

## Social Justice Ministry Meeting

March 20, 2024 Minutes

Opening Prayer: Christ Has No Body by Teresa of Avila was led by Francy,

People Attending: Tim Paulitz; Bill Engels; Jessica Cassleman; Francy Pavlas Bose

### Prayer Bread and Soup

- Was sponsored by the Social Justice Ministry on March 6.
- Bill Engels and Tim Paulitz led the Stations of the Cross following the booklet from Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Six soups and four sets of rolls or bread were provided by seven parishioners.
- Donation were collected for Sojourner's Alliance Homeless Shelter in the amount of \$120
  - Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a successful and prayerful evening including the parishioners who helped set up and clean-up for the evening.

Food Needs Collection: Lenten Food Drive for Pullman Food Bank (Pullman Child Welfare)

- Excellent parish-wide support
- As of the fourth week; 771 pounds of food needs were donated.
- Many thanks to everyone who contributed each week.
- Look for the total collection in the bulletin, including the final week 's donations

Food Donations for the Community Action Food Band and Family Promise will resume during April.

- Community Action Center
  - Canned Meat, except salmon; Jams; Pasta; Canned Soups; Baby Foods; Toilet Paper; Shampoo; Bar Soap
  - Chickpea: canned or dried;
  - -stable milk: almond; soy; oat;
  - Flour; sugar
  - Tahini paste
  - Dates
  - Pasta
  - Canned Meat: tuna; spam; chicken
- Family Promise
  - Laundry Soap
  - Toilet Paper
  - Cleaning Products
  - Q-tips
  - Children's body wash/soap
  - Razors
  - Cotton Balls
  - Dish Towel and Dish Cloths
  - Sponges
  - Dish Soap
  - New Pillows

**Opportunities at Pioneer Square:** Catholic Charities Housing *Anna McHugh*: Housing and Social Services Coordinator

- Walk-in Visit:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday for one hour from 4:30 to 5:30 pm
  - No clearance requirement

- Companion or Caregiver Opportunity’
  - An Application Clearance needed
- Food and Hygiene Drive for Pioneer Square is scheduled for four weeks starting May 11th
  - Week One: Hygiene needs:
  - Week Two: Food Needs
  - Houseware such as pots and pans; dishes; flatware; MUST BE USEABLE
  - Cleaning supplies and toilet paper
- Donation of larger housewares and furniture to be made directly to Pioneer Square
  - A description of needed item in bulletin; on website; or +QR code
  - Direct contact to office at Pioneer Square to make a possible donation.

#### Disciples in Dialogue: Plan for Fall 2024:

- How to be an antiracist using Ibram X Kendi’s book by the same name which has been distributed in the parish.
- Possible Date: early fall being considered

#### NEIGHBORS IN DIALOGUE “How to Address Racism in Our Community”

- A panel discussion with and at CCUCC’s Justice and Witness Ministry
- Postponed to the fall, not enough time for publicity.
- Will schedule in early October
- Currently have three participants: Donna Moore, Carla Fitzgerald and Carrie Ben-Yisrael.
- Will also invite Trymaine Gaither to form a four-person panel
- Possible date in October for one night from 6:30—8:00 pm

#### Refugee Resettlement Update: New Afghan Refugee family coming to Pullman

- **Kate Hellmann of WSU** informed us of another Afghan refugee family headed to Pullman by the end of March. The family consists of a mother, father, 5-year-old boy and 4-month-old girl.
- An apt. has been lined up for the first 2 to 3 months but then they will need to find other housing.
- The family will need support from the community for food, furniture, toys, books, clothing and whatever else the family needs.
- A point person has been identified to coordinate with a person at WSU who will help the family in determining what their needs are. Instead of doing a 'blitz' for goods like what happened with the first two families, it will be a specific list of needs so we don't end up with lots of unused items.
- LOOK for more information of needs etc.....

#### Fair Trade/Craft sale and benefit:

- Tim reported that Nancy Nydegger’s Fair Trade Craft sale raised over \$1000 toward WSU language program for refugees moving to Pullman.

#### Disciples in Dialogue: Hosted by Laudato Si’ Disciple with Fr. Steve

- Fr. Steve will lead a discussion of Pope Francis’ letter: “Laudato Deum”
- [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html)
- Three Thursday evenings from 6:30—7:45 pm on April 18; 25; and May 2.
- At the first session of Disciples in Dialogue; information will be shared about activities for EARTH DAY—April 22
  - Jessica will speak with Cory about having the religious education classes on Sunday, April 21 focus on the Earth Day and the Care for the Environment
  - Bill will also speak with Cory Dixon: Sacred Heart DRE, about organizing a parish ‘bike-to-church’ weekend or a Sunday in spring

- Both of these activities will address one of the parish Laudato Si' Disciples parish projects to involve the children and youth in Caring for our Common Home through the Religious Education Program.

**Laudato Si' Disciples:** future possibilities:

- Parish Refresher of Laudato Si commitment and how to get involved
- Currently TREX; Glass Recycling; Landscape Changes; Lighting/Insulation; Personal commitments.
- Issues of concern: Water Usage on the Palouse and how to improve; Food Waste issues; OTHER Ideas
- Possible presentations by: CCL; PJALs; Earth Ministry; AVISTAD
- OTHER:

**Community Connections:**

- EASTER OR SPRING: 330 cards made and to be delivered to: Pioneer Square; Circles of Caring; Bishop Place; Regency; Avalon; Sacred Heart Homebound
- Delivery of the card will be on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Updates:**

Family Promise

- Family Promise Cook-off is this Saturday at the Baptist Church in Moscow. March 23, 2024
  - Miho Nam; Anne and Rich Heath have volunteered to assist.
  - Sacred Heart will serve Lentil Chili
  - Sacred Heart will be hosting Family Promise families on April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>
    - Please contact Tim (fungustim@gmail.com) :
      - provide a meal on Friday or Saturday;
      - be at dinner host; or
      - volunteer to be an overnight host

**Alerts/Flocknotes**

- 3 Stop Execution Requests:
- 3-20 in Georgia;
- 4-4 in Oklahoma;
- 4-9 in Missouri

**TREX:** Still on schedule for our next bench

**Helping Hands:** No new cases this month

**Move Out Pitch In Update:** Discussions: WSU Housing; Center for Civic Engagement; Campus Sustainability

- MOPI is currently being planned for"
  - First weekdays will be: April 25; 26; and 27 for once a day pick up
  - Second week will be April 29; 30; and May 1<sup>st</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup>; and 4<sup>th</sup>; with two pick-ups a day
  - Volunteers will be needed to help collect discarded items from the three Hill Halls: Duncan Dunn/Community; McClosky; and Honors.
  - Please contact Francy: francy@pavlasbose.com 509-432-6254 to volunteer to help.
  - Watch for more information in the bulletin and a "sign-up Genius" to volunteer.
  - SUVs and trucks are also welcome.
- There will also be people needed to sort the collected Items for distribution
- Look for more information in the bulletin or contact Francy or Tim

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 24

Closing Prayer: