

HIGHLAND HILLS OUTREACH COMMITTEE – 2019

Our committee held 6 meetings during the year. One was at Zion Church and the rest at Barb Walford-Davis' home. Joan Grant joined us as a committee member. We were sorry to have Carol Mc Clennan change to an associate member of our committee. Glenna Koehler will also be an associate member. We held several events this year.

- February 24 –Pink Shirt Day we handed out bracelets to those at church – cost \$82.28
- March 3 – Denise Morton-Sayles spoke for YWCA HERS at our services
- June 12 –HAVE Walk and raised \$2,510.00 for wells in India
- July 1 –Canada Day Outreach Display in Minden and raised \$225.85 for Mission & Service
- September 30 to October 14 –Thanksgiving Food Drive – donations to the Food Bank were \$1,375.00
- October 21 to November 3 – was Tweekies for Food for the North. Donations totalled \$210.25.
- December 15 – we donated 22 gifts to the Hyland Crest residents from our Pastoral Charge.

Reports from Other Committees

Abbey Retreat Centre – They held six retreats for cancer patients and care givers this year. They also hired a new Director, Doug Norris. He is promoting their cause and seeking funds for their program. They hosted Highland Hills UCW in September and Enviro Cafe in November. One source of funds is the rental of their facility for meetings or gatherings. New leaders are being trained. Our church raised \$285.00 for them in December at a musical concert. Check out their web site abbeyretreatcentre.ca.

Affirm Education – Minden Pride Week took place August 19 to 25. A multi-faith service was held at our church with several faith leaders taking part. 52 people attended and found the service helpful.

Enviro Cafe - held 7 meetings during the year. They alternate between Highland Hills United and Haliburton United and held one meeting at Abbey Retreat Centre. Speakers followed by discussion on various environmental topics. i.Topics included Green Burials, Talking about the Climate Crisis, Climate Crisis and the Election, and Grief related to Climate Crisis.

Grandmothers to Grandmothers –gathered on June 2nd to celebrate their past years as they disbanded.
Knitting for Warmth – completed 121 blankets in 2019. New total since 2002 is 2562 blankets using 83,419 squares.

Minden Food Bank – see separate report.

Mission and Service – thanks for those who helped us raise \$23,065.35 which exceeded our objective.

Observer – Glenna Koehler advised that there were 40 subscriptions in 2019. The magazine has changed its name to Broadview and renewals were requested for December.

Places for People – renovated their Cardiff property to add another unit. They can now accommodate 8 singles or families. On March 1st they held a Sleeping in Cars event to raise awareness of homelessness and raise funds. On August 4th the Highland Yard was very successful raising \$22,000.00. They had an official audit done on their books in order to offer bonds for sale in the future. They also co- hosted a Housing Summit at West Guilford. The main point being “housing is basic to a better life”.

Poverty Education – Debbie Sherwin is now trained in Bridges Out of Poverty and led a workshop for all local churches at our church on June 20th. We also had a Visioning Workshop on September 26 with Christian Harvey leading.

Truth and Reconciliation- Diane attended a display at the Peterborough Museum & Archives entitled “We Were Taught Differently”. She thought it very worthwhile . We ordered 3 copies of the booklet by the same name for our congregations. They can be borrowed from the office as well as the DVD about the Treaties signed in our area.

VIBE Camp – Theme was God Loves All Creation with an average attendance of 8.

Thank you to the congregation for their support of these various programs.

Committee Members: Chair Barb Walford-Davis, Deloris Bailey, Margo Davidson, Joan Grant, Thea Patterson, Rev. Max Ward, and Diane Welborn. Associate Members: Carolynn Coburn, Glenna Koehler, Carol McClennan, Debbie Sherwin and Mary Trepanier. These ladies report to us regarding their area of involvement.

Respectfully submitted – Pat Thornett , Secretary.