



# What does Matthew 25 look like in your neighborhood?



Over the 8 weeks from March 14 through May 2, **Good Ground Pantry** at 2nd Presbyterian Church has served 190 guests, representing 527 family members. The proportion of new guests among those served is running about 30% higher than last year.



Intake procedures have been streamlined and contact between workers and guests has been minimized. The pantry workers who volunteer to distribute the food each week wear masks and gloves. Fresh food items and some special request items like cooking oil and dish detergent are being put in every bag. So far we have been able to give out meat each week. In March, we began serving from tables outside the elevator door but have now moved to serve from inside the building at the street-level Westminster place door next to the parking lot.

## Park Hills is busy!

In between homeschooling, my grandson, we have been doing weekly projects for the church and community service to others :

- ◆ We made 50 cards and delivered them to health care workers with a prayer for seniors a prayer and a little note to say your're not forgotten .
- ◆ We took flowers to friends, always social distancing.
- ◆ We made crosses and left them in mailboxes with a prayer on the back of them .
- ◆ And masks. lots of masks - 150! He learned to measure! We passed them out to workers and cancer patients going through treatments . We left them on doors or mail boxes for them to keep us safe as well as the person getting them .



For the last twenty years, **Woodlawn Chapel** has prepared Mother's Day Gifts for parents of critically ill children in the St. Louis area. This year, the church partnered with Ronald McDonald House by presenting 39 tote bags filled with gifts for mothers of hospitalized children. The project is coordinated by our mission team, who gathers items throughout the year. Each tote bag contains items like puzzle books, notepads, hand lotion, nail clippers, health and beauty items, slipper socks and other sorts of small gifts to brighten the day of the families staying at Ronald McDonald House on Mother's Day. This has become an important part of our mission, and the church was excited that we could continue it despite the challenges of social distancing. Included in the gifts were face masks hand sewn by Kay Baker. We have donated nearly 1,700 Mother's Day Gifts since the project began.

