

Outreach Report
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LOCAL MISSION

The Brotherhood – Reported by Allan Willoughby

- Early in May, the Brotherhood sent a team of men to Grace Pointe to coordinate with Brad in the completion of renovations on a dock in preparation for upcoming camp events. Approximately 15 Brothers attended, completed the work and enjoyed a cook out and a well earned beer (or two). Food and beverages were provided by FISH. Grace Pointe is looking absolutely fantastic due to all the contributions received to help make the facility even better.
- We held our annual Retreat at Lake Logan the weekend of May 6-9. I believe that 27 men attended and enjoyed a wonderful program led by a relative newcomer to the church - John Blanch. We utilized the Living Conversations format to hold three different sessions on Saturday morning. Each Brother got to attend two sessions. The sessions were structured around our church, energy transition and stewardship and civic interaction. Les Hargrove, Mike Howard (another relative newcomer) and Greg O'Conner facilitated the sessions.
- The Brotherhood provided the manpower to assist in setup and teardown for the occasion of Father Pat and Sara-Scott's going away celebration.
- We also assisted Emily Rowcliffe in various components of setting up the community garden.
- Finally, John Robertson and his Smokin Brothers cooked tenderloins on Memorial Sunday and raised over \$500 for the Brotherhood outreach ministries.

Beloved Community – Community Garden – Emily Rowcliffe

- The groundbreaking event on May 22 was a success with close to 40 from the parish and one neighborhood family joining in to plant the garden.
- Thanks to Father Bo for his blessing and his rototilling skills!
- Volunteers watering every other day using the tap at Harley House.
- Several groups and individuals have contributed to the funds = Outreach/Community Garden. Check with Mark Medley about the balance.
- We are waiting for GiGi Logan's return and hope to engage the Youth in the project.
- The garden is growing!

Daughters of the King – Ellen Lovett

- No report at this time.

ECW – reported by Charlotte Wood

- ECW held our annual Auction May 14. It was a big success! We made \$2500, which gives us over \$3000 in our account to use for next year.
- UTO was a big success this year making \$1696.96.
- ECW donated \$300 for the purchase of the OWYL.
- In July, ECW will sponsor and provide a dinner party for the parents of children who are part of the non-profit, Joni's Kids.

- ECW continues their “Card Support Program” sending cards to ladies who are sick, grieving or just need encouragement. We want our Ascension ladies to know that we are there to support them!
- ECW has their new slate of officers and committee chairs in place. They are ready for September!
- ECW donated \$200 to the community garden in memory of Ralph Hilmer and attended the planting of the garden. Ed Lester, a good friend of Ralph Hilmer’s gave a special dedication of the wild flower part of the garden to Ralph!
- Green Magnet School end of the year party on May 14, was a huge success. We had a pizza party and Sarah Ringer played a Disney concert on her violin and talked to the children about the violin! They absolutely loved Sarah and the teachers raved about what a success it was.
- ECW discussed working with another school next year. Currently researching this possibility.

Family Promise – reported by Barbara Corey

- Ascension was very generous during our week of support to Family Promise. Not only did we deliver seven delicious evening meals but volunteers donated a number of gift cards to be used to buy breakfast and lunch supplies as well as other necessities. We also donated two sizes of diapers for the newborn guest and nursery water to mix with formula. Other items of need were also purchased and Marilyn Turner donated eight art bags for the Day Center children and Harley House guests. These each contain a set of 48 Crayola crayons, drawing pad and a small stuffed animal.
- The Golf Tournament was very successful and was supported by many members of Ascension both on the course and with checks. THANKS!
- The Night Without A Bed is our June event spotlighting what our families go through during their period of homelessness. We are asking Ascension supporters to support this event on Facebook if possible.
- John McDonald, an Ascension member, spent six years as a Family Promise employee working tirelessly to give families a chance to be successful. As of June 1 he is moving on to other interests but we appreciate the many years of service.
- A Family Promise committee is asking host congregations when they feel like they could again host the families in the churches. Our next scheduled week is in October.

FISH Pantry – reported by Jim Wright

- No report this month.
- Clay McManus, Bill Wood, and Amanda Rowcliffe will visit the Scott Avenue location at Jim Wright’s invitation.

Justice Knox – Ann O’Connor

- No report this month.

NEWCOMERS MINISTRY – reported by Karen McKinney

- A sub committee continues to meet with Olivia to work on the web site.
- Gift bags are now being given out.
- Karen will meet with Bo to discuss more about new comers soon.

YOUTH MISSION – GiGi Logan

- No report this month.

WORLD MISSION – reported by Amanda Rowcliffe

- Amanda shared news with various Outreach folks about an upcoming webinar hosted by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry “Repairing the Breach: Building Beloved Community through Welcome.”
- It is on Thursday, June 10 at 4pm, in advance of World Refugee Day June 20th
- Here is the link: <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/events/repairing-the-breach-building-beloved-community-through-welcome/>
- Bo Townsend is on the Board of Bridge Refugee Services here in Knoxville. He let Amanda know that Bridge is funded primarily through Episcopal Migration Ministries.
- Amanda will submit a brief article about the webinar, World Refugee Day, and an invitation to volunteer with Bridge Refugee Services.