

Episcopal City Mission: Cookie Shower—NO; Composition Books—YES!

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) is a chaplaincy to young people in detention in the City and County of St. Louis. For more than 20 years, Trinity Church in St. Charles has supported ECM in various ways, most notably by providing dozens--65 - 80 dozen--of homemade cookies for the Chaplains to distribute to the young people as special treats. In 2021, however, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable to make and deliver cookies to ECM. (We were unable to do so in 2020, as well.)

Activity in 2021:

As a congregation, we had one project for ECM in 2021, collecting composition books. Composition books have no wire binding the pages, so they are approved for use in detention. The young people meet regularly in groups and as individuals with ECM Chaplains. The Chaplains distribute composition books to the young people for journaling and drawing as a means of reflecting on their situation, expressing emotions, and considering new possibilities for their lives. Members of Trinity Church generously donated 60 composition books for ECM.

Plans for 2022: Reorganizing our efforts for serving Episcopal City Mission with gift cards, composition books, the invitation to chaplains to preach and lead the Sunday Forum--and, we hope--the opportunity to make and deliver dozens of homemade cookies for the young people in detention to enjoy.



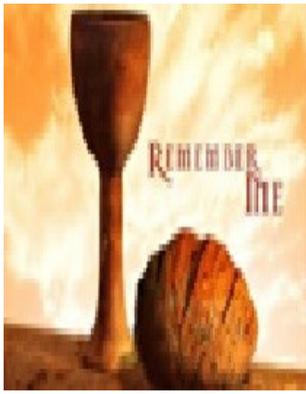
Laundry Love

Chairperson: None in 2021 (Inactive in 2021 as a Team); **2020 Chair:** Bill Cramer

Laundry Love is a shared ministry of the Church of the Transfiguration in Lake St. Louis and Trinity Church in St. Charles to our unhoused neighbors and others who need help with the costs of using a laundromat. By January 2020, our shared laundry ministry had expanded from one Tuesday each month in St. Charles, to the second, third, and fourth Tuesdays one in O'Fallon, one in Lake St. Louis, and one in Wentzville.

Bill Cramer and Warlene Reed were the stalwart volunteers on First Tuesdays in St. Charles, along with the Transfiguration Laundry Love coordinator, who spent every Tuesday evening in one of the four locations. With grant money from the Diocesan Community Ministry Fund and donations of cash and products from both parishes and the diocesan Episcopal Church Women's Board, Laundry Love provided detergent, bleach, non-bleach stain removers, dryer sheets, money and tokens for the washing machines and dryers, as well as prayer, conversation, and snacks with a variety of people in the laundromat from 2016 until we suspended the program in February 2020, due to COVID-19.

Activity in 2021: Although we had intended to start up again this past summer, Laundry Love remained suspended for all of 2021. In October 2021, the Rev. Lu-Anne Conner asked if we at Trinity Church were willing to reopen in just one locations—StarCrest Laundry and Dry Cleaning in St. Charles. We have yet to respond to her with a plan.



LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Purpose of this ministry: The Ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) is to take the Sacraments of Holy Communion to parishioners who are ill or unable to attend Church. This Ministry brings the Church directly into the person's home, hospital, or nursing home, thereby keeping them in close contact with God and the Church Community. Following the prayerbook instructions for Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, LEVs provide a bulletin, read the Gospel, pray with the recipient, and provide Communion on the same day as the service from which the LEV is sent.

"In the Name of Trinity Church, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are One Body, because we share One Bread and One Cup."

Chairperson: Betty Bowen

Eucharistic Visitors: Lori Cooper, Susan Goddard, Nancy Noel, Judy Hodge, Helen Becker, Jennifer Bax, and Millie Oberlin.

Activity completed in 2021: Due to the Corona Virus we were unable to take The Eucharist to any of our homebound parishioners for the first six months of this year. In the meantime we continued to pray for these parishioners in our weekly Service. In July we were able to start visiting our Homebound Parishioners again, and The Rev. Richard Tudor trained four new people for this Ministry: namely, Helen Becker, Jennifer Bax, Millie Oberlin, and Angela Ferree. (Angela did her Deacon Formation at Trinity this year.) After this training we were able to take the Eucharist to most of our homebound parishioners.

Anticipated activity for 2022: We are hoping that with the decrease in numbers of the Covid-19 Virus, we will be able again to take the Eucharist to our parishioners who are not able to come to Worship so that we can continue this important Ministry.



MARTHA GUILD

Purpose of Ministry The Martha Guild is a ministry of Trinity Church that provides assistance in times of congregational need. The primary work of the Martha Guild is to organize and cater funeral receptions in our building.

Chairpersons: Jane Culligan & Betty Bower

Members:

Team 1 – Jane Culligan, Donna Osiecki, Ellen Sundermeyer, Marty Neuman and Susan Goddard.

Team 2 - Betty Bowen, Val Lanning, Marge Heim, Babs Kehl-Fairchild, Carolyn Hackman.

Floater – Jo Anne Harris, Avril Arthurton-Brudy and Barbara Oldin.

Activity in 2021:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions for distance and serving food, we were not allowed to cater receptions for any funerals this year.

Plans for 2022

Until we are allowed to meet in the Church and are able to serve food for Funeral Receptions, this Ministry will be on hold; however, anyone interested in being on a Team please see Jane or Betty – the more people we have to help the easier the work becomes. With extra help, it is easy to divide the work for set up, food preparation, serving, and clean up.



HEALING MINISTRY

Chairperson: Betty Bowen

Members: Tamsen, Lori Cooper

The Healing Ministry is a sacred trust given by God to the Church to care for those who are broken in body, mind and spirit. The Love of God underlies all aspects of this Ministry, and God is the ultimate source of all healing. This is a Ministry of Presence and Grace, with the most important thing being to communicate God’s Loving Presence to all people. As part of regular worship most Second Sundays, people are invited up to the Altar to receive the Anointing with oil, the laying on of hands, and a prayer.

Each year on a Sunday during the Season of Advent, we offer *A Service of Solace and Healing* as part of our morning worship. We invite members of the congregation to come forward to light a candle (or candles) for loved ones who have passed on to God’s Heavenly Kingdom.

Following the candle-lighting and prayers for healing, we invite all who are present to come forward for prayer and anointing..

Activity in 2021: We continued to pray for those who needed Healing on the second Sunday of each month, either online or as a group in church. In October, because the numbers for Covid-19 started to go down, we resumed the laying on of hands and anointing those who came forward for a Healing Prayer. We also offered the Service of Solace and Healing on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec 19.

Anticipated activity in 2022: We will be able to continue to offer a Healing Service on the second Sunday of each month, both in person and online. and hopefully be able to prepare a few more people for this Ministry. If you feel called to share in the Healing Ministry, please contact Betty Bowen.

SHARE-A-MEAL (SHARING MEALS)

Purpose of this Ministry: Substantial lunches are served every Saturday at St John United Church of Christ on Fifth Street, St Charles to unhoused neighbors, anyone who might be a little short of food at home, and anyone who simply wants to share in a meal with other human beings. Four other area Churches take turns working each Saturday of the month. Trinity serves lunch on Fifth Saturdays; we therefore serve four Saturdays each year. We plan, shop and prepare the food to serve whoever comes for lunch, no questions asked. Trinity Church teams use money for the purchase of food and from the George & Ruby Quarterman Memorial Fund, for which we are very grateful.



Chairpersons: Avril Arthurton-Brudy, Jane Culligan /Betty Bowen

Members: **Team 1** – Avril Arthurton-Brudy, Benisha Brudy, Jay Lee, Lucinda Dennis-Itoka and Patrice Itoka, Jo Anne Harris, Xiaodong Shi, and Barbara Oldin.

Team 2 – Jane & Larry Culligan, Betty Bowen, Donna Osiecki, and Claudia Cates

Activity in 2021:

When it was apparent that our Churches were not to meet in person due to COVID-19, St John UCC continued to serve meals to the hungry each week, but there was a change in how the lunches were served. The Team assembled To-Go boxes of lunch, a bottle of water and some kind of fruit which were placed in a bag and then placed on a table outside the building for the guest to pick up, one person at a time. Our guests were asked to wait around until 11.30 am and we offered them any boxes of lunch that had been prepared but not served.

We have noticed that the number of people coming by for lunch has been greatly reduced, from 35-40 to what has been most of 2021, between, 13-20 people. Sometime during the middle of this year, as soon as the numbers for Covid-19 started to go down, we started serving lunch in the Dining Room again, with four people spread out at each large table, and the food shared out in plates and taken to each person. Trinity Church Teams have been able to offer a full hot meal to the people who come for lunch, and we have been complimented on the tasty food we serve.

Anyone willing to serve in this Ministry should speak to Avril, Jane or Betty; we welcome new people!

Anticipated Activity in 2022: Both Teams will continue to do this Ministry on each Fifth Saturday as we fulfill the Mission of Christ, “...for when I was hungry you gave me food....” Matthew 25.34.