

## Community Service Team - Annual Report 2020-2021

**Team Co-chairs:** Alison Armstrong and Pauletta Copenheaver; **Team Members:** the membership is somewhat fluid, usually numbering 10-12 attending the meetings, with a list serv of approximately 20 people.

**Purpose of the Team:** Support a variety of local social action activities in which congregational members, with a broad range of available time, skill levels, and age differences can find ways to become involved.

### **Achievements:**

*Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Team members were not able to continue many of the regular activities. Those indicated with a \* ceased the activities since March 2020*

- Participation in Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry – a few UUC members alternate assisting one day per week bagging food for client food pick up – coordinated by Crosby Houston. Monthly delivery of approximately \$30 worth of food donated by congregants.
- \*Plans cancelled for participation in the Blacksburg Habitat for Humanity build.
- Sponsorship of Adopt-a-Highway pick-up days – coordinated by Bob Stimson.
- Participation in To Our House – coordinated by Kimberley Homer, John Kelso, and Joe Powers.
- \*Continuation of tab top collection for Roanoke Ronald McDonald House
- \*Collecting writing implements to be recycled.
- \*Support of RE programs social action projects - Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry; MC Christmas Store; Humane Society of MC.
- \*Continuation of UUC members/friends leading monthly bingo games for the residents of Fairview Home in Dublin, VA.- coordinated by Pauletta Copenheaver
- April 2021 resumed monthly donation and delivery of treats for the children sheltered by the Women’s Resource Center- coordinated by Mary Virginia Woods.

**Lessons Learned:** It is very difficult to continue many CST activities during a pandemic

**Expenses for the year to date:** Requested \$250.00 – donated \$250.00 to VICPP for UUC annual dues/donation.

**How does the committee work to further our mission and vision?** The CST supports our UUC **Mission** by fostering compassion through our activities and serving as role models for our UUC children, and transforms the community and beyond through courageous love through our projects; we support our UUC **Vision** by joining with other faiths to work for just causes with TOH and Food Pantry, and practice generosity through our work on the CST activities

### **Goals for the coming year:**

- Resume supporting local and interfaith social action activities in which UUC members/friends are involved when it is safe to do so
- Provide a range of activities and develop new ones to meet a variety of interests
- Work closely with RE program in planning/implementing social action projects when RE resumes sponsoring projects
- Increase the CST ways of informing congregants of various activities and projects