

DEANSBORO CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Report of the Outreach Committee to the Annual Congregational Meeting – April 22, 2012

Neighbors in Need and One Great Hour of Sharing.

The committee helped to promote these two special mission offerings and provided information about them to the congregation.

Church World Service

The committee produced and distributed information about Church World Service and particularly about the CWS kits, which are assembled by the Women's Fellowship.

Waterville Food Bank

Weekly contributions of food were offered at Sunday morning worship. Financial contributions to the food bank totaled \$ 270. Edie Eastman helped the food bank and reported periodically to the church on its assistance to needy families. Noreen Machold assisted with delivery of donated food to the food bank.

Advent suppers

The committee promoted the Advent Suppers and the Christmas Day service by providing invitations for members to share with family and neighbors, submitting invitations to the “At Home in the Huddle” blog, and posting invitations on the church Facebook wall and website. We helped to organize the Advent Supper at Deansboro UCC

Missionary visit

The committee attempted, unsuccessfully, to arrange a visit to the church by missionaries, Samuel and Nohemi Pagan.

Ruth Allen Memorial Run/Walk and Marshall Days

The committee arranged a church sponsorship for the run/walk for which the church received some publicity. The committee produced a handout for distribution from the Women's Fellowship booth.

Facebook: Facebook “archived” the Deansboro Congregational UCC Facebook group. Members of the group were required to indicate that they wished to continue. Of the 23 members during 2011, only 4 remain. The principal administrator is Stephanie Yoxall.

Website www.deansboroucc.org

During 2011 the website averaged 34 visitors a month and a total of 405 visitors. On average, 72% of the visitors each month were new. The website is maintained by Lawrence Gilley.

Role of the Outreach Committee

The committee previously reported that it has had a dual focus: to monitor and enhance our church’s wider mission in the local and global communities; and work to increase church membership/ involvement by reaching out to inactive members and potential members in the community

Join the Outreach Committee

In order to expand and diversify the work of the committee, we need more members. People who are interested in some aspect of outreach, or who feel they have gifts to offer, are strongly encouraged to contact Sarah Cotter to discuss their participation in the ministry of the Outreach Committee.

Respectfully submitted: Lawrence Gilley and Sarah Cotter

Motions

1. It is moved that the report of the Outreach Committee be adopted.
2. It is moved that the congregational meeting expresses its gratitude to those involved in various parts of the outreach ministry of the Church: Pastor Ed Townsend for his leadership; the Women's Fellowship for their diligent support of the Church World Service kit project; Edie Eastman and Noreen Machold for their support of the Waterville Food Bank; Stephanie Yoxall and Lawrence Gilley for communications; and members of the congregation for their generosity.