

PATHWAY TO PURPOSE NEWSLETTER

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P2P Missions Subcommittee

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We are called by God to serve him by serving others. In February, a new Mission Committee was established with the goal of planning mission projects for St. John's Grace UCC. The members of the mission committee are Charlene Mowery, Connie Heasley, Krista Bayne, Tina Hamilton and George Knoerlein. The mission committee met by zoom on February 21, 2023 to look at previous mission projects that we have participated in and to look at planning for future mission projects.

On a monthly basis St. John's Grace gives \$100.00 per month to Cornerstone Community Housing and Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA). In addition, we also give \$800.00 a month to Our Church's Wider Mission. This helps us to provide ongoing support to these very important organizations. The mission project that we focused on in March was One Great Hour of Sharing. We provided two mission moments during Sunday worship and the collection for One Great Hour of Sharing was held on March 19th. The total amount collected for this mission was \$945.00.

In April, the mission project that we are focusing on is food collection for CEA. The recommended food item that we want people to bring in is pasta items. It can be boxed or bag pasta items and if you prefer to bring something other than pasta items in that is also fine. The deadline to bring in the food items will be May 7th. If members of the congregation would prefer to contribute money instead of bringing in the items, they can do so by giving it to Connie Heasley or giving it to the church and indicate that it is for CEA.

Some future mission projects that are still in the planning stages are a hygiene product collection for the Children's Home in Catonsville and school supply collection for a local Catonsville school. There will also be future opportunities to give to CEA which may include a hands-on opportunity to help CEA move into their new space. More information will be provided once these projects are finalized. In addition to planned mission projects, we also want to be available to provide assistance as needs arise. If you become aware of a person, family or organization that faces a tragedy or crisis, please let someone on the mission committee know about this need and we will determine if this is something with which we can help.

The next Mission Committee meeting will be by zoom on April 18th at 6:30pm. Thank you for the support you have given to previous mission projects and thank you in advance for your support to future mission projects.

CEA - FOOD OF THE MONTH

Let's support CEA in April with PASTA!

All kinds of pasta: macaroni, spaghetti, penne, shells, rotini, rigatoni, bowties ... and you know there are more and all are needed at CEA.

As always, CEA welcomes ANY food, at any time!



St. John’s Grace Pathway to Purpose: VISION, PURPOSE, AND MISSION

What is our goal? **A legacy of Christ’s love and justice.**
This is our vision.

Why? **We are called by God’s love.**
This is our purpose.

How do we reach our goal? **Seek God. Listen. Love. Do.**
This is our mission. Details of our mission are as follows:

Seek God.

God is our rock.

- Ask for God’s guidance.
- Pray
- Worship
- Study.

Listen.

God is still speaking.

- Be open to hearing what God has to say.
- Work to discern what God is telling us.

Love.

God is love.

- Love God in return
- Love ourselves
- Love all people – in our congregation, in our community and in our world.
- Love God’s creation

Do.

God asks us to put our faith into action.

- Welcome all
- Seek justice for all
- Determine community needs
- Be good stewards of the earth’s resources for present and future generations
- Serve others
- Teach
- Spread God’s love



YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group, open to Middle and High School students, meets every Sunday from 10AM to 11AM in the parlor prior to worship.

Donations Needed for Feeding the Homeless on 3rd Sunday of month: See the sign-up sheet and donation tub in the narthex to help supply the items needed to provide meals to the homeless, delivered by the youth group. Various foods and drinks are needed to make up the 50 food bags that are delivered by the youth. Items needed: bread, cheese, fruit, chips, etc.

Please sign up for what you want to donate so that we end up with enough of each item.

Next Delivery date is Sunday, April 16th

Meals are prepared at 10AM in the Mission Room,
then meet at 6PM in the parking lot for delivery.

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