

Social Ministry Meeting October 29, 2007

Present: Debbie Huehn, Judy Corey, Lyn Reville, Karen White, Nancy Haelen, Pastor Paul, Leslie Schwartz, Carol Dittberner, Dick Campbell, Carol Galskoy, Mike Hermann

1 Women's Retreat: Six women attended the overnight retreat at the Abbey of the Genesee. Karen Ross led discussions on the topic of prayer. There were additional discussions about the importance of the retreat to build relationships among the women of the congregation. We have scheduled the next retreat for February 29 at the Abbey. We will explore having a day-long retreat in the fall.

2 Campus Ministry: Pastor Paul was part of a review team. Without funding changes, the ministry will run out of money at the end of 2008. Currently, 20-25 students attend Sunday pm. services with a dinner following. Bible studies are being led by students in the dorms.

Possible actions by our committee: Invite RIT students to:

- meet with our members during Sunday School hour
- share their campus experiences with our youth group
- share a meal with us

(Early in the school quarter would allow greater student participation)

3 Quilts of Valor: Thank you cards have been made by children during Sunday School. A card will be included with each quilt. If you would like to include a note, please give it to Debbie by Sunday.

4 School Supplies: 105 kits will be taken to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse by Karen and Gary Ross in November. There were additional school supplies that will be donated to Franklin.

5 Congregational Meeting/ Community Meal: January 27, 2008. There should be no conflict as the meal is served at 4 pm and the Congregational meeting should be over earlier in the afternoon. Karen White and Nancy Haelen will chaperone this first meal. Judy Corey will be the contact person (872-6181) for the host church. Also, we need to clean out the refrigerator prior to the first meal. Carol G. will write a memo for the bulletin to let kitchen-users know ahead of time.

6 Webster Council of Churches: We have been asked to provide 25 boxes of stuffing mix for Thanksgiving and 20 dozen cookies (store purchased) for Christmas. Carol G. will contact Barb for inclusion in the bulletin.

7 Shepherds: We need volunteers for July through December. Here are the volunteers for the first half of 2008:

- January: Carol Galskoy
- February: Carol Dittberner
- March: Lyn Reville
- April: Nancy Haelen
- May: Judy Corey
- June: Karen White

8 Memorial Garden: Barry Kachmaryk requested assistance from Social Ministry on a project to improve the garden. We agreed to urge members to support garden projects on an individual basis.

9 Mission Fair: We have been asked to create a display that illustrates the activities of this committee. We have photos from Quilts of Valor, Habitat for Humanity, the Women's Retreat, etc. Also, we have the Heifer quilt and prayer shawls to display. The display is to be set up on Saturday, Nov. 17. The Mission Fair is on Sunday, Nov. 18.

10 Mitten Tree: The tree will be displayed to collect hats, scarves and mittens starting the first weekend of December.

Next Meeting: November 26, 2008 @ 6:30PM Building Caring and Healthy Relationships, followed by our meeting at 7:30PM.

No meeting in December.

January 21, 2008 at 6:30 pm. One week earlier than normal (We will start early so that we can clean the Kitchen before the community meal).

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted
Carol Galskoy**