

Safe Parking Pilot Program

Davis UMC is working with HEART of Davis (formerly Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter) and Turning Point Community Programs, to launch a small, three-month Safe Parking pilot program using our parking lot. The program, which we expect will begin this summer, is based on the work of long-running, successful programs in Santa Barbara, Monterey (including at Pacific Grove UMC), and elsewhere.

How will the program work?

- The program will offer 5 designated parking spaces for individuals or families living in their vehicles.
- It will operate overnight, from 7pm to 7am with rules to ensure safety and minimize disruptions to the neighbors.
- There will be a locked port-a-potty and trash receptacles onsite.
- Guest will be vetted and connected to professional case management to help them find housing and other services.
- Guests will be checked in and out by trained volunteers and periodically monitored overnight.

The program is confidential and for approved guests only. Please do NOT publicize the program on social media or elsewhere.

How can you be involved? Service and Justice Ministry will be looking for volunteers as the program rolls out. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact John Castelfranco (johncastelfranco@att.net) or Susan Padgett at (spadgett2018@gmail.com).