

SENIOR OUTREACH MINISTRY
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES TO CUMC CHURCH COUNCIL

March and April were busy months for our Senior Outreach Ministry.

1. We worked with Lynda Krazinski and the ministers to provide input into the **Wisdom Service** celebrated on April 27-28. Emphasis this year was on making the service relevant to our congregants 90 years old and older with our music, our presentations and the message for the day. Although the services were well received, we are in the process of evaluating ways we can make the service even better next year.
2. We added the **Community Quilters Group** that will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month. It is our hope that this group will provide an opportunity for fellowship as we work on sewing projects for philanthropic and personal use. We will be working together to bring about another "Quilt Show Sunday" in early September to give our congregation an opportunity to share their favorite family heirloom quilts and to choose a quilt to go on to the Cedarlake Quilt Show September 16-22, 2013. It is our hope to win another \$1000 to go toward apportionment.
3. Barbara Dabrowski, Rich Kaffka and I will be finishing the Retirement Research foundation Accessable Faith Grant request for partial funding of the **Hearing Loop System** that we plan to have in place by the end of Summer, 2013. Based on the one estimate that we have recieved to date (the other estimate will be in soon) the system will cost around \$12,500. Grants are awarded in June and if we get the grant monies they will cover up to half of the cost of installation. The other funding will come from those in the congregation who support the installation of the system. The specifics of how this will be done will be discussed with the finance committee; however, I have arranged for a CUMC bumper sticker with the hearing loop identifier on it and am thinking that we can do a mini fund raiser with these (our version of a bake sale).
4. Our monthly interfaith **STARS** ministry has completed it's planned first quarter with consultants from Samaritan Interfaith. At this point we are on our own and will request consultation as needed. Our priority at this time is on publicity and we are looking for ways to do this. We have arranged for a bookmark with out information on it that can be used to let others know about our program. We hope to get Edward Hospital to agree to include this bookmark in their discharge packets for stroke survivors. This ministry is funded in part by a grant from the United Methodist Foundation and in part by participants.
5. We are planning to do another **community education program** this summer with emphasis on issues relevant to life after retirement. Plans for this program are pending at this time; however, we may try to time in in conjunction with the completed installation of the hearing loop system.

Respectfully submitted,

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