

## Social Ministry Committee Update – March 2021

Our Committee is meeting monthly via Zoom. Our next Zoom meeting is Thursday March 11 at 7:30 pm. Contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join us. New members are always welcome!

- ♥ Ten colored copies of Messiah's covid cookbook were printed, bound, and delivered to the cookbook contributors who are not computer savvy. Positive feedback has been received on the covid cookbook project. Donations may be forthcoming for the cookbook.
- ♥ Messiah's homebound members received a box of Divine chocolate hearts and a valentine card on February 13-14.
- ♥ If there is a Park & Pray worship service on March 28, (Palm Sunday), we are tentatively planning a Lenten food drive on that Sunday for the food pantry at Tri-C East campus. The food pantry administrator was very thankful for our Thanksgiving donations last year.
- ♥ We are planning to make an Easter delivery to the homebound.
- ♥ Due to covid-19, all of our regularly scheduled activities are on hold until further notice.

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> Donate online at: <http://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/Give>
- ♥ **The Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC)** is open. Clients may pick up food, but donations are not being accepted at this time due to the social distancing requirements in the building.
- ♥ **Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter** is the largest men's shelter in the state of Ohio. In kind donations are being accepted through Amazon Wish List: [click here](#) 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. To donate cash: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=581a81>

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."* — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.