



Every year the Vestry and the Rector of a parish is asked to conduct a Mutual Ministry Review (MMR). Over the years, this opportunity to understand the things that we have done, and those we have left undone, or even decided not to do anymore, has become a dreaded exercise. Notice that these same words are included in our prayer of confession. We are confessing that we have not fulfilled our promise, and that we need to ask forgiveness for our sins. A review of how we are using God's gifts, and our relationship with our members, should be looked at as a way to;

- (a) unburden ourselves
- (b) start anew
- (c) value where we are
- (d) plan for our future ministry.
- (e) be grateful for the talents that God has given each of (us) our members.

In the secular world, performance reviews and paid for performance bonus' has spilled over to our church life and tainted the real value of our MMR. Too often the MMR is viewed as a criticism of the Rector and/or the vestry. A time of pointing out what was not done and who was responsible for the shortcoming. Instead, it should be a time of rejoicing in the work that has been accomplished, and a review of those things that did not work out as planned. We often get stuck in looking at how we failed and seek to find someone or something to blame.

So what is a Mutual Ministry Review? It is an opportunity for the parish along with the Vestry and Priest to look at the ministries we are engaged in and discern how they are helping us to spread the kingdom of God. How effective has this work been, and how can we improve? What do we want to do in the future?

St Paul's has the opportunity to do a Mutual Ministry Review as one of the steps towards understanding our parish life. We must update our present profile as part of our search for a new rector. We must first forgive ourselves for any shortcomings we may have, and reach out to God to help us start anew. As we look at our ministries, we need to focus on the work accomplished and how we want to proceed in the future. There is an old African proverb that says: "You do not know where you are going unless you know where you came from."

Let us review the past while avoiding blaming anyone for things done or left undone. Using our history to help us form the future will help us to recognize that we need to look for ways to use every member's talent. I suggest that we adopt MMR as a yearly spiritual practice. It will be a healthy exercise for St Paul's members to further the kingdom of God in our work.

In the very near future you will be asked to provide feedback about how you as parishioners see the value of our ministries. It also will provide you with the opportunity to think about how you may contribute to joining with other members in our present ministries and help to develop new ministries. To begin this exercise I suggest we read Chapter 12 of Paul's letter to the Romans.

A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. **4** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **5** so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **6** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; **7** if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; **8** if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love in Action

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **10** Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. **11** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **13** Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. **18** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. **19** Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. **20** On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

For His Sake

Barbara Mannor, Senior Warden

Remember how much fun it was to go to church camp? Many of us in Eastern Michigan went to Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle or sent our children. Even though many of the normal summer activities for children were still not open in July of 2021, the Camp Chick counselors under the direction of McKenzie Knill and Brian Ouellette brought Camp to Flint. Twelve children age 8-13 spend July 12-15 at Memorial park playing games, singing songs and learning about Jesus. We were able to open the church classrooms for overnight accommodations for the counselors. We have Denise Dillard, director of Crossover Outreach to thank for all the work she did getting the children registered and arranging for the use of the park. Tiffany Ferrier, director of Family Promise provided beds for the counselors. I also want to thank Karen Schaefer, Pat Emenyonu, Jill Bloss, Barbara Karr, Bill Johnson, Maggie Hart, Tim Grant and Terrence Whitehead for providing food or support at the park or at St Paul's. Many hands make light work and that was true with so many people helping us create a fun experience for our neighborhood children. May these same kids get an opportunity next year to go to Camp Chickagami and experience a week long overnight camp experience.

Barbara Mannor, Senior Warden

Mission of St Paul's Outreach Ministry: To reach outside our doors to provide St Paul's neighbors with food, clothing and shelter.

Outreach Ministry Projects:

1. Supporting the work of Crossover Outreach with a fund raiser. Since 2020 with Covid restrictions and closure of the Masonic Temple dining room we were unable to have a chicken dinner. A new fund raiser will need to be developed.
2. Host church for Family Promise of Genesee County. St Jude and St Dunstan are support Congregations. House homeless families for one week 4 times a year. Provide breakfast, snacks, and an evening meal as well as a place to sleep. Hopefully families will be staying at churches beginning in Oct of 2021.
3. In August purchase a food truck from the Food Bank to distribute food. Due to numerous food programs and stimulus money we will not be getting truck for 2021.
4. Support Humane Society with Blessing of Animals in connection with St Francis of Assisi Day.
5. Provide Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for Crossover Outreach patrons.
6. Provide Christmas gifts for military personnel.
7. Support Angel Tree gifts for 20 children from Crossover and one family from Family Promise
8. Provide funds for a child to go to Camp Chickagami. Camp is not open in 2021. Will provide overnight accommodations, breakfast and evening meal for counselors for a day camp at Memorial Park on Grand Traverse Street Flint, Mi for St Paul's children and children of families served at Crossover Outreach.

Outreach Ministry has been meeting via zoom and now also in-person on the Second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm. Any parishioner is welcome to attend.

Barbara Mannor, Senior Warden

Music in the Heart of the City

FundRaising Event August 12, 2021

6-9pm at the home of

Bruce and Holly Richardson

Featuring the Joe Wright Combo

Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you plan to attend

From the Music Desk.....

“Take My Life and Let it Be” is one of my favorite hymns. The choir will be singing this as the Anthem August 29 with the hymn tune, I learned when I was young.

*1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.*

*2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

*4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

I think that David would have loved the words from this hymn. David is my favorite Bible character found in I Samuel. David has courage, although the youngest son of Jesse he is anointed to become King when Saul dies. King Saul tries to kill him, David always flees and does not kill Saul even though he has opportunity. David sins, God forgives him. David is a musician.

In July I was involved in a conversation about giving God your time, money, and talents, to be used for the glory of God, this song and David are both great examples of our need to give back to God who supplies everything for us. There are so many opportunities to give back to God, I hope you will find opportunities in your life and work to give to others.

Holly Richardson, Director of Music

A Word from Bishop Hougland

Saying Goodbye and Blessing

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, now former bishop provisional of Eastern and bishop diocesan of Western Michigan, offers the dioceses a word as he departs, blessing us on our way.

Hi, my friends in Eastern and Western Michigan, it's Whayne Hougland here. As you know, a week ago I resigned as your Bishop. It was not a decision that was made easily or lightly, but, was done prayerfully and intentionally after a lot of discernment.

Some things I wanted to say as I leave you -- first of all, I just am terribly sorry for what has transpired in the last year -- for my bad choice that led to my suspension, and to the hardship and difficulty and disappointment that many of you have experienced because of that in the last year. That will be a burden I will carry with me for the rest of my life and I am truly sorry. It was my choice, it was a bad choice, and I apologize.

I also wanted to say a deep thank you to you for your continued support in this last year to Dana and me and our family. I have been working for this last year to get back to you, but it didn't seem to work out. I just want you to know how much I appreciate the support you've given particularly Dana, she is doing really well and we're working really really hard on our marriage and on ourselves. We're both in really good physical shape and we've been working with therapists on a weekly basis and working together. We're taking it one step at a time, day-by-day. Just like any relationship would -- it's just day-by-day, one step at a time. There have been some difficult times, but we're working our way through it.

I also wanted to tell you we're now living in Indianapolis, we've actually been here since August of last year, close to our daughter Erin and her husband Isaac, and our grandsons Ian and Sam. We live just about a 10-minute walk from them. We'll be staying here in Indianapolis and trying to continue our lives moving forward from here. Leah and River and Evan will continue living in Grand Rapids where they've made a home and are quite happy. This gives us reasonable proximity to them and also to both sets of our parents who are in Lexington, Kentucky, just a few hours down the road.

Just some things I wanted to say before I leave... If there's anything prophetic that I have to say, it's that you must know is that you are absolutely, each one of you, beautiful gems of creation. There ain't gonna be another one like you ever in the history of the world. You are fabulous and wonderful just as you are, and I hope that you can believe that, I believe that, I'm trying to believe that for myself.

I also wanted to share with you one last time some words from John McQuiston from his book, "Always We Begin Again," -- he's talking about Paramount goals.

"What is wanted is not that we should find ultimate truth nor that we should become secure, nor that we should have ease, nor that we should be without hurt, but that we should live fully. Therefore, we should not fear life nor anything in life. We should not fear death nor anything in death. We should live our lives in love with life. And so it is

for us to train our hearts to live in Grace, to sacrifice ourselves and our desires, to find the peace without want, without seeking it for ourselves, and when we fail, to begin again each day."

That's certainly what I'm trying to do. I want you to know that I love you guys, I miss you guys, and I wish you nothing but the best as you move forward.

And as I leave, remember that life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. In the blessing of God all mighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. Amen. Be well, everyone.

To watch the video, click this link:

<http://eastmich.org/a-word-from-bishop-houglan-goodbye-and-a-blessing/>

Dear Friends in Christ,

We write today with a process update on the future of episcopal leadership over the next few years in our life as dioceses, following the resignation of our former bishop.

After lengthy discussion and consideration, and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop's Office, the Joint Standing Committees have begun the process of seeking a shared bishop provisional for our two dioceses. It is the intention of the Standing Committees that this person would serve us full-time for 2-4 years, with the option to stand for election as a bishop diocesan at the conclusion of that time.

According to the canons of the church (Canon 13, Sec. 1), a "bishop provisional" is an already-consecrated bishop (either already serving elsewhere or retired) who is elected to serve a diocese for a specific amount of time, holding all of the responsibilities and authority of a bishop diocesan. According to the process set out by the canons, the Standing Committee is charged with interviewing a slate and selecting one candidate, who is then formally nominated to the diocesan convention for election. We are on track to be able to hold this election at our joint diocesan convention in late October.

What about our current Assisting Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Skip Adams? We cannot understate our gratitude to Bishop Adams for his service as chaplain and advisor over the past several months. Bishop Adams has now served twice during his “retirement” (first in South Carolina, then with Eastern and Western Michigan) and as such, we’re learning he has extended his provisions allowed by the Church Pension Fund. In order to remain legal and to retain his well-earned pension, he will need to conclude (or pause) his time with us at the end of this September. After we have called and elected our new Bishop Provisional, and in discerning conversation with them and CPG, we are hopeful that there may be opportunity for Bishop Skip to serve with us again in the future.

We are pleased to report that, with the help of the Presiding Bishop’s Office, three candidates for bishop provisional will be interviewed over the next month. All of the candidates are enthusiastic about the possibility of working alongside our dioceses as we continue to explore our relationship with one another and as we process, both as individual dioceses and together, our experience of the last year under suspension and the pandemic. All three candidates would serve our dioceses on a full-time basis, departing the dioceses in which they currently serve.

It is important to note that, while the canons charge the Standing Committee with interviewing and selecting one candidate, our Joint Standing Committees have chosen to have broader representation on the interviewing committee, which will conduct the interviews and offer advice and feedback to the Joint Standing Committee. The interviewing committee is composed of six members of each diocese and includes all orders of ministry and geographic regions. Those members are:

The Rev. Nancy Mayhew, Co-Chair*
St. Alban’s, Bay City

The Rev. BJ Heyboer, Co-Chair*
St. Mark’s, Newaygo

Gary Grinn*
St. Paul’s, Gladwin

The Rev. Dr. Jared Cramer
St. John’s, Grand Haven

The Rev. Deacon Anna Leigh Kubbe*
Holy Family, Blue Water

The Ven. Beth Drew
Trinity, Three Rivers

Tanna Leclaire
Grace, Port Huron

Nancy Foster
St. Mary’s, Cadillac

The Rev. Curt Norman
St. John’s, Saginaw

Carole Redwine*
St. Philip’s, Grand Rapids

The Rev. Canon Michael Spencer
Eastern Michigan Diocesan Staff

The Rev. Canon Valerie Ambrose
Western Michigan Diocesan Staff

Holy Hikers Explore For-Mar Nature Park

The inaugural excursion of Holy Hikes Eastern Michigan

About a dozen Episcopalians gathered at For-Mar Nature Park and Arboretum over the weekend for the inaugural excursion of Holy Hikes Eastern Michigan, traveling from as far as Kalamazoo and as near as right down the street.



Holy Hikes is a church-wide network made up of local affiliate chapters in which participants spend time in God's creation, hiking or some other activity, while engaging in prayer, reflection, and worship along the way. [Click here to read the original invitation](#) from our local chapter.

Eastern Michigan's Holy Hikes chapter will host two remaining events this summer on August 7th at Ogemaw Hills Pathway in West Branch and October 2nd at Banwell Nature Preserve in Afton (near Indian River). Both sites are dog-friendly and hospitality will be provided. All are invited to join, including those beyond Eastern Michigan and non-Episcopalians.



[Click here to view a photo album.](#)

[Click here to learn more and to RSVP.](#)

Contact coordinator Tanna LeClaire with any questions at

holyhikes@eastmich.org.

Photos: The participants smile for a photo after the hike; the group pauses for prayer before entering the trailhead.

August 2021 Financial Update

Music at St. Paul's has always been an important priority. It is a beloved part of our worship together. We have been fortunate to have extraordinarily talented musicians, organists, pianists, and singers on staff over the years, along with the volunteers in our choirs and bell choirs. We have a magnificent organ, one of the best Michigan. We have a concert quality Steinway piano.

While parishioners have always enthusiastically supported music in our worship, some past parishioners also remembered the music program at St. Paul's in their estate planning by setting up Trusts to support music here.

The Lyle Music Trust, set up by Marguerite Lile in 1991 has consistently contributed about \$2300 per year. The Mitchell Music Fund, created by Frank and Doris Mitchell in 1993, contributes about \$1,700 per year. The Dalton Organ Fund, set up in 1942 by Alice Johnson in honor of her mother, Florence Dalton, has and continues to contribute the funds for the maintenance and tuning of the Organ.

Your pledges are a critical source of support for music in worship. St. Paul's 2021 budget for music is \$61,000 for the year, about 12% of our overall budget.

Another piece of the Music program at St. Paul's is our concert series for the community, *Music in the Heart of the City*. This program is self-supporting and expenses are not paid out of the church's operating funds. The program is supported by donations from Parish Members as well as from the general community, especially at the annual fundraiser in August. It is also supported by people buying a season pass or by paying a nominal charge at the door. St. Paul's parishioners are particularly generous (and needed) in their support of the concert series, which not only brings wonderful music to the community, but brings members of the community inside our doors. You can support this outreach to the community through music with a check made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with a note that it is for *Music in the Heart of the City*.

Below is a current snapshot of where we are with revenue and expenses compared to budget as June 30th:

		YTD as of 6/30/21	2021 Budget	YTD as % of Budget
Revenue	Pledges	98,574	180,000	55%
	Other Inc.	104,648	306,056	34%
	Total Revenue	203,222	486,056	42%
Expenses	Service/Outreach	40,069	114,272	35%
	Worship/Education	1,964	3,300	60%
	Personnel	124,808	266,287	47%
	Building/Grounds	60,990	115,500	53%
	Admin	5,343	12,850	42%
	Total Expenses	233,174	512,209	46%
YTD Results	Revenue/(loss)	-29,951	-26,153	

Maggie Hart, Treasurer of the Vestry

George Gibson, Financial Manager

Ending homelessness...one family at a time.



A MESSAGE
FROM THE DIRECTOR
Tiffani (Ferrier) Wharry

Hello Dear Friends,

I hope all my housing heroes are doing well and looking forward to the summer sunshine. May I dare even say it seems we are coming to the light at the end of the tunnel? It has been almost a year since we have sheltered a family, and we are definitely looking forward to getting back to our shelter rotation. At this time, we are planning for a start date in October.

When we shifted our focus to stabilization last summer, we never imagined it would keep us so busy. Our closure has allowed us to develop and build our programs - these are creative solutions that are focused on diverting families from shelter situations. Our focus while remote has been on supportive services and resources to many local agencies and our community. We are small, but we have always been mighty!

We received a Basic Needs Grant from the county that allowed us to partner with some of our host/support churches already operating food pantries. This joint effort helped us serve more than 400 people in the last five months alone, with items that cannot be purchased on an EBT card.

Many of the families we served told us that it was the difference between them paying their rent or being able to buy food. In addition, we continue to stabilize 40+ families that either graduated from our program or have been a part of our new programs.

While a lot has changed, one thing that has always been our constant is providing solutions to family homelessness. We couldn't do it without you.

We are taking advantage of our limited time without families at the day center and using it for some much-needed TLC. So far, volunteers from New Life Community Lutheran and Flushing United Methodist have come to paint, clean, organize and refresh. I am pleased to report that we no longer have glow-in-the-dark stickers on the ceiling in the quiet room. We also have matching bedding, and it looks more like a welcoming bedroom/play area.

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Paying it Forward: one family at a time

Often families come to us because they have experienced an absolutely traumatic event. We frequently talk about the "trauma of homelessness" which losing a home in and of itself is certainly traumatic - however there are instances when a home is lost for other reasons than nonpayment of rent/mortgage.

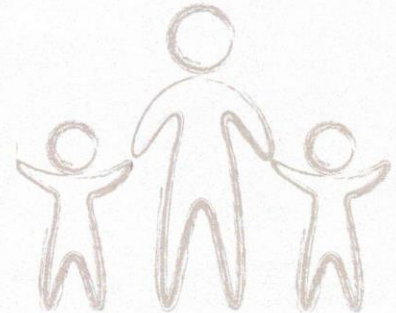
We have a lot of single moms that come through our Day Center. We also have moms whose skin color does not always match the color of their children; it doesn't matter to us; we only look at the trauma they are going through and want to fix it as fast as we possibly can.

This mom came to us for help because her children were experiencing racial hatred at both their home and in their school. Mom works full-time at a large company in Grand Blanc, where she manages a team of individuals, so good problem-solving skills are definitely in her wheelhouse. Yet, these verbal assaults toward her children continued.

The World is a Small Place, and Volunteerism is a powerful thing!

A couple of years ago, a kind man donated a trailer to the Franklin Avenue Mission. A volunteer there had the perfect family in mind for such a gift. *(It's probably not surprising that many volunteers have participated with both FPGC and the Franklin Mission).*

This volunteer had been working with a family who was, unfortunately, living in a home that should have been condemned. It had holes in the roof, so big that the couple would take turns during heavy rainstorms (or snow) to bale the water right back out the window. There was mold, no hot water, and because they had nowhere else to go, they lived there. It took this kind volunteer more than a year to earn their trust so she might be able to help them.



The Franklin Avenue Mission helped pay the lot rent for one year, and the couple and their adult son (caretaker) moved into their new home. It has been two years since then, and the family had been able to save up money and decided to move out of state to be near family. So they contacted their friend to see what could be done with the home.

Back to our hard-working mom with two kids, living in fear because of hate, in desperate need of a safer living arrangement.

Yes, you guessed it. The family is gifting the home to her and her children. It was important to them to be able to pay this gift of a home forward.

She and the boys moved in on June 15th. We granted her money from "Promise for Home" to take care of the move-in costs as her landlord refuses to return her current deposit because she is breaking her lease. Our mom is so thankful that she is already looking to the future where she can purchase something for herself and be in the position to pay this home forward once again.

We are so thankful for the Franklin Mission's work to help our community and our long-time volunteer who helped make this happen.

Family Promise of Genesee County Founded 2014

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Family Promise of Genesee County is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization addressing the crisis of family homelessness in Genesee County. Through a comprehensive set of solutions involving prevention, shelter, and stabilization, Family Promise empowers families experiencing or at risk of homelessness to reclaim and maintain their independence.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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It has been on our wish list for a while to be able to honor our graduates by placing their family names on a Wall of Stars. We hope that when we are back to hosting and graduating new families it will give them hope and inspiration while they are going through one of the most difficult times in their lives!

Now that our education lab has been upgraded we are focusing on making the common areas more family-oriented that they can be utilized for classes and during normal day center operations. Volunteers from various churches already started painting, cleaning, and organizing throughout our space.

If you are interested in a project for your group, adult, teen, or family, we would love to have you! There are many opportunities for volunteers right now. We have a new system that will allow us to better track your volunteer hours to give credit where credit is due!

We will start going back to the office with regularity the week of July 12 and could use some help there as well. If you are interested, please let me know!

Until next time!

Peace, Love, and Housing!

Tiffani M. Ferrier

Save the Date!

Night without a Bed

June 19-26, 2021

You can spend your Night without a Bed anywhere - the most important part of this social media challenge is to raise awareness of family homelessness. You can sleep on a sofa, the floor, in your car, in a tent - anywhere but in a bed - and share photos on our social media - tag @familypromiseofgenesee county and hashtag #NightWithoutABed. For more details or to sign up visit <http://bit.ly/fpgcnwoab>



Give Me Shelter - 5K

August 14, 2021



We are so excited to be hosting our race in person once again at Jack Abernathy Park in Davison. A crowd favorite - our 5K runs through the beautiful park and adjoining neighborhood. Onsite daycare in the playscape during the event. For more information or to register visit: <http://bit.ly/fpgms5k>

Golf FORE Families!

September 10, 2021

Atlas Valley Golf Club
8313 Perry Road | Grand Blanc, MI



Back by popular demand and at the newly revamped Atlas Valley Golf Club! The entire facility and course underwent a dramatic revitalization in 2020 and are receiving rave reviews. It is a perfect backdrop to play golf and help local families experiencing a housing crisis. For more information or to register, visit: <http://bit.ly/fpgcgolf>



Family Promise Week and 1st Host Week of 2021

October 17-24, 2021

We are beyond excited to announce that our first host week of 2021 will October 17-24 at Calvary UMC / Day Center. This will coincide with Family Promise Week - which celebrates the work we do and increases awareness of family homelessness across the country. Stay tuned for more details and volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Training

Available Now

Exciting news - the national office has overhauled affiliate resources and we are excited to share that Virtual Volunteer Training is now available. Each module is between 5-8 minutes and you can complete them from the comfort of your own home. Visit www.familypromise.org/volunteer-training-videos/ Any questions? Give us a call 810.234.9444.



Stopping Homelessness Before It Happens

Did you know that there is more to Family Promise than emergency overnight shelter? When we started in 2014, emergency shelter was our focus and only program.

In 2017, we developed our graduate program, "Beyond the Promise" (a stabilization program), which enabled us to follow up with families for up to one-year post-graduation. This program helps ensure families are able to maintain their housing, and if any "road bumps" happen we are there to lend a hand.

In late 2018, retired board member Diana Snider and President Emeritus Karen Vobach took on the challenge of bringing a new program into our lineup. Many options were considered. During visits and board meetings, they would hear updates about families ready to graduate but lacked the financial resources for move-in deposits or to resolving past-due obligations that would enable them to graduate sooner. After a lot of brainstorming, a plan was developed to help graduate more families annually. This plan was the foundation for the Bridge Apart program which provides financial resources for families meeting program criteria and enables them to graduate in 30-45 days rather than the average of 69-70 days.



FPGC Programs

<h3>Prevention</h3> <p>Definition: <i>Eviction is IMMINENT. Services provided prevent a loss of home/current residence</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial/Rental Assistance Case Management Landlord Mediation Security Deposit <p>FPGC Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beyond the Promise Promise for Home Bridge Apart 	<h3>Shelter Diversion</h3> <p>Definition: <i>Currently or Recently Homeless Avoid a Shelter Stay</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landlord Mediation General Housing Location Rental Assistance Intensive, Fast Case Management Creative Solutions <p>FPGC Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beyond the Promise Bridge Apart
<h3>Shelter</h3> <p>Definition: <i>Living in unsafe conditions - street, car, etc.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality Case Management Community Engagement Landlord Mediation <p>FPGC Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Shelter Pets with a Promise Bridge Apart 	<h3>Stabilization</h3> <p>Definition: <i>Programming to support continued household success.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate Programs Rapid-Rehousing Home Ownership Financial Capacity Career Pathway Community Engagement <p>FPGC Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beyond the Promise Keeping the Promise (basic needs) Bridge Apart Promise for Family Family Education Lab

In the early summer of 2019, we applied for and were awarded a matching grant that focused on both homeless prevention and providing move-in costs to families with a child under 18 years old in the home. This grant propelled us even further forward into providing prevention for families. Though we do not shelter these families, they receive case management, life-skills classes and qualify for any other programs that might help.

In 2020 and so far this year, we have applied for and been awarded funding that will help us divert families from needing to enter shelter altogether. Any families served will be part of the "Beyond the Promise" program, receive regular case management, life-skills building, and be eligible for a FPGC mentor. We are excited about this because they will avoid the trauma of being in a shelter and can get to rebuilding a stable independent home.

We are so very thankful for all that you whether you are a volunteer or donor or both, you and these programs are key ingredients in our mission of ending homelessness...one family at a time.

Our Impact

It continues to amaze us that we are serving so many families than ever before and the list of graduates keeps growing. This is the impact we have had in our community through April of this year. If you would like a copy of this graphic to share, please email Nicole at development@familypromiseofgc.org, she will be happy to share it with you.





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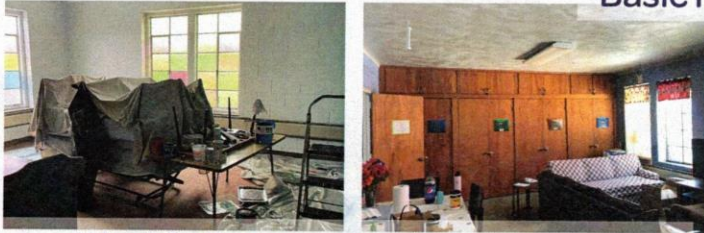
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Basic Needs Distributions



Work in Progress at the Day Center



Upcoming Celebrations.....

August

Anniversaries

Lance & Janet Barker	4
Tom & Laura Meyer (50 years)	7
Dylan & Christina Baxter	22
Ernest & Pat Emenyonu	22
Fred & Jo Miska	23

Birthdays

Elaine Kaye	4
Clay Leroue	4
Sheryl Kennedy	6
Krystal Royer	8
Cary Rouse	10
Tina Morrison	13
Jerrold Roberts	15
George Icke	16
Shane Geraghty	17
Norma Dolphin	20
Michael Oertel	21
Meghan Cherry	24
Pam Bailey	28
Janet Barker	28

September

Anniversaries

Craig & Sarah Leavitt	4
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Birthdays

Tracy Leman	7
Sofia Manley	8
Robert Marshall	10
Davina Pendragon	12
Heather Gagnon	13
Jane Bingham	21
Lawrence Struck Jr.	21
The Rev. Dcn. Sharon Naughton	30

Vestry.....

Senior Warden	Barbara Mannor
Junior Warden	Rebecca Bennett
Treasurer	Maggie Hart
Clerk	Ed Henneke

Elders of Building and Grounds:	Rebecca Bennet, Walt Peake
Elders of Diversity:	Elizabeth Jordan, Maggie Hart
Elders of Education:	Barbara Mannor, Elizabeth Jordan, TaMara Oertel
Elders of Finance:	Ed Henneke, Maggie Hart
Elders of Outreach:	Barbara Mannor, Jan Bugbee
Elders of Pastoral Care/Hospitality:	Ferrell Katzenberger, Jan Bugbee, Rebecca Bennett
Elder of Stewardship:	Walt Peake
Elder of Worship:	TaMara Oertel