

FCC Community Ministry Team Report to the Board

1st Quarter 2021

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by Nancy Hayner, Chair

Current CMT Members:

Chair: Nancy Hayner; **Ministry Representatives IFH:** Glenn McKerrow **HH:** Sharon Warner, Eliza Roaringsprings,) **IFS:** Jean Kozlowski; **GSM:** Chuck Sturms ; **At Large:** Evelyn Anderton; Conrad Tjemsland ; **Minister** Jerri Handy

The CMT is consistently well attended and now meets 3rd Thursday each month via ZOOM.

- **CMT composition, members, changes**
 - Conrad Tjemsland has moved to an At-Large member of CMT, and Glenn McKerrow is the IFH representative. Kerry Crow resigned from the CMT in February.
- **Interfaith Family Shelter**
 - Jean Kozlowski and Connie Kennedy are coordinating our assigned week the end of April. FCC will provide the evening meal for 5 weekdays. Money from the IFH fund will be used to purchase prepared food to deliver to the site. Members of the congregation are being asked to provide deserts and drinks such as milk and juice.
- **Interfaith Food Hub (IFH)**
 - Glenn McKerrow now serves as the FCC representative to the Interfaith Food Hub partner team, replacing Conrad Tjemsland, who faithfully served the IFH as Coordinator from 11/20 – 3/21.
 - The IFH is functioning well and continues to serve +/- 2,200 sandwich meals each month.
 - St Mary's Episcopal Church, whose commercially licensed kitchen is now the site of the food preparation, has recently joined the IFH as a partner.
 - The First Congregational Church has assumed the financial management function.
 - The remainder of the funds that were collected specifically for the Food Hub in 2020 were recently released by the Community Ministries Team to the IFH. This amount was \$1,695.06.
- **Warm Clothing Drive**
 - A successful no-contact clothing drive was held on 2/26. We had a great response from the congregation, with 22 people plus 5 drivers having donated the equivalent of 35+ medium/large size bags of clothing and other items that have been put to good use during the cold weather
- **Good Samaritan Ministry**
 - While the GSM has not served people directly since the building was closed to the public due to COVID, Chuck Sturms has been available in an advisory/supportive capacity to assist church staff and elders who deal with calls that come in for assistance.
- **Helping Hands Ministry**
 - Helping Hands fulfills their ministry to the unhoused community in the 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.
- **Helping Hands/Good Samaritan Ministry Merger proposal**
 - Because HH and GS serve the same population and there is often overlap in needs of the folks who come in for assistance, the CMT is recommending that HH and GS join forces. This will consolidate these ministries into a single location in the basement and take it away from the church's administrative offices, leaving that area for church business. A separate proposal defines the CMT's request for Board discussion, feedback, and action. It accompanies this report.