

Outreach Council Report for July 23, 2016

The Clothes Closet has added new volunteers. There has been an increase in the number of participants. Last month they served 88 families. Discussion was held about getting clothes to the Tower Road Community. There are problems with how to transport and set up. We also don't have many children's clothes.

The Gilmer Food Pantry and The Fannin Food Pantry have seen lower numbers being served. Fannin is receiving fewer donations from Food Lion and Ingles. Both food pantries are very appreciative of the Garden for Others.

The Garden for Others is having a great season. They pick crops several times a week, delivering produce to the Gilmer and Fannin Food Pantries as well as to Tower Road.

Nancy Brewer has joined our Outreach Council as the Denominational Relations Chair. She and her committee is looking forward to working with the Interim Pastor, utilizing the video announcements to provide knowledge and enthusiasm among the congregation for the denominations, hosting a Global Ministry intern and to publicize events of the Disciples Church.

Marshall Burke and his committee are moving forward with plans to begin working with Guatemalan women to enable them to earn money through beading projects. Money has been donated to purchase beading materials. Susan Pleasants, Ronald Midkiff and Paula Miller will help with the planning and the beginning of the project as it moves forward.

The Musicfest is ready to go. Lunch will be served beginning at 12:30. Music will begin at 1. Six groups from the church have been recruited.

Questions have been raised about the Health Ministries Committee. There is not a clear focus. Karen Martin has resigned as chair. The Outreach Council will work on what this committee should be doing.

Thank you,
Jane Carwell, Chair