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## MUMC MOBILE MEDICAL MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

February 2020

***The entire law is summed up in one command: “love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:14***

As members of MUMC, we continue our commitment to providing the congregation updates of what is happening with the mobile medical ministry, and how you may provide support and become involved.

### **Accomplishments**

- We administered 75 flu vaccines through Forgotten Louisville, The Lord’s Kitchen, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave UMC and Family Community Clinic. We would like to thank the University of Louisville Vaccine Clinic for providing us the vaccines at their cost.
- In 2019 we received a Good Samaritan Foundation grant to develop a program to combat childhood obesity. Thank you to Pam Hayden for developing the “Choose Water” presentation.
  - To date we have presented the program to 180 children, including the Lighthouse Academy at Newburg and the MUMC Preschool during their weeklong study of good health. It is an informative, fun and interactive program which the children have really enjoyed.
  - We are working with Portland Promise Center to present to the children in their after-school program sometime in March
  - If anyone knows of another after-school program or preschool that might enjoy the program please contact Nancy Tinnell, Cindy Wyatt or Roni Evans.
- On October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 we co-hosted an appreciation dinner in our Connection Center for the volunteers of the Mobile Medical Ministry and the Family Community Clinic. It was a great evening of fellowship and celebration. A special thank you to Sandra Dearen and Amanda Head for the beautiful tables and setting they provided for the event. There were endless compliments from those attending the event.
- We now have an arrangement with TARC and the Coalition for the Homeless that enables us to purchase 4-hour TARC passes at a reduced rate. We provide these passes to clients we serve who need more extensive care that we refer to the Family Community Clinic but do not have transportation to get to the clinic.

## Upcoming events

- Members of MUMC will be supporting the Portland Promise Center at their Touched Twice Clinic on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. If anyone else is interested, please contact Cindy Wyatt or Roni Evans. We will be providing transportation from the church.
  - We are collecting fingernail polish and new makeup for the clinic. There is a box in the donation room for any donations.
  - The Mobile Medical will be providing Band Aids, boxes of gloves, rubbing alcohol, Q tips, Neosporin and Bibles for the clinic.
- The Mobile Medical ministry utilizes the office located in the gymnasium lobby as our base location for supplies, etc. In March, we will begin renovating the space to provide more storage and more efficient use of the space. We wish to express a special thank you to two generous donors for making this possible.
- We continue to reach out to different community groups seeking to find a replacement for Forgotten Louisville. As you may or may not be aware by now, Forgotten Louisville decided that in 2020 they will go directly to the homeless camps instead of setting up in a parking lot downtown. It is not feasible for us to take the medical van into the camps.
  - If anyone is aware of an organization that you think would benefit from our services, please contact Cindy Wyatt or Roni Evans

## How may you help

- **We Need Providers.**
  - We have an **immediate need** for a provider (MD, NP or PA) to serve with the Mobile Medical at Buechel UMC every other month on the first Wednesday from 4-6PM. The provider we were utilizing had a change in their work schedule and is no longer available.
  - We acquire new providers and nurses primarily through word of mouth or people seeing the ministry in action. We still need additional physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and nurses as we look at opportunities to expand locations for the ministry to visit. The commitment is two hours per month. If you have any acquaintances or know of anyone in the community who might be interested in becoming involved, Nancy Tinnell, Roni Evans and/or Cindy Wyatt would be happy to talk to the individual and answer any questions they may have.
- **Donations**
  - Other than the Good Samaritan grants we receive, the ministry does not have any other source of funding, so monetary donations are always appreciated.
- **Your prayers**
  - We felt led by God to establish this ministry and have been blessed in many ways with the opportunities and gifts we have received. It is amazing to watch how when we are not sure how we will take the next step everything falls into place and we have what we

need. We ask for your continued prayers as we move forward, excited to see where God takes this ministry next.

**MUMC Mobile Medical Ministry Committee**

Cindy Wyatt, Nancy Tinnell, Janis Borders, Roni Evans, Donna Myers, Dottie McIntire, Jamie Newton, and Ann Thrasher.