

## July 2022 Executive Report

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### **Ministry**

#### **Lifespan Learning**

### **Membership and Community**

#### **Membership Committee (Ellen Taylor/Marilyn Lantz)**

#### **Caring Ministry (Jude Cigrand)**

#### **Card Ministry (Jill Moser)**

I sent 8 requests for cards, emails, calls to church members dealing with Joys and Concerns.

#### **Pastoral Care (Ann Mowery)**

Pastoral Care Team members had 38 contacts in July. This included orientation for a new member, cards, calls, texts, emails, visits, arranging connections, talking with relatives, and preparing pieces for church communications. We dealt with two deaths in our community. \

#### **Childcare (Hannah Notch)**

Completed for the year unless requested.

#### **Stewardship (Liz Bredesen)**

#### **Facility/Grounds (Doug Aupperle)**

#### **Communication Group (Barb Royal, Deidre Fudge, Liz Bredesen, Louise Alcorn)**

### **Social Justice/Outreach**

#### **Asylum Seekers (Morgan Dredge)**

#### **SJMLT (Katie Allen, Sally Boeckholt, Ron Heideman, Doug Aupperle – Social Justice Ministry Leadership Team)**

#### **FEDS (Bruce Martin)**

For July 25th, when we're scheduled to provide a meal at the homeless shelter, the FEDS have come up woefully short. Initially no one signed up to serve, and while I had some meat preparers lined up, I could find no one available to shop--I'd do it were I not to be out of the country, and my normal go-to people are similarly gone.

#### **Faith in Action (Steve Gilson)**

#### **Green Sanctuary (Ron Heideman)**

## **Family Promise and FFFFF/PPP (Elaine Imlau)**

### **Family Promise**

Our first post covid hosting went very smoothly the week of June 12-19. 47 volunteers provided 307 hours to transport, feed and entertain two families. Our next hosting week is August 28-September 4 and future weeks for the year include November 6-14, January 29-February 5, and April 9-16.

### **PPP/FFFFF**

With additional event signups and a generous donation from one individual our 2022 Food Fair total has reached \$13,000. More continues to trickle in as events happen.

## **Write Here, Write Now (Bill Brauch/Donna Wallace)**

### **AMOS (Barb Klubal)**

#### Affordable Housing Research Team

The AMOS affordable housing team has received a commitment to fund bringing Community Land Trust (CLT) experts from the national organization Grounded Solutions to Des Moines. The tentative dates are November 16 and 17. Grounded Solutions will offer a series of sessions on shared equity affordable housing, including the roots of the CLT model and CLT basics and beyond. Plans are in place to engage with members of AMOS institutions and affordable housing providers to learn how the lack of affordable housing affects people's lives.

#### Let's Talk/Des Moines Public Schools

More circle training and mediation training took place on July 29 and August 1 and 2. There is a good crop of new people interestedw in this work, and Let's Talk will now be ALL Des Moines middle schools. One of the next steps will be conversations about bringing Let's Talk into the elementary and high schools. - Ellen Taylor

#### Mental Health

In July, the Polk County Supervisors approved \$1.8M in ARPA funds for AMOS' proposal to invest in diversifying and retaining our mental health workforce through a scholarship and loan forgiveness program! This was the result of 10 months of organizing work, including:

- Hundreds of conversations in Mental Health Civic Academies that surfaced mental health workforce needs
- A Mental Health Provider Summit in December to understand providers' specific workforce needs and barriers.
- 100+ AMOS institutional leaders contacted Polk County supervisors in support of AMOS' mental health workforce proposal
- Four AMOS leaders testified at a Polk County Supervisors meeting and shared the need for this investment, particularly for refugee and immigrant communities
- First Unitarian leader, Bill Brauch, represented AMOS on the Polk County mental health working group.

#### AMOS' Children's Crisis Mental Health work

Check out and share this great 4-minute video which highlights AMOS' work with the City of Des Moines and Broadlawns Hospital around children's crisis mental health response! The City of Des Moines has now staffed a mental health professional in 911 dispatch to decrease officer involvement in mental health emergencies. <https://fb.watch/coaJ4DfAxP/>

### AMOS Face to Face

On July 23, 20 AMOS leaders gathered at Ankeny First United Methodist Church for Face-to-Face conversations to deepen relationships across community institutions in Central Iowa.

### Upcoming AMOS Calendar

- August 18 – ALL AMOS Meeting on ZOOM – 5:30 pm
- September 11 – Delegate Assembly, 4:00 – 5:30, Grace UMC- 3700 Cottage Grove Avenue, Des Moines

### **Transgender Action Group (Gianfranco Berardi, Doug Aupperle)**

### **Leadership Group (Katie Allen)**

### **Service Attendance**

#### July

07/03/22: 62 in-person, 20 Zoom

07/10/22: 51 in-person, 28 Zoom

07/17/22: 69 in-person, 23 Zoom

07/27/22: 76 in-person, 17 Zoom

07/31/22: 75 in-person, 25 Zoom

### **Staff Wins**

- Emily sharpened the blade of the paper cutter using only the tools at hand in the office.
- Hannah was complimented for her outstanding tech skills at the service on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Emily and Hannah pulled off a last-minute technological whiz-bang just before the service on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Hannah took the initiative to re-write lock/unlock instructions for the door alarms. They are far clearer than what we had previously.
- Emily and Daniel installed new blinds in the office, and Karen Kraemer assisted with the aesthetics and sourcing of the blinds.
- Emily took the initiative to clear out and reorganize the office supplies.