

Assistance from Memorial United Church of Christ in Fitchburg

Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry –

We are one of four congregations in the Fitchburg area that helped start and sustain this pantry, which so far in 2014 has distributed about 20,000 items in some 1,500 household visits since Jan. 1, 2014. The pantry has raised and spent about \$20,000 so far this year. Memorial UCC has contributed \$2,000 directly plus another \$600 or so donated through us by individual members.

Allied Drive Food Pantry

We collect food items for the pantry that serves Allied Drive.

Luke House Community Meal Program

We prepare and serve food on the first Monday of the month to people eating at Luke House. We have about 30 volunteers who are part of this effort. Members of the congregation also contribute to buy some of the food and we sent a \$250 donation for operating expenses this fall.

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services

Memorial UCC contributed about \$4,000 this fall to the capital campaign for building the new shelter. There was also an individual contribution through us of \$1,000 for the capital campaign. We also provide housing and other assistance through DAIS to people fleeing domestic violence. So far in 2014, that has totaled \$3,254.

Porchlight Hospitality House

We provide individual assistance through requests from Hasan at Hospitality House. So far in 2014, that has totaled \$1,815.

Other individual aid

We have given \$1,327 in response to other requests for individual assistance.

Organizational aid

Our Endowment Fund has given \$1,900 so far this year to local organizations providing service to the community to youth, the disabled, returning prisoners and others. Our Giving Locally Fund has given \$4,225 to local organizations ranging from programs for eviction prevention to serving youth to working with inmates at the jail to supporting the Verona Area Needs Network that provides food. (This is addition to \$1,000 to the personal essentials pantry and \$250 to Luke House, noted above.) We also raised \$425 for local food pantries as a share of our CROP Walk efforts in October.



Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

Re: How does your congregation help Dane County's safety net

1 message

bryn mawr <brynmawrcg@gmail.com>
To: Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

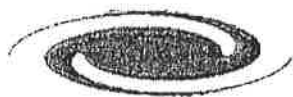
Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 9:44 AM

Hello Linda,

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 229 North Main Street, Cottage Grove, WI 53527 (608.839-4768), operates a Food Pantry. It is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, from 9-11 a.m.

Please contact Kathy Stapleton for further information.

-Leslyn Spinelli



Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

RE: How does your congregation help Dane County's safety net

1 message


Rabbi <rabbi@templebethelmadison.org>
To: Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 7:48 PM

Hi. Linda,

I don't know whether you are compiling this information for the whole group, but here is our situation: We participate by hosting The Road Home four weeks per year, serve meals at Porchlight, offer Trader Joe's gift cards (it's the closest market to our location), provide payments for personal medical services, utilities, and the like.

I hope this is helpful!

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From the desktop of
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Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

How does your congregation help Dane County's safety net? - JRUUC response

1 message

Kearns, Kelly - DNR <Kelly.Kearns@wisconsin.gov>
To: "linda@emum.org" <linda@emum.org>

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 9:09 PM

Linda – In response to your request from faith communities, James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation does a number of things that might be useful:

- Serving breakfast at the men's shelter at Grace Episcopal – Monthly?? PEGGY – is this correct?
- Collect farmers market food for Community Action Coalition food pantry – 4x's/season? – JOCIE – is this correct?
- Contribute produce from our congregation's Sunday market to the River food Pantry
- Annually collect personal hygiene supplies and socks for persons using the shelters
- Our Holiday Giving Tree collects gifts for families in need in the greater community.
- Annually collect food and funds for the Goodman Community Center Thanksgiving Basket program
- Provide volunteer time and neighborly support to the OM Tiny House Village
- Extensive participation in MOSES – CAN SOMEONE EXPAND THIS?
- Just Bakery has begun selling their baked goods at JRUUC
- Weekly Share the Plate contribution to local organizations. This is usually between \$150 - \$250.

Some recent recipients include: Stone Soup Squad, OM Village, Interfaith Coalition for Worker's Justice, MOSES, Make Room for Youth, Road Home

- Several of our members volunteer at MUM's Circles of Support, Immigrant support and advocacy groups, Porchlight, Justified Anger and other community organizations.

I hope this is helpful.

- Kelly Kearns, Social Justice Council
James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

Re: How does your congregation help Dane County's safety net

1 message

Connie Ott <cott@chorus.net>

To: Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>, "miranda >> rector >> miranda hassett" <rector@stdunstans.com>
Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 7:05 PM

I'm responding just to you because you may have our priest on your list too - Here is a fairly comprehensive

list from St. Dunstan's.

1. 1/2 of designated checks or "open plate" on first Sundays sent to Second Harvest for the Middleton Outreach

Ministry account

2. Several consistent volunteers at MOM in office, food pantry and clothing closet
3. Buddy church for Road Home (we have Thanksgiving this year :))
4. 4th Sunday evening meal and breakfast at Grace Men's shelter.
5. Outreach budget about \$12,000 - a portion is used locally
6. Outreach endowment grants to DAIS, Northport Food Pantry, MUM.
7. CROP walk participation with portion staying in Dane County
8. Direct support of administration, utility assistance and eviction prevention of MOM
9. Taking 8 families for MOM Sharing Christmas this year
10. 35 backpacks with needs for daily living for homeless high school students through the Madison School System
11. Snack pack bags for weekends for children at Falk school (in conjunction with Vineyard Church)
12. Contributions of school supplies and volunteer time with MOM backpack program (500 plus backpacks)

Linda - I've probably missed some stuff :(



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RE: How does your congregation help Dane County's safety net

1 message

Mark Clinger <mclinger@firstbaptistmadison.org>
To: Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 3:33 PM

First Baptist Madison:

Monthly food contributions to Zion food pantry

Monthly turn at preparing meal for the Grace Episcopal food pantry.

To date this calendar year over \$16,000 given in **direct aid to persons in need** (food, rent assistance, utility bills, etc.) The rent is done in conjunction with Porchlight—Hassan identifying for us the persons in need.

Special Easter offering for DAIS:\$3200

Christmas offering TBD but these are assists to community service agencies.

Budgeted giving:

Porchlight \$1,000

Road Home \$1,500

Men's Shelter \$1,000

Madison Urban Ministry \$250

Urban League \$250.

Total financial contributions: budget and other \$23,200

This alone represents 6% of our budget and is but a portion of our larger mission giving to the nation and the world.

(Beyond Madison we also support some 60 orphans in China as well as a school in Nigeria)

In addition, four of our members serve on the Board of Directors of The American Baptist Housing Ministry of Wisconsin—which operates among its many properties both the Northport Apartments as well as Packer Housing—low income HUD housing.

Mark Clinger

First Baptist Madison

From: Linda Ketcham [mailto:linda@emum.org]

Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 12:00 PM



Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

Re: How does your congregation help Dane County's safety net

1 message

Dean Kirst <pastordean@lakeviewlutheranmail.org>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 1:19 PM

To: Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

On Monday evenings we serve 23 local households in our food pantry.

We host Road Home families in the building 4 or more weeks out of the year—this year it was 6 weeks.

We provide cash grants to members of the congregation who are all from Dane County and who are struggling.

We provide space and support for the clients of MUM.

We will periodically provide cash grants for MUM clients and Road Home clients.

We provide space for Habitat for Humanity functions.

We do an annual financial offering for Road Home and Salvation Army.

We do an annual Christmas gift gathering for a local service provider such as Salvation Army, AIDS Network etc.

We provide a free thanksgiving day dinner at noon on Thanksgiving for 300 people who walk in.

We raise from \$5000 to \$10,000 each year for CROP—a portion of that stays in Dane County.

We do not budget for local benevolence but do it all with special giving and offerings. Last year my quick check suggests we spend \$11,300 on local needs. That does not take into consideration the gifts we make to the church at large for world hunger, disaster relief, Malaria prevention (\$7000 went to Malaria this past year).

We do special gatherings on in-kind items regularly. We spent the summer collecting personal care products for DAIS. Last year we collected toilet paper for AIDS Network, Kleenex tissue for the warming shelter, disposable diapers for CAC, bath towels for Road Home.

Although we have constant requests for money for gas, bus tickets, rent assistance, medication and utilities, we have had to stop any kind of general giving like that because we simply don't have the time to screen and we don't have the money. We have decided that outside of members (who would all be from Dane County) we can only support needs that are identified by a local human service group such as Road Home, MUM, Salvation Army etc. I would be clear that those requests have increased and come over the phone or through walk ins.

Oh yeah, and don't forget that we provide free space for a toe-nail clinic each month for Dane County Seniors to come and have the public health nurse do toe care.

Hope this is helpful. Let me know if you need more detail. DEAN



Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

Re: How does your congregation help Dane County's safety net

1 message

Pastor Kerri Parker (McFarland UCC) <pastor@mcfarlanducc.org>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 8:23 PM

To: Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

Linda,

This year to date, McFarland has had \$8,551 in local mission giving - primarily to the McFarland Community Food Pantry and the AIDS Network. We also do in-kind assistance in the form of food donations to the pantry, and a Christmas giving tree.

In addition to the above, I have a small pastor's assistance fund (about \$500 a year) that I use to accommodate any walk-in and telephone requests for assistance. Requests we receive in McFarland are primarily short-term housing, gas cards, car repair, and help with groceries. I regularly receive assistance requests from people car camping in Babcock Park due to lack of permanent housing - we've provided blankets, purchased ready-to-eat hot food for them, and negotiated with a local hotel to put them up for a night or two at reduced cost so they can clean up and get over an illness. Most people asking to be put up in short term housing say they are on a list for long-term housing but it will be months before their name comes up, and have exhausted all other options.

I know you know this, but even in a relatively affluent suburb like McFarland, there's a lot of hidden need.

Thank you for the work you do.

Peace & blessings,
Kerri

Rev. Kerri Parker, Pastor
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5710 Anthony Street, McFarland WI 53558



Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

Re: How does your congregation help Dane County's safety net
1 message

Paula Harris <stlukesmadisonrector@gmail.com>
To: Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 3:03 PM

Hi Linda,

St Luke's gives about \$2500-3000 in grants to local organizations for the very poor, \$700-1500 at my discretion to individuals or organizations, and about \$500-1000/yr plus food to pantries.

We're a small church, about 50 on a Sunday and totaling the above we easily give \$5000 directly every year. I'm currently organizing an additional weekend meals program for our local elementary school - five faith communities thought we could promise meals for 50 kids and the school asked us for 300. That's how many kids the principal and social worker say they have on free lunch -- children who are food insecure on weekends. No wonder there's an achievement gap.

Thank you for organizing this feedback. I know that the other Episcopal churches in town give more dollars, but perhaps a lower percentage of their budget to these sorts of efforts also. May the Holy Spirit go before you and behind you and open ears and hearts and wallets.

Paula



Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

RE: How does your congregation help Dane County's safety net

1 message

Nick Utphall St. Stephen's <nick@ststlc.net>

To: Linda Ketcham <linda@emum.org>

Cc: Pastor Tim Hansen <tim@ststlc.net>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 1:15 PM

From our content list from the top of my mind:

St. Stephen's has a food pantry that operates 4 days/week for about 100 households. We get lots of clothes every at the pantry, and also have an ongoing collection shared through Bethel Homeless Ministry. Our women's group also collects monthly donations for DAIS and others.

We are a Road Home buddy congregation. We serve one meal/month at the WilMar center. We've done an annual Primitation work day for several decades, plus CROP Walk. We do some occasional Habitat work. This summer, we joined to serve Monona students free lunch one day/week. We've been intimately connected in refugee resettlement. We provide Community Garden space. Our staff provides worship services at several local senior housing facilities, and we've also had people connected with leadership of those organizations.

Our building space hosts weekly gatherings for support groups (2 AA, 1 Al-Anon, 1 TOPS weightloss, a new one for fibromyalgia), scouts (Boy, Cath, and Girl), plus monthly gatherings for Permaculture and others.

Less our benevolence to the synod/ELCA, the section of our budget is between \$30,000 and \$40,000 annually. Some of that includes international work (hunger, Middle East), but also local programs like MALC jail ministry, aging coalition, MUM, etc.

Other discretionary funds are as pastor use for emergency needs (utility bills and rent, gas, meds, etc.), total somewhere probably between \$2000 and \$3000 annually.

(Anecdotally, we of course hear much more of our members' giving—that part of their charitable contributions they give to church, but also consider part of "tithes" or important donations as what they contribute to other organizations. The same for non-financial work on that behalf.)