

## Social Ministry Committee Update – June 2020

**Covid-19: Members helping Members.** Would you like to help a member of our Congregation who is in need due to covid-19? Messiah is accepting donations specifically for that purpose. Please write “Discretionary fund - Covid 19” on your check, so it can be identified for that purpose. Thank you for supporting Messiah, as well as your continued support for the greater church body and the world during this global pandemic! ❤️

Due to covid-19, all of our originally planned events for May, June and July have been cancelled or postponed. We now have a new list of action items for June and July:

- ♥ **Call Messiah’s home bound** members to check-in and see how they are doing.
- ♥ **Deliver a plant and Card Crafter’s card to Messiah’s home bound** around Pentecost Sunday, May 31. Due to covid-19, we will not be visiting with our members, just delivering the plants and cards outside each person’s door.
- ♥ **Create a covid-19 discretionary fund** to be used for Messiah members and the occasional nonmember in need due to covid-19.
- ♥ **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 14 at 5:00 pm using the Zoom online meeting software. Please contact Jill Snellman if you wish to join us. New members are always welcome!

Food distribution, donation, and volunteer information:

- ♥ **The Greater Cleveland Food Bank** has an interactive map of a current list of open hot meal sites and food pantries near Messiah. Please note you must register before attending a drive-thru food distribution: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/map>. To volunteer visit: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give-help/volunteer> Note: all volunteer shifts are currently cancelled, but this site is updated weekly. To donate visit: [greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give](https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give).
- ♥ **The Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC)** is open. Clients may pick up food and donations are being accepted. We ask you to please continue collecting items for Messiah’s Lenten Food Drive at home and drop them off at church when Messiah reopens. Delivery to the HEFC will resume after the church reopens.
- ♥ **Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry’s Men’s Shelter** is the largest men’s shelter in the state of Ohio. If you would like to contribute during this covid-19 time, they are gratefully accepting pre-packaged meals or meal sponsorships at the Men’s Shelter at 2100 Lakeside. Please contact Lydia Bailey, Volunteer Coordinator at the Men’s Shelter, 216.566.0047, for more info. To donate visit: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=581a81>