

## WHAT'S NEW IN OUTREACH?

The Outreach Commission held its September meeting on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Here are some of the things we discussed:

- Recently concluded projects have been very successful. 24 Trinity volunteers participated in the MCUM Food Drive on August 30. Also during the month of August, 35 pairs of children's shoes were collected for the kids in Monroe County Head Start. Many backpacks and packages of children's underwear were donated and delivered to Fairview Elementary for students in need. And the spring and summer Change for Change collection for Red Cross cots totaled \$136.68.
- The fall Change for Change project is off to a great start. Parishioners are donating pocket change into the jar at Forum each Sunday; this collection will purchase underwear for children in need at Fairview Elementary.
- We look forward to the community-wide Coat Drive, which will begin soon. Trinity parishioners and others throughout Bloomington can donate coats and other winter wear during the month of October; the donations will be distributed in a one-day giveaway to people in need in early November. Contact Connie Peppler+ ([cpeppler@bloomhealth.org](mailto:cpeppler@bloomhealth.org)) to get involved.
- The ongoing Meal Ministries (the Sunday Community Meal and the Thursday night diners for participants in the Circles Initiative) continue to be well-attended; on the Sunday meals we are seeing between 125 and 150 guests each week. Volunteers are needed to help with upcoming meals on Thursday, Sept. 24, Sunday, Oct. 18, and Thursday, Oct. 22. Contact Jennifer Lloyd ([jen.lloyd@comcast.net](mailto:jen.lloyd@comcast.net)) to get involved.
- Plans for the Interfaith Winter Shelter continue in the community. Trinity leads this effort and looks forward to hosting the shelter one or two nights each week, starting November 1. Volunteers will be needed in various capacities, including setting up cots and welcoming guests. Contact Virginia Hall+ ([vhall@trinitybloomington.org](mailto:vhall@trinitybloomington.org)) to get involved.
- Finally, we are looking forward to creating a booklet that will can educate both newcomers and current parishioners about the various Outreach projects and the many opportunities to explore faith through service to the outside community. Watch for this booklet in coming weeks!

The next Outreach meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Library. Contact Jennifer Lloyd for an advance copy of the agenda.

**Interested? Come join us!**