

**Report for Vestry and for Happenings
Outreach Committee activities during 2020
from 11-11-20 Outreach Meeting**

Members of the Outreach Committee have been busy these past months delivering the “**Shop and Drop**” non-perishable food donations to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Germantown for their twice weekly food bank distribution. It is estimated that the food generosity donated by parishioners and near neighbors is equal to \$9,000. Thank you all so much.

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

Lisa and Mike Budd (Betsy and Jake Roak’s daughter and son-in-law) are spearheading the second annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. Lisa’s family members will be making the deliveries. Tom O’Rourke and Helen McBride offered additional delivery help. Drop off and delivery day is Sunday, November 22 with a goal to deliver the following:
60 Thanksgiving meals to St. Luke’s
50 frozen turkeys and pies to Face to Face
10 Thanksgiving meals to Southside Church Center, Germantown
See the website under “Giving” to donate.

Memorial Gifts

The sadness of losing dear ones at St. Paul’s during 2020 has resulted in generous and heartfelt gifts in memory of Betsy and Jake Roak, Fred Voigt, Nancy Strong and others totaling close to \$16,000. These gifts were earmarked for Outreach and will be distributed to organizations closely associated with St. Paul’s and its mission in helping the homeless and hungry - *Face to Face, Whosoever Gospel Mission, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church and Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels.*

The Christmas **Giving Tree** will be set up in the back of the Church starting Thanksgiving weekend (November 28) for parishioners to take an “ornament wish” and return the purchased item to the large box in the Narthex by Sunday, December 13. “Ornament wishes” will also be listed online on ‘Sign Up Genius.’ Your participation will be more important than ever in bringing cheer to those in need and struggling to make ends meet.

Benefitting organizations: Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network (PIHN), Episcopal Community Services (ECS) and Whosoever Gospel Mission. Cathy Davis plans to work with the youth group to make gift bags for the men at the Mission which is another wish list item.

Room at the Inn Our Mwajuma/Jeack refugee family of five from the DRC arrived via South Africa nearly 4 years ago, in January 2017! Justine is a first year at LaSalle.

Gertrude is a senior at Little Flower. Moses is a 9th grader at Mercy Tech and Jack is an 8th grader at Holy Cross. They live in Mt Airy. St Paul's provides tuition support for the kids.

Rise Against Hunger all parish event, generally held during MLK weekend, is being postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19. St. Paul's is committed to the Rise Against Hunger mission therefore will send \$3,400 (cost for preparing 10,000 meals) as its 2020 contribution and earmark it to *go towards the devastation in Nicaragua by hurricane Eta*. Outreach will revisit the in-person workshop when it is safe.

Posada - *Walk of the Holy Family* in search of shelter, *in the spirit of Las Posadas* (based on the Latin American tradition) Saturday, December 12 at 4:30 pm. Depending on number of participants, pods/groups will gather at Church of the Ascension and walk up the Avenue and end up at St. Paul's where there will be a Creche (built by Mike Latini), a candlelight social distanced gathering of music, possible refreshment, Gospel reading and prayer. On the walk each pod will stop at a different designated shop (about 8 to 10 on the east and west sides) to converse with owner and collect their donation box (given to the shop around Thanksgiving time). Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network is the sole beneficiary via their website and through the donation boxes and sponsors. St. Paul's is pledging a seed gift of \$5,000.

2021 Grant allocations will be discussed in detail at the next meeting. Monies used for this are from 2019 Rummage and a few donations earmarked for this purpose. Cathy Davis thought it might be nice to include the *Community Cupboard* in Ambler (where Jake Roak volunteered for many years) on the grant list.

Anyone wishing to join the efforts of the Outreach Committee may contact Charlotte Biddle or Tom O'Rourke.