

AD COUNCIL REPORTS SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

MISSIONS by Barb Matya

The Missions committee decided to only donate to local ministries at this time. There are so many needs in our community, we are going to focus on them. That means we won't be doing Metro Christmas stockings, but will be helping some children in our own town this year as well as Angel Tree families. We hope you approve of this change and continue to support us as you have in the past. The one exception is we will still support our 4 missionary families, the Carrolls, Haenzes, Kies and Foglemans.

We continue to do the Soup Kitchen each month. I'm trying to encourage more people to help by either working or providing food. I'd appreciate your committee's help.

The HOC Supply Closet has been experiencing bare shelves lately and appreciate our restocking each month.

We had a program on Marshalltown Christian School last month and are adding them to our monthly collections and Change for Change.

I'm on vacation, but welcome your questions anytime. Thanks for your support of Missions.

UMW Report by Edie Hodges

- Ruth Jackson attended the UMW meeting at the IA Annual Conference.
- We continue to collect the small items for mission projects handled by Janice Springer.
- We are making strides toward the Blessing Box. Sharon Owen visited with the Public Library on a design for building one. Discussion was on maybe it could be two parts: one for canned foods and the other books. When a decision is made we will be needing someone to build it.
- The End of Life Planning Seminar held on Sunday, June 25th, presented by Sherry Kubalsky was attended by 19 people. Comments were that it was helpful by those who had attended.
- Mission U on July-19 was attended by Ruth Jackson and Sharon Owen. They shared much about their experiences and have used their information for programs for our members.
- Funeral Procedures Update: An organizational meeting of the Leadership Team was held on June 29, 2017. Instructional folders were passed out and information was discussed. Lead: Mary Cowdrey and Edie Hodges. Callers for Food Donations and Workers: Betty Gray and Linda Tasler with Shirlee Rohrs assisting. Grocery Shoppers: Carolyn Stanley and Reva Roland. Available in any Capacity: Carolyn Stanley, Reva Roland, Sharon Owen (mid May-Mid December), Ruth Jackson, and Betty Gray. Edie or Mary will be contacted and they will contact others. The church sign up was successful: 42 signed up to donate food and 30 signed up to help set up, serve and clean up. We hope to rotate calling so many can have the opportunity to help. Mary and Edie will meet with the local funeral homes to help clarify what each can do to better help families.
- Mary Long sent in 4 reading reports to the district. More people need to be encouraged to participate.

- Change a Child's Story Project: We collected 520 children's books and 30 stuffed animals/puppets. The Beasts and Books Organization will be going thru our donations and seeing what they can use. Recommendations from the schools let this organization know the children who could benefit from having a book/beast. The remainder of our donations will be determined after we see what books remain.
- Mary Cowdrey and Val Clark are moving right along in the planning of the Soup Supper/Cookie Walk to be held in Fellowship Hall on November 18 along with the Holiday Stroll. More Information will be in the Sunday Bulletins, Newsletters, Posters, News Media, and on the church screen soon. It takes many hands to get this event planned to share with the Marshalltown Community. Roll up your sleeves and get involved. It is a good time to share our fellowship with others and God's Love.
- Saturday, October 14 from 2:00-4:00 pm we are inviting all church women to come and enjoy "Getting a Handle on Handel and the Messiah" presented by Janet Collison and Mary Giese in the FUMC Sanctuary. They will present the story of George Frederick Handel's life and fascinating passion for music. The "Messiah" will be explained with pictures, sound samples and anecdotes from that time period. At the end of the presentation, an invitation to attend our community's Dec. 3rd Messiah presentation held at FUMC will be given. Other items of interest will be included. After the presentation all are invited to a Fall Tea in Fellowship Hall with dessert, tea, coffee, water, and a great time for fellowship with the women of FUMC. A Freewill Offering will be taken for missions. Mark your calendars now for Oct. 14th 2:00-4:00 pm. Come, relax, and enjoy!