

**FCC Community Ministry Team Report to the Board**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022**  
**Submitted July 5, 2022**

**Current CMT Members:**

**Chair:** Nancy Hayner

**Ministry Representatives IFH:** Glenn McKerrow, Conrad Tjemsland

**HH:** Sharon Warner, Chuck Sturms

**IFS:** Jean Kozlowski

**At Large:** Cheryl Moore, Lisa Landers

**Minister** April Oristano

The CMT now meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. This report is a combined 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report.

- **Composition, members, changes**

- We have recently welcomed Cheryl Moore and Lisa Landers to the Team.

- **Interfaith Food Hub (IFH)**

- The IFH now prepares and distributes approximately 4,500 sandwich meals to 9 community agencies and services each month to feed our unhoused neighbors. This is an increase of about 1000 sandwich meals from prior months. Over 40 IFH volunteers from other congregations and the community give more than 350 hours a month to prepare the food, plus about 100 hours for planning, shopping, and coordinating the volunteers. Mary Leighton continues to serve as IFH Coordinator.
- Glenn McKerrow represents FCC on the IFH Leadership Team and a number of FCC members faithfully volunteer in various roles to support IFH activities. These include: purchasing food and supplies; leading and serving on sandwich making teams; and scheduling and tracking the many volunteers who prepare the sandwich lunches.
- FCC, using CMT funds, continues to contribute \$600 per quarter to the IFH towards covering costs of food and supplies.
- The sandwich prep portion of the IFH operation is done M-W-F at the FCC kitchen while the cooking portion of the preparation is done at Mary's Episcopal Church kitchen. FCC provides any necessary janitorial services related to work done in our building.

- **Helping Hearts Ministry (HH)**

- Helping Hearts continues to appreciate the openness of the Parlor area in serving the 45-65 individuals who come each time the HH resource room is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-2 pm. Sharon Warner and Chuck Sturms serve as leads for this ministry with the assistance of about 10 other volunteers.
- While we are blessed with a number of very faithful volunteers, we continue to be in need of additional volunteers both for sorting clothes and for staffing the HH Resource Room when it is open.

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- We appreciate that church leadership responded to our pleas to be allowed to keep the clothing racks in place in the Parlor unless it is scheduled to be used by other groups, in which case the racks are removed from the Parlor. At this time, they are cleared out once a week on Thursdays.
- The Eugene Mission is our primary source of clothing to distribute and are a very valuable partner in this ministry. We are working through the bins of summer & lightweight clothing that had been stored in the church cargo trailer out in the parking lot. We continue to use our donated funds to purchase items to supplement donations.
- **Interfaith Family Shelter**
  - The Interfaith Family Shelter as we have known it for over 30 years has transitioned to a new model. Rather than to be housed in different church buildings, St Vincent's now operates it out of a former church building that has been remodeled to shelter families. They have hired a cook to manage all food prep and do not need food to be provided by community churches. Therefore, since we are no longer needed for the Interfaith Family Shelter, CMT is in the process of exploring potential alternatives for this ministry for the future.
- **CMT Policy**
  - Community Ministries has implemented some very significant changes over the past 2 ½ years in response to: 1) COVID-19 restrictions; 2) the need to meet Fire Code requirements in our Kitchen & dining room; 3) aging plumbing that limits kitchen use; 4) community agency changes; and 5) an aging and limited volunteer base. As a result, much of the CMT policy that was approved in 2019 is no longer relevant and the CMT is in the process of rewriting the entire policy to reflect our community ministries more accurately.

Respectfully Submitted by

Nancy Hayner, CMT Chair