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CHURCH LIFE FEBRUARY 2026



JANUARY TRANSITION HOUSE

The Transition House shelter was home to 50+ hungry residents on Tues. Jan. 13th when the FCCSB TH FoodTeam made next day lunches and served a hot, nutritious dinner. Thanks go to those who came to the shelter: Peter Ford, Bud Kayser, Anne Shaw and Lynn Stewart; to food preparers: Sharon Kayser and Lynn Stewart; and to those who give financially

to cover the cost of the various supplies needed for this outreach.

Bud, our lunch food purveyor, was already filling up lunch bags when Peter and I arrived at the shelter about 5:30 pm. The TH evening volunteer, Chris, greeted us as we walked in with dinner materials. (Chris prepares the dining room: puts chairs in place, sets the tables, gets out the beverages = milk and ice water, etc.) Lynn and Anne soon joined us and we all worked to finish dinner preparations, make next-day sandwiches and/or pack the lunch bags. All was ready well before serving time.

We gathered for a group prayer of thanksgiving for being able to provide residents with a meal, then chatted until serving time. At 6:30 pm the residents were called to dinner and Peter, Bud, Anne and Lynn served up BBQ'd chicken pieces,* quinoa/rice w/ veggies (Sharon), black beans w/corn/tomatoes & salsa,* cooked carrots (Lynn), green salad (Lynn), orange slices,* and pieces of French bread. Butter was out on the tables. Jalapenos, salsa and shredded cheese were on a side serving counter. "Store-bought" cookies w/ sprinkles or choc. chips were passed for dessert.

The next FCCSB TH FoodTeam meal will be on Tues., Feb. 10th. Sharon Kayser will be coordinating the meal. Please contact her to offer any assistance.

Mary Howe-Grant, TH FoodteamCoordinator

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!



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 Feb 2 Edward Underhay
 Feb 8 Bonnie Orr
 Feb 20 Martha Peyton
 Feb 22 Carole LaPorte

2025 Officers and Committees

Church Officers

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| Moderator | Martha Peyton ^{MB} |
| Vice Moderator | Johanna Preiswerk ^{MB} |
| Recording Clerk | Peter Brown ^{MB} |
| Treasurer | Salome Crowley ^{MB} |
| Asst. Treasurer | Mary Howe-Grant |
| Financial Co-Secretaries | Lynn Stewart & Sue Lael Katnic |
| Membership Clerk | Karen Steward |
| Systems Administrator | Steve Butner |
| Historian | Karen Steward |

At-Large Mission Board Members

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| Karen Steward ^{MB} | Gail Gillies ^{MB} |
| Sally Thacher ^{MB} | Sharon Kayser ^{MB} |

Conference Delegates

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| Adult | Karen Steward |
| Adult | Martha Peyton |

Standing Committees

Finance and Facilities

3-7 members
 Lynn Stewart*
 Peter Preiswerk
 Salome Crowley*
 Bud Kayser
 Peter Ford

Pastoral Relations

3-7 members
 Peter Brown
 Nancy Chase
 Kay Utterback

Personnel

3-7 members
 Johanna Preiswerk*
 Peter Ford

Nominating Committee

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| Myrna Tuttle | Robin Rickershauser |
| Sally Thacher | |