

## WHAT'S NEW IN OUTREACH?

The Outreach Commission held its August meeting on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Here are some of the things that are going on:

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Our two meal ministries (the Sunday Community Dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, and the Circles Meal on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month) continue to be successful and meaningful programs. More people from the parish have been getting involved.

A special 5<sup>th</sup> **Sunday meal** will be held on August 30, and the next regular **Sunday Community Dinner** will be on September 20.

The **August 27 Circles Dinner** will coincide with that program's Graduation Celebration for the second class of Circles Leaders; this will be a larger meal than usual, but an exciting event! The **September Circles Dinner** will take place on Sept. 24.

***To get involved with either of these meal ministries, contact Jennifer Lloyd at [jen.lloyd@comcast.net](mailto:jen.lloyd@comcast.net), or watch for signup sheets on the Outreach bulletin board.***

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Meetings are ongoing to establish an interfaith **Emergency Winter Shelter** program for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The next scheduled task force meeting is on September 15. ***To get involved with this planning effort, contact the Rev. Virginia Hall+ at [vhall@trinitybloomington.org](mailto:vhall@trinitybloomington.org).***

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The Outreach and Christian Education Commissions are working together on two service projects for Trinity youth. Jennifer Lloyd ([jen.lloyd@comcast.net](mailto:jen.lloyd@comcast.net)) and Alex May ([mom4cbg@aol.com](mailto:mom4cbg@aol.com)) are the contacts for these two projects:

- **Monroe County United Ministries' *Each One, Feed One* food drive**, Aug. 29-30. Trinity kids and adults will staff collection tables at the College Mall Kroger on Sunday, August 30 from 1 – 4 p.m. ***Sign-up for a shift on the Trinity bulletin board.***
- We are collecting Little Shoes for Little Feet – used kids' shoes, sizes Toddler 8 through Child 5, to benefit the children in Monroe County Head Start. ***Drop off your donated shoes in the box in the back stairwell during the month of August.***

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In response to an urgent need, Outreach is asking parishioners to **donate student backpacks and children's underwear** (boys & girls, sizes 5-12) to be distributed to Fairview Elementary students from families in crisis. ***Donations of items (or money toward this project) should be brought to the Trinity office.*** Mother Virginia+ ([vhall@trinitybloomington.org](mailto:vhall@trinitybloomington.org)) is the contact for this collection.

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Outreach is considering renting an **organic vegetable plot** in 2010 for parishioners to grow vegetables for donation to any of several community programs. We will be surveying the parish in coming weeks to see if there is sufficient interest for this program.

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We have concluded the **Change for Change** collection for Red Cross cots – totals will be published soon! Our fall Change for Change collection will raise funds toward the Fairview Elementary collection (see above). Change will be collected at the Forum coffee hour.

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The next Outreach meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Library.

**Interested? Come join us!**