

Addendum to Leadership and Committee Reports

Caring Committee

The Caring Committee is the arm of the church that reaches out to those experiencing illness, bereavement or other crises, as well as celebrations such as graduations and birthdays. On behalf of the congregation, we send appropriate cards, and coordinate assistance from the congregation such as provision of meals, light housework or yard work, transportation, and hospital visits. We update the congregation on our activities with a monthly article in the In Touch newsletter. We also help with Inquirers Classes by providing presence and meals. Normally we have provided food and served at receptions following memorial services; however, these activities were restricted due to the pandemic. We also have adjunct committee members who have graciously provided meals for congregants who had bereavements or illnesses. Thanks to them for their help with this important service.

During this past year, First UU Caring Committee has been fortunate to have emergency funds to help some of our members and friends who experienced a crisis. This year, we became aware of congregants who had unusual needs, which we were able to meet due to the generous contributions we received. Also, we gave small amounts to people who came to the church seeking help with money for gas or groceries. Those contributions were truly gifts of caring for our members and friends.

As the Corona virus epidemic continued into 2021, the Board continued their request for the Caring Committee to regularly contact congregants to see if there were any needs we could help with. Several people assisted us with contacting active congregants, and in some cases, delivering needed items to them. Our thanks go to everyone who helped with that project.

Members of the Committee are LaRilla Combs and Jana Rambo, co-chairs, Anne Bailey, Jennifer Hess, Linda Jordan, Jayne Henry, Caroni Lombard, and Magda Garrett. If anyone is interested in joining us or participating in our work, please contact LaRilla or Jana. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month at the church. During the pandemic we met on Zoom. (Thanks to Celestra for setting up those meetings). If you would like to join us, please contact LaRilla or Jana.

Fundraising Committee

I am Vivien Minshull-Ford, Fundraising Committee co-coordinator with Marcia Ellsworth. You might think that this report would be the shortest one ever and you would be correct, since fundraising needs support from the church community and the general public, under quarantine and lockdown. We had to wait and see like everyone else. Marcia Ellsworth made

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attractive masks, which members of the congregation could buy or order for a donation to the church.

It wasn't until February this year that we could pull off anything like a team fundraiser but following strict Covid protocols. One of our main fundraisers has been the Valentine tea and just before the lockdown in March 2020, we had just had the event in the church. This year, we had a "drive through Valentine Tea". People could order boxes with Valentine treats for two, prepared and assembled in masks and gloves at home and in the church. The boxes were collected outside the church or delivered to homes or businesses on the Saturday before St. Valentine's Day and we sold all the boxes and made \$772, thanks to the support of congregational members and others.

Now the church is opening, we can start planning fundraising activities. What the fundraising team really needs are more members and ideas. If you would like to join us, call me at 316-683-9295 or catch me at church.