

Social Ministry Committee Update – November 2020

Our Committee is meeting monthly via Zoom. Our next Zoom meeting is Thurs. Nov. 12 at 7:30 pm. Contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join our Nov. meeting. New members are always welcome!

- ♥ Messiah's Congregational Cookbook Project is now underway. Jill will be contacting other committees for their input. Mary Lou Bregitzer, Pastor Paul and Kristy Bohinc are helping us with specific sections of the cookbook.
- ♥ The Thanksgiving Food Drive is now underway. Food donations are being collected on the Park and Pray Sundays, Oct 11, Oct 25 & Nov 8. Drop off your donations on Sunday, any time before the worship service. Delivery to the Tri-C East Campus will be on Thurs., Nov. 12.
- ♥ Divine chocolate advent calendars will be delivered to the homebound the week of Nov. 22. November 29 is the first day of advent.
- ♥ In December, with the uncertainty of covid-19 and Cleveland's cold snowy weather, we are tentatively planning to deliver a Christmas plant and card to Messiah's homebound.
- ♥ With covid-19, the following items are on hold: a Gods Work Our Hands project: the LWR personal care kits collection; the ELCA sanctuary denomination education campaign; and hosting a Hillcrest Interfaith Ministerial lunch.
- ♥ The main agenda items for our November 12 meeting:
 - Messiah's congregational cookbook
 - Advent calendar delivery to the homebound

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>