

**PLEASE NOTE:    NEXT MEETING - February 6, 6:30 PM**

**Present: Karin Delaney, Rev. Jeremiah, Thomas Thompson, Lisa Haines, Carol Morganti, Barry Wehrle, Phyllis Wehrle, Diane Mills, Julie Monroe**

Old and new members were introduced. December minutes were approved.

HNS UPDATE -Karin and Rev. Jeremiah updated the committee on the concerns about HNS (the faith-based language of the Board) and Angel House (poor management). We discussed the decision to not participate in the Angel House program at this time. We also agreed to discuss the status of our annual HNS food drive (May) at a later date. Lisa noted that a group may be presenting to City Council in the near future, Karin volunteered to participate.

One Community One Family update - 3 teams have successfully completed their 6 month sponsorship. All three families are in stable housing. A new team from FUMC will be trained on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that we do a Mission for Minute to educate the congregation about this successful new program.

Christmas Offering - Total offering was \$11,320. A check was issued to Pura Vita for Guatemala building supplies (\$4800). The balance will be divided between Mefors (Zimbabwe) and Community Kitchen.

- Info on Mefors: This couple, natives of Nigeria, have served as medical missionaries since Emmanuel received his degree in 1997. FUMC contributes \$2,500 annually. When Emmanuel & Florence were in Loveland this year, they told us of their Ministry of Giving program, which serves the poorest of the poor—primarily widows and widowers with no extended family that need medications daily and do not have a reliable food supply. In addition, Ministry of Giving helps these people replace their homes that have been destroyed by floods or wind storms with tiny houses. Emmanuel & Florence have been funding this program from their salaries. They estimate \$300 monthly is needed.

Food baskets & Angel Tree - We provided 70 gifts for children, and 42 food bags. We collected approximately \$5800 in cash donations, and spent approximately \$3000 in gift cards. After paying for groceries we will have over \$2000 surplus for next year.

Missionaries - We discussed the missionaries we support, Pewo, Burgerts and the Mefors. Checking into whether the Burgerts will be visiting this year.

TRUSCOTT Supply Drive - going on in the month of January. Laura Morgan will take the donations to Truscott at the end of the month. Lists of needed supplies are provided on the table, and cash donations are welcome. Anncts in the Profile and the Window.

Hospitality Hosting Dates - We will host on March 4. Karin will prepare a slide presentation to loop in Coy Hall and we'll set up an information table.

2018 mission ideas - We will be looking for new mission opportunities. Bring your ideas! Karin will check to see if we can get another slot at Community Kitchen. Discussion about better presenting to the congregation and the community what we do and how others can get involved. This will be a growth year for Missions to get better at communications. Tom Thompson talked about the importance of "closing the gap" and building relationships. Martha DiCiccio has written a great summary of 2017 that will go in the February Profile. Rev. Jeremiah talked about doing a shopping mini mall for families in need rather than the Angel Tree gifts. We'll keep this in mind when fall comes around.

List of Special offerings and dates - Human Relations Sunday is January 14. Martha DiCiccio has already written Profile and Window articles. Martha has graciously offered to continue this for all the special offering Sundays this year.