

Lay Ministry

³⁷"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Sir, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you anything to drink? ³⁸Or a stranger, and help you? Or naked, and clothe you? ³⁹When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' ⁴⁰"And I, the King, will tell them, 'When you did it to these my brothers, you were doing it to me!'
Mt: 25:37-40

T.R.I.A.L.S.

Transition, Relational Conflict, Illness, Aging, Loss, Stress

Care Team

Volunteers from this group visit those who are not able to attend worship at Duxbury/Pembroke or Plymouth on a regular basis. We meet regularly and are currently studying Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart to further our positive impact on those we visit and give support to each other. For information, contact – Kerry Davis, cell 774-343-4527 or Bridget Snell, cell 617- 835-9431.

Helping Hand Fund

There is a permanent box placed in both the Plymouth and High Street sites for the pastors' discretionary fund to assist those in our church family. Please donate funds on a regular basis.

Providing Meals

As the Caring Community, one of the needs we fill is meal assistance. If you or someone you know is in need of meal assistance, please contact someone from the program staff.

Being a Good Neighbor

Algonquin Heights/Food Pantry

On a seasonal basis, we collect items to be given out during the food pantry time on Friday mornings at Algonquin Heights. These items include personal care items or cleaning supplies, as the need arises. For information on how you can help, contact – Kerry Davis, cell 774-343-4527 or kerry.davis941@gmail.com

Back Packs for Teens

In August, we purchase backpacks for teens. These young people are often overlooked. For information on how you can help, contact – Kerry Davis, cell 774-343-4527 or kerry.davis941@gmail.com

Bethesda House

Bethesda House is a faith-based home for young pregnant or parenting moms and their babies. This is run completely by donations and fund raisers. Some of the ways we assist this amazing program are the: **Baby bottle drive, Sunset Family Cruise** and **Annual Gala**. For information on how you can help, contact – Kerry Davis, cell 774-343-4527 or kerry.davis941@gmail.com. You can also find more opportunities to serve at www.bethesdahousema.org.

Blue Bag Sunday

People are encouraged to drop off non-perishable foods during the week or when they come to worship services on Sundays. Each month, we have Blue Bag Sunday when we give out blue bags for people to fill and return the first Sunday of each month. We supply labels saying "This gift is made possible by the love of Jesus". For information on how you can help, contact – Bob Parsons, cell 508-783-2800 or boblo75@aol.com, or Thom Hyslop, cell 774-404-1358 or thomashyslop@comcast.net.

Giving Tree

This ministry helps the Department of Children and Families collect gifts for children in their system within the Plymouth area! Look for the special Christmas tree in December in the Atrium with requests for "Santa". For information on how you can help, contact – John Machado, cell 508-333-4890 or johng1967@verizon.net.

Habitat for Humanity

We have supported this great program with volunteers who signed up to assist and help a family in need build their new home. Currently they are preparing to build 2 homes for veterans and 1

unrestricted home in Plymouth. For information on how you can help, contact – Linda Gigliotti, 508-746-2052 or noveltie@aol.com.

Helping with Household Items

Housed at Duxbury/Pembroke, this ministry accepts household items that are in excellent condition to be available to families who are moving from homelessness to housing or have needs for household items they cannot obtain for themselves. Items to donate include but are not limited to **dishes, pots and pans, glassware, linens, small appliances, cooking utensils**. For information on how you can help, contact – Patti Keagy, cell 781-424-3507 or pkeagy@hotmail.com.

Horizons for Homeless Children

This organization works with local family shelters to provide quality play time for children who are in shelter. Volunteers are needed to “play” with the children. The play session lasts about 2 hours. No need to bring anything, Horizons provides it all. For more information, please contact Christine Nelson at home phone 781-834-6318 or chris113nels@gmail.com.

Overnights of Hospitality

Through the Overnights of Hospitality program, 2 area churches (Christ Church Parish and First Baptist Church) provide emergency sheltering for single homeless men during the winter. Ways we can help are providing the evening meals for 12 to 20 people, being a chaperone with a professional staff member from 6 pm to 7 am, wash and dry bedding, donate paper plates, napkins, towels, etc. To sign up to provide a meal or to chaperone, go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/k4w5gd>. To volunteer for the other opportunities, visit the website for the Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness.

Pembroke Food Pantry

People are encouraged to drop off non-perishable foods during the week or when they come to worship services on Sundays at the Duxbury/Pembroke site. There is a basket for collection in the entryway near the office. Once a month, the collected items are brought to the Pembroke Food Pantry on Wednesday morning, the only time it is open. For more information, contact Christine Nelson at home phone 781-834-6318 or chris113nels@gmail.com

Summer Brown Bag/Cookout Lunch

Every Monday in the summer, we provide and serve a “Brown Bag Lunch” to all who come. Participants can purchase the ingredients or prepare, deliver and serve the lunch, or both! For information to help, contact Jen Mitchell, cell 508-971-3883 or redsoxmitchmom@yahoo.com or Robin Botto, cell 774-454-7571 or ro61b@comcast.net.

Thanksgiving Baskets

In November, we collect the necessary ingredients for a Thanksgiving Dinner for families in need in the community. We work with a local organization to assure that those who are getting the assistance are the families who need it. For information on how you can help, contact – Lori Downs, cell 978-248-1525 or loriannedowns563@gmail.com.

Stretching Out to Reach a Little Further

Blanket the World with Love

This ministry works with Church World Service, global relief agency, to provide blankets, warmth and comfort to our neighbors in the U. S. and around the world. This is done through a campaign for financial donations one Sunday a year.

Disaster Relief/Mission Teams

We have a trained team of volunteers at Faith Community Church ready to assist in response to a natural disaster, i.e. hurricane, etc. They are recognized as “trained early-responders” and volunteer a specific time frame in which to go to assist the victims of the disaster. For information on how you can help, contact – Sue Reilly, cell 508-564-1560 or suenewellreilly@comcast.net.

Global Ministries

The General Board of Global Ministries is the global mission agency of The United Methodist Church. Faith Community Church raises \$11,000 each year to support the United Methodist Mission Program in the United States and around the world.