

FCC Community Ministry Team Report to the Board
4th Quarter 2020
Submitted January 12, 2021

Current CMT Members:

Co-Chairs: Nancy Hayner & Kerry Crow

Ministry Representatives: **SIB/DFH:** Conrad Tjemsland **HH:** Sharon Warner, Eliza Roaringsprings, Rex Bradley (inactive) **IFS:** Jean Kozlowski

GSM: Chuck Sturms

At Large: Evelyn Anderton; Glenn McKerrow

Minister Jerri Handy

The CMT is consistently well attended and meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month via ZOOM. COVID-19 pandemic continues to significantly impact community ministry services as typically provided and we continue to consider new ways to provide these services.

- **CMT composition, members, changes**
 - Glenn McKerrow has recently re-joined the CMT in an At-Large capacity; and Eliza Roaringsprings has returned as well.
- **Interfaith Food Hub (IFH)**
 - Food and supplies for the Food Hub food have come from Food for Lane County (FFLC) as well as from IFH grants and donations that have been received to date. FFLC has provided extra ingredients for sandwich prep as well as a commercial kitchen for preparing sandwich fillings and baking cookies since April. This will end on January 15 due to recent changes at FFLC. The IFH continues to distribute sandwich lunches a 3 times per week to seven sites in Eugene and Springfield. Over the past quarter, 96 volunteers have donated 1133 volunteer hours and prepared 7659 meals to serve.
 - Current restrictions on building use, coupled with recent plumbing issues, have resulted in ongoing disruptions and frustrations. It has also become clear that the FCC kitchen is not able to support the wear & tear of feeding large numbers of people and does not have an adequate hood to allow the IFH to use of the stove for regular food prep in its current state. Additionally, fire regulations will not allow FCC to serve large groups of the public in the future without very costly and significant modifications to the building. Therefore, the CMT has concluded that the IFH, formerly Interfaith Sunday Breakfast, should transition to a new model whereby FCC hands off both hosting and primary sponsorship to the participating faith communities to be led by the Interfaith Food Hub Leadership Team. The IFH Team is currently working out the details of the transition. FCC will continue to be a participating and contributing member of this food ministry. As an interim step, the IFH will soon move their sandwich-making operation to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, which has graciously opened their licensed kitchen as a short-term solution while a longer-term one is found.
 - The interfaith community currently involved in the IFH are: Temple Beth Israel, First Congregational Church, Church of the Resurrection, Sikh community, and First Christian Church.
 - Kerry Crow, Jerri Handy, and Conrad Tjemsland have been sitting on the Interfaith Food Hub Leadership Team as the FCC/CMT representatives.
 - Conrad Tjemsland has served on a volunteer basis as IFH Coordinator since Mary Leighton resigned in November. He has agreed to serve in this role through February, when he will cut back to volunteer.

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- **Good Samaritan Ministry**
 - The Good Samaritan Ministry has not yet been successful in establishing a system for offering no-contact services to people who call in to the church for assistance. Ideas continue to be explored.
- **Helping Hands**
 - Helping Hands has been fulfilling their ministry to the unhoused community in the weekly distribution of warm clothing and blankets/sleeping bags to three community agencies that serve the homeless. These are White Bird, HIV Alliance, and Alternative Care. Each agency has expressed their ongoing gratitude.
 - With the recent resignation of Richard Murray as the Helping Hands lead, Sharon Warner and HH volunteers are in the process of reassessing and making changes necessary to support this ministry.
 - HH has responded to requirements by the Executive Team to move out-of-season clothing items to out of the building storage, and to reorganize and store items in such a manner as to align with fire safety regulations more closely.
- **Food Drive**
 - A successful no-contact food & clothing drive was held in December, with 30 households participating and 6 FCC members volunteering to serve as drivers to pick up the donations. This netted about 770 pounds of food from FCC congregants that was delivered to Food for Lane County, as well as warm clothing items for the Helping Hands Room.

Respectfully Submitted by

Nancy Hayner and Kerry Crow, Co-chairs