congregation

Donations of clothing and shoes are put in the blue bin in the parking lot. These items are reused instead of being part of the waste stream. The church receives money per pound of donated items.

Dressember Foundation – Jenn J and Karen R

A few persons in our congregation do the Dressember fundraiser project of wearing a dress or a tie every day in December which people pledge to support their efforts.

Eyeglasses – Leslie C

Collection of unneeded eyeglasses; donated to Lions Club or Verona Eye Care in Verona, who can get them to those in need

Fair trade focus – Karen R

Fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate is always available for purchase in the narthex. In October, an in-person and online sale of items from Ten Thousand Villages is offered. The church receives 15% of sales, which is then sent to groups involved in anti-human trafficking work.

Military Connections – the congregation

Collections of items for Christmas stockings and Easter eggs for the active military. Donations taken to Summer Tissue

The Mission Barn – Sylvia R

An UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) depot for items used for disaster relief. Our church occasionally collects items for flood buckets, hygiene kits, or school kits which are taken to the Mission Barn.

Penn Hills Service Association – Joe M

Collection of items for food distribution; taken to PHSA building on Universal Road

As of 4-14-24

Periodic collections – the congregation

At various times of the year, (Lent, summer, Thanksgiving), we choose an organization to collect donations for. These groups include: Light of Life Rescue Mission, Knead Community Café, Rosedale Food Pantry, Sojourner House

Purse and Tote Bag Ministry – Karen R

The Mission & Outreach team at Trinity Tower collects gently used purses and cloth tote bags and packs them with toiletries. We include items such as toothbrushes & toothpaste, shampoo, soap, hand sanitizer, and tissues. Once filled, we deliver them to the needy in the Pittsburgh area. We distribute purses and bags to women's homeless shelters, Gwen's Girls, St. Joseph House of Hospitality, and to veterans through Goodwill. Last year, we gave away over 200 purses & tote bags.

Ronald McDonald House, Pittsburgh – Leslie C

Pop can tabs collected at church and taken to collection site in Plum.

Sock Hop –the congregation

Annual fundraiser for the Missions and Outreach budget. A collective effort by the church congregation to hold a car cruise with music, food and a gift basket/gift card auction at the end of July.

Urban Impact – Laura M

Collections of bottles of water and snacks for the Summer Day Camp program; staff person Laura Maffeo comes to the church to collect the donations.