

Community Service Team - Annual Report 2021-2022

Team Co-chairs: Alison Armstrong and Pauletta Copenheaver; **Team Members:** the membership is somewhat fluid, usually numbering 8-10 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: resumed monthly UUC volunteers -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
- Continued monthly donation and delivery of treats for the children sheltered by the Women's Resource Center; assisted with UUC adoption of two families in WRC Adopt-A-Family holiday presents - coordinated by Mary Virginia Woods.

Lessons Learned: As the pandemic shifts to an epidemic, CST is gradually resuming most of its activities.

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:

- Continue 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