

JUST is one of Christ Church's current outreach programs. As volunteers, we work alongside members of 18 other congregations across denominations in our county. The purpose is to recognize an injustice in our community, research it, and bring it to elected officials in order for them to take action on the issue. After focusing on civil citations and affordable housing over the past two years, we are this year tackling mental health issues.

Half of Escambia residents identify mental health as the most important health issue in our community, yet our system remains fragmented, confusing, and difficult for families to navigate. Strikingly, Escambia leads the state in overdose-related deaths.

Months of research and interviewing experts in our community have taught us a lot about Mental Health in our community and JUST Pensacola is ready to approach our county and municipal elected officials on **April 28**. JUST Pensacola plans to ask our county's elected officials to take steps to help improve public knowledge of mental health services in our county, beginning with an awareness campaign of already existing 211 and 988 helplines.

We ask you to support our efforts by coming to the **Nehemiah Action Meeting at 6 p.m. April 28 at Warrington Baptist Church**. The more people, the greater the impact will be on our elected officials. Last year, more than 700 citizens attended; this year our target is 1,000 with at least 100 from Christ Church.

If you'd like to know more, please come to a rally at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24 in the Consulate Building at First United Methodist Church, 2 East Wright Street. Help us share the love of Christ in serving our fellow man.