

Community Outreach Commission Report for Pastoral Council Meeting, November 2023

From PREPARES Ministry

The group planned a diaper drive during Advent on the theme “Baby Jesus Needs Swaddling Clothes.”

From Knights’ Council 7360 Meetings September 20th, October 18th

- The group purchased five boxes of coats for the local Coats for Kids program at \$1,350.62. The five boxes will be matched by another five from the Supreme Council.
- The group decided to donate \$500 each to St. Thomas More Center and Palouse Care Network.
- A \$500 scholarship will be given to each of two high school seniors from Sacred Heart graduating in 2022 and a \$1,000 scholarship will be given to a seminarian.

From Marketing Committee

Content for posting on our parish’s social media outlets can be sent via email or text to Meg Gollnick at gollnickm@gmail.com, 509-432-6736.

From Caritas Ministry

The following donation decisions were made in September and October:

- \$1,000 to Meg Gollnick’s program with the Pullman School District helping low-income children
- \$500 to I Believe, a local program that helps address mental health issues among youth to prevent suicide.
- \$1,000 to Doctors Without Borders for earthquake relief in Afghanistan.

From Social Justice Ministry Meeting October 25th

Disciples in Dialogue Series on Racism

The group began planning an event for the spring. Several local speakers will be contacted about presenting.

Laudato Si' Disciples Event November 8th

The group continued planning for former climate scientist Dr. Mark Wensnahan's visit to present and lead discussion on the questions "How do you cope with climate anxiety?" "Is it too late to do anything about climate change?" and "What do you say to someone who denies it exists?"

Community Connection

- "Happy Autumn" cards: 312 were distributed to Bishop Place, Pullman Cares (Avalon), Pioneer Square, Circles of Caring, Regency, and Sacred Heart Homebound in lieu of a Thanksgiving greeting.
- Christmas Greetings: Parishioners will be given an opportunity in early December to participate in making/decorating additional cards.

Family Promise

Items needed most are new pillows and hand soap. A list of other needs is in the church bulletin.

TREX

- The next bench is on the way.
- As of November 1st, TREX will give one bench for 1,000 pounds of plastic collected within one year, instead of for 500 pounds collected within six months.

Helping Hands

A parishioner was given 11 meals during October.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The group planned the drive for four weeks through November 11th. Flyers with a list of needed items are available at the church entrances. The group discussed purchasing and delivering turkeys.