

Service and Outreach Commission
August 4, 2021 Minutes

Secret Prayer Partner – Two adult responses, will contact previous adults and thank them and ask if they'd like to do it again/ call parents of previous child and see if they'd like to be part of it – Kim will do this

Yard Sale – check Soundings

Book Drive – started, donate lightly-used books for children in Soundings, already collected 12 books

Clothing Drive – many women's and men's clothes and getting some kid's clothes now too, Deacon Sue will have a volunteer sheet for people to sign up for sorting – Deacon Sue needs help setting up on that day and helping that day (11-3 is the main event) onsite and with clean up

Cookbook – 158 sold

Pantry on the Go – September 11

Blessing Box – very well used right now, still emptying almost overnight, there is an older ring camera – testing it currently, that will allow us to say how many come – we are also looking at a newer ring hardware but it is on its way, the homeless were the primary target and families in need – homeless seem to be 90% of our visitors

St. John's Shelter Update – going well, changed meetings to every other month, not as much need, changed the intake person

The Blessing Box is great but upset about the problems that are arising. Backpacks and other items are left on the property. This is a safety concern and there have been complaints about people not feeling safe. This has happened before. Concerns about safety and looking welcoming to new families – HARC meeting – September 14 so this can be done as a group of churches.

Washington County Goes Purple – take one lightbulb out of porch and make it purple