

2017 Circles of Care Ministries Report

“Outreach and Justice”

We thank God for those who have been engaged in Circles of Care ministries and decision making. They include:

Joanna Begin, Virginia Berthiaume, Brenda Briggs, Charlene Carle, Branwen Cook, Amanda Coughlin, Fraelean Curtis, Wanda DeCosta, Debbie DiSciullo, Joanne Harris, Carol Luongo, Ose Manheim, Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade, Anita Nackel, Bruce Roberts, Julie Roberts, James Silva, Carvina Williams, Kathy Williams

Circles of Care Ministries

Medford Cares

- Currently has seven trained Care Agents successfully assigned to spread love and care to four Care Recipients.. The agents include: Julie Roberts, Charlene Carle, Sheida Carroll, Daphna Edgar, Branwen Cook, Gini Berthiaume, Valerie Washburn-Geiselman, Kathy Williams, Fraelean Curtis
- Sanctuary participated in Medford MLK, Jr. event with table at which we recruited 6 additional volunteers for service; Medford Cares will be a key priority in 2018 with a plan to begin second training series in February, 2018 and recruit additional care agents and care recipients.
- Medford Care team now meets monthly on the on First Wednesday of the month, at 7 pm.

Lakota Youth Stay – Please see separate report from the ministry team

Bread of Life - We have begun to be more deliberate in recruiting new people to this every other month (2nd Thursday, even numbered months) which has re-energized this ministry.

Outdoor Church Sandwiches – this ministry is lovingly implemented by a small group of people on the 5th Sunday of the month. In 2018 we will continue to discern if this is a ministry to continue.

Donations and Discretionary Grants

In 2017 Sanctuary’s Circles of Care Ministry distributed discretionary gifts and donations as follows:

- I. Pleasant Street Grant (2016 year-end balance is \$ 8554.16) Issue payments from CCWM Account #7304 - 2017 \$ 914.96 spent, 100.00 pending = total approx. 1015.00; leaving approximately \$ 7539.16).
 - a. 600.00 issued to BOL (Jan – Dec; 6 meals)
 - b. 14.96 Advert for BOL Volunteers
 - c. 300.02 Outdoor Church (Jan – Jul, 3 Sandwich meals)

- d. Pending Outdoor Church (Dec 31, 1 Sanc. Meal @ approx. 100.00)
- II. #7101-D2 - 22017 Discretionary Community Grants (budget amount 1134.63)
 - a. 750.00 issued
 - i. 250.00 Medford Overcoming Addiction
 - ii. 200.00 to Sisters Brother's Keeper for coats
 - iii. 100.00 to Sister Brother's Keeper for DD Gift Cards
 - iv. 200.00 to Gift Cards for Medford Housing Xmas Gifts
- III. # 7305 – Other Community Partnerships (Collected via FlipCause into CCWM Account #2305 Revenue and passed through)
 - a. 175.00 (Donations – turned into Gift Cards)
 - b. 150.00 Value - (5) GIFTS valued at 25.00; \$ 25.00 Gift Card
- IV. #7101-D4 Designated Denominational Giving (budget amount is 972.54) Voted to issue payment to UCC across the UCC Special Collections to make us a 5 for 5 church! Will issue as follows:
 - a. One Great Hour of Sharing – 225.00
 - b. Neighbors In Need – 225.00
 - c. Strengthen the Church – 225.00
 - d. Christmas Fund – 225.00
 - e. Disaster Relief Puerto Rico- 72.54
- V. 500.00 to Disaster Relief Puerto Rico – via UCC and 200.00 to Medford Family Network with the hope that it will support immigrant families;
- VI. 7101-D3 Minister's Discretionary Fund (budget amount 1134.63) to replenish Stops and Shop, Charlie and small denomination DD Cards. WMO issued as above.
 - a. 7101-D2 – 384.63 to Disaster Relief Puerto Rico – via UCC
 - b. 7101-D3 --- 42.83 to Disaster Relief Puerto Rico – via UCC
 - c. 7101-D3 – 200.00 to Medford Family Network
 - d. Balance of 7101-D3 to respond to families in need for Christmas and purchase cards per above (up to 891.80).

The cards that have been made available by this ministry are a huge blessing – we are able to confidentially serve and care for people in need and the blessings abound.