

OUTREACH SURVEY RESULTS NOVEMBER 2017

There were 51 people in the congregation that responded to the survey including one narrative response. Some responses fell into other categories such as pastoral care and ministry and are receiving thoughtful consideration for implementation.

The respondents were to rate each item on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is very important and 5 is not important. The majority of responses were rated a 2, the next highest was a 3, then 1's and one 5.

Question 1 – Pleasant View

The angel tree will still be supported

Visits were suggested. Interested people will need a background check which will be provided by Pleasant View.

Question 2 – Mt. Airy Net

Food pantry (drives), cash support, angel tree gifts, and Thanksgiving dinners will still be supported. There was not much desire to continue Christmas dinners or the Lenten calendar.

Question 3 – Supporting troops in our parish

Cards were favored

Question 4 – Carroll County Foster Kids

Supply drives when special needs arise and angel tree support is supported. Visits and outings are not acceptable because of privacy concerns.

Question 5 – local elementary schools

A majority agreed to support them when specific needs are requested. It was noted that many other stores and organizations help with local schools.

Question 6 – Shepherd's Staff

They seem to have many resources for acquiring school supplies. We will support them when asked for specific items or needs.

Question 7 – other Outreach efforts

Crop Walk will no longer be supported due to lack of participation and survey answers. St. Jude's is abolishing the card front ministry because they do not have the support on their end. Lenten mite boxes will continue to be supported.

Question 8 – are there other ideas to support our community through outreach?

Many of these responses fell under ministry, pastoral care, schools and local organizations that take care of the other needs such as:

- Work with other churches and police on the availability of illegal drugs in our community
- Support other schools in our area
- Invitation to worship here with donated outreach items/brochures
- Door to door prayer ministry
- Building a stronger church
- Helping those in our parish (Pastoral Care) (We are seriously looking into this area through Pastoral Care.)

Question 9 – any outreach efforts that should be scaled back or discontinued? (each of these comments were made by different individuals)

- Less support for schools
- Foster children is a new initiative
- Less to Mt. Airy Net (4 individuals)
- Pleasant view

Question 10 – what outreach endeavor do you feel passionate about?

- Mt. Airy Net
- Angel tree
- Support deployed servicemen and women w/cards and goodie boxes
- Episcopal Relief and Development
- Transportation for people to medical appointments
- Special Olympics
- Mentor to underprivileged children
- Helping those in our church
- Mission projects
- Samaritan's purse
- A is for Africa

Question 11 – would you like to join the Outreach Committee or take a more active role in a particular effort?

- A few people said yes
- Maybe
- As time frees up would like to do more with nursing homes and foster kids
- Not at this time, maybe later

Please keep in mind that anyone working with the elderly or children must have a background check. Do not let this minor obstacle deter you from helping anyone. The checks are easy to get and are usually paid by the entity that runs the check. The Outreach Committee will help you through this process.