

## Trinity in Mission – January 2018

Many thanks for your generosity in providing personal care items as well as cleaning supplies for the “**Keep It Clean**” table in November. Items received were distributed to **Survivors and to the South Central Community Action Program**. Both were especially appreciative since it is very seldom that these types of items are provided to them. Approximately \$600.00 worth of cleaning supplies and personal care items were donated.

In addition, during November \$375.00 was sent for the work of Survivors as well as \$250.00 in gift cards to be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the children there. \$400.00 was sent to South Central Community Action Program to support the work there, and \$150.00 for the purchase of Christmas gifts for children.

A reminder that we are once again sponsoring the **Spaghetti Dinner for Diapers** on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> (snow date of February 3<sup>rd</sup>). Boy Scout Troop 1863 has volunteered to help with this dinner, but we need some folks to volunteer to help as well. Sign ups are in the Gathering Area; you can volunteer for either part of the afternoon/evening or the entire time needed. The price of admission is a pack of diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 5 are particularly needed). **No tickets, no cash, just bring a pack of diapers to enjoy a spaghetti dinner!!** Tell your friends about this opportunity to enjoy a meal while also supporting a worthwhile ministry.

Trinity is hosting **Gettysburg CARES homeless shelter** from February 5<sup>th</sup> through February 18<sup>th</sup>. We will need welcoming hosts each evening from approximately 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in order to register those who need a warm, safe place to sleep. Volunteers are needed; to volunteer requires an evening of training at St. James Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm; the upcoming date for training is January 22<sup>nd</sup> (if you have already gone through the training session last year, it is not necessary to go again). There is also a need for volunteers willing to stay overnight; this would be at any of the churches supporting Gettysburg CARES and those volunteers have the same training. We have at least four people from Trinity who are overnight volunteers and we can put you in touch with them if you would have questions about the responsibilities. Sign up for welcoming hosts continues in January. Thank you for your support!

As of the end of November, Trinity has provided financial support and in kind support valued at \$26,693.18 to the local community. As of the end of November, Trinity has also provided \$ 9,519.00 in support for mission beyond the local community, which includes Our Church’s Wider Mission commitment and One Great Hour of Sharing (this does not include the \$5000.00 in additional OCWM support presented to the Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith when she was our guest on December 17<sup>th</sup>).

### **We continue to ask for your ongoing support to these continuing projects:**

--- **Cookies for our Neighbors.** Our neighbor, the Gettysburg Borough Police Department, has begun to notice and to anticipate the arrival of cookies from Trinity. **Sign ups for 2018** continue until all months are filled.

--- **Bingo items for SpiriTrust Lutheran Village in Gettysburg.** Appropriate small items that can be given as bingo prizes would be appreciated. So far we have been able to deliver several laundry baskets to SpiriTrust and your generosity has been noted by the activities staff and residents. Continue to bring items to the church!

--- **Ruth’s Harvest** is off to a very successful beginning. Trinity volunteers filled backpacks on November 16<sup>th</sup> for distribution to eligible children that weekend. Your generous support is appreciated and definitely needed. **A list of items needed** is located in the Gathering Area; why not include one or two of these items on your weekly grocery list just as you are doing with diapers?

--- **Diapers for TenderCare Pregnancy Center.** This ministry continues throughout the year. **Another 1,255 diapers** were delivered in November, and we have exceeded our goal of 20,000 diapers! Thank you! Why not make a monthly commitment of at least one pack of diapers by including diapers on your weekly grocery shopping list? Right now, all sizes are needed.

--- **Helping Hand Fund** has been established to respond to those members who need financial assistance in difficult times. Fund envelopes are available on the table in the Gathering Area or simply writing a check with the notation “Helping Hand” and place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. The balance in the Helping Hand Fund as of the end of November is \$901.00.

--- **Soda Can Tabs for Hershey Medical Center.** They actually go to the Ronald McDonald House at Hershey, which serves as a home away from home for the families of those children who are patients at Hershey Medical Center.

--- **Stamps for the Brethren Home, New Oxford.** We have found a new place to take your canceled stamps, so you can begin to bring them to the church once again.

--- **South Central Community Action Shoe Drive** – So far **we have received 256 pairs of used shoes**. 256 pairs of shoes = \$256 for SCCAP Circles Program. We are no longer collecting shoes. There will be another collection drive in September 2018.

**All of these projects are worthwhile and important, relying on your ongoing support!!**