

## **Outreach Standing Leadership Group**

Submitted by: Clark Dingman, Chair

*List of the members currently serving on your ministry or leadership team:*

Beth Walker, Mike Wass, Greta Stewart, Deanna Salpietra, Alicia Porter, Clark Dingman, Tony Pavolini, Devan Johnson, and Michael Caine

*As you look at the goals you had planned for 2021, what were you able to accomplish? Please be as specific as possible.*

Our two primary goals of 2020 were achieved. We moved the Saturday Cupboard from the parking lot into the Social Hall as a walkthrough experience. We adapted to the pandemic by requiring all volunteers and guests of the Saturday Morning Breakfast and Clothing Cupboard to be masked and socially distanced. Volunteers bringing food were no longer allowed to use the kitchen and serve the guests. Instead, to go breakfasts were dropped off for the guests to take away. We allowed one guest at a time to enter the Social Hall and be assigned a personal shopper to lead them through an expanded selection of clothing and toiletries, and then pick up their breakfast and coffee and leave out the back door. The flow was controlled to keep people socially distanced.

The Shelter ministry with Bethesda was modified because of the pandemic. Bethesda did not want any of our volunteers coming in contact with the Shelter residents. Dinners had to be dropped off at the church or to the Bethesda staff supervisor.

Urban Service Camps were put on hold for the safety of all involved. We need to figure out shower facilities in or around the Sanctuary Building. The Christian Education building where the showers are now will be torn down as part of the apartment building's construction.

We need to develop strategies to retain Outreach volunteer groups that have provided dinners to the Shelter between the end of this Shelter (our last) and when they can provide dinners and interact with some of the residents of the new apartment building.

*What do you hope to accomplish in 2022?*

In 2022 our goals include volunteer retention, developing a shower solution for our Urban Service Camps, developing opportunities for community building with the people who live around Old First who will be inconvenienced by our construction project, and planning opportunities to engage with the new apartment residents when they move in.

*What are the ways that the church can support your team in achieving your goals for the upcoming year?*

Members and Friends of Old First can support our efforts by sharing your ideas with us, participating in Outreach programs, or attending our monthly meetings on the third Monday each month on the church zoom.