

Social Ministry Committee Update – February 2021

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

- ♥ January 18 MLK Day of Service: Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's men's shelter at 2100 Lakeshore asked for donations of men's undershirts or underwear. Lynn made a delivery to the shelter which included new toothbrushes, toothpaste and misc. items.
- ♥ Our thoughts and prayers are with Drinda while she is at home recovering from covid. 🙏
- ♥ Jill will be printing a few hard colored copies of the cookbook for all the cookbook contributors who are not computer savvy.
- ♥ Karen is organizing a Valentine's card and Divine chocolate delivery to the homebound for Valentine's Day. Drinda is making and printing the custom cards.
- ♥ A Lenten Food Drive to benefit the Tri-C East campus (Lent is Feb 17-April 3) is being considered for March if there is a safe way to hold the collection. 🙏
- ♥ Due to covid-19, all of our regularly scheduled activities are on hold until further notice.
- ♥ Our 2021 calendar will be created at our February 11 meeting, when we hope to have a better idea of when the church will reopen and/or the Park and Pray worship services will resume.
- ♥ Karen and Jill will co-chair the Social Ministry Committee this year.

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> To donate visit: [greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give](https://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.