

ARCC NOTES

A Word from Matthew Stevens, Church World Service

Dear Friends,

The past few months have been especially hard for people who were already vulnerable. But I want you to know that, even from home, you're helping them. Because congregations like yours care throughout the year, CWS had enough blankets and hygiene kits to send a recent shipment to the Bowery Mission in New York City... **thank you for laying the foundation to keep love in motion even when the whole world stops!**

The Bowery Mission is a shelter that knows what to do in times of crisis. They've stood strong as a beacon of hope for neighbors during the Spanish Flu, the Great Depression and more recently, Hurricane Sandy. And ever since COVID-19 hit, their beds have been full every night; you've heard that unemployment is up, and shelters around the nation are feeling that in a very real way. As part of their response, the Bowery Mission started up a shower program. It can't serve every person (hundreds of people come through the shelter a day)...but they want to do as much as they can to promote safe hygiene.

With your support, the Bowery Mission now has enough CWS Hygiene Kits for each person so that even if they can't shower, they CAN keep clean. You've also helped us get enough CWS Blankets to this shelter to keep neighbors warm and to provide fresh linens on a nightly basis. Karl, a staff member there, shares: "...through all of this we receive outpouring encouragement from our partners, donors, and churches - which we are so thankful for. **We couldn't do it without the support system.**"

This is life-saving work. Thank you for being part of a faith community who keeps love in motion. If you or your congregation want to specifically support these COVID-19 responses around the nation/world, you can do so online through cwsglobal.org/coronavirus.

In the meantime, please let us know how we can pray specifically for your congregation through [this prayer request form](#). I know we're all feeling loss in this tumultuous time; my daily prayer for you is that Christ's peace calms the storms of today.

Blessed to be serving alongside you in the ways we can,
Matthew Stevens
Director of Congregational Giving, CWS



For his Eagle Scout project, Kaleb Posey will build a fire pit and 2 benches in the south lawn of the church near the labyrinth. The cost of materials for the project is \$250; to date, \$230 has been received in contributions to help offset the cost! **Thank you very much to those who've helped support this project!**

If you'd still like to contribute, please designate Eagle Scout project in the memo line of your check



John & Deborah Browne, Luther Hunt, Maxie McKenzie & family, Mark Faith, Bill Cox, Joe Robb Blattner, Debbie McCormick, Susan Spooler, Carol Gleason, Debbie Bradley, Thelma Nelson, Dawn Knoderer, Kim Farrar Frank, George Amick, Iris & Bill

Likens, Pat Murray & Wally Allstun, Ed Sheridan & Nita Brackin, Ruth Dockins, Kim Wells Schott, Mary Hendrix, Ken Bohnsack, the Glick & Main families, healthcare workers, relatives & friends serving in the military, all who are hurting, lonely, and afraid.

Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.

🌸 A donation to the Food Bank was made by Jean Dinwiddie & family in memory of Don Dinwiddie for his March 30 birthday.

🌸 **Please make every effort to keep your pledge current!**

🌸 *Our sympathy is extended to Jim Main & family in the passing of his sister, Mary Glick*

Join us for group meditation/centering prayer for 20 minutes or less from the comfort of your home. We start at 2:30 & end at 3:00. This Sunday's intent will be **PERSEVERANCE**. Join us if you can. There is strength in numbers even though we cannot be with one another in a physical setting.

If you have questions, contact Dave Dickey or Anne McDonough.