



# EVERYBODY'S CHURCH IS ALIVE AND CARING

**Everybody's Church is alive and well.** Even though the building is closed and our regular rhythm of in-person activities has been disrupted, the church is alive and caring.

**We are alive and caring for one another.** We are caring for one another through activities such as regular phone calls to many of our members; taking meals to families following the birth of a new baby or a surgery; or through the ongoing work of our prayer chain, whose prayers are poured out for members and friends alike.



**We are alive and caring for our community.** We are caring for our community through weekly food deliveries to food-insecure families in Pontiac, collecting and donating supplies to Foster Care youth and families, renewing and offering laptops and tablets to aging out foster youth and grandparents raising grandchildren. We continue caring for our Angels' Place friends by collecting supplies and masks for them, creating Rejoicing Spirit's services which are delivered on DVDs, offering Zoom spiritual formation by the

Chaneys, and socially distanced ice cream socials. In cooperation with Flagstar Bank we provided backpacks to Alcott children and a wide variety of materials and supplies to the Pontiac School District.



Your generous gifts to the COVID Relief Fund and the Deacons Fund have allowed us to help many families pay their rent and make other essential payments so that they would not find themselves on the street during this pandemic. Although our building is closed to meetings and worship, we have reopened it for FAR so that they can serve the needs of their clients. This has been done under the supervision of our COVID Coordinator, Sarah Merten. We are

caring for our community as well through First Foundation Grants. These have included funding for The Welcome Inn (the only low-barrier day shelter in Oakland County), Refuge for Nations (an organization that supports female refugees by teaching them English and skilled trades) and for Hope Hospitality (an adult shelter and warming center in Pontiac).



**We are alive and caring for the world.** Though we often focus on the effects of the pandemic here at home, what we need to remember is that COVID has affected our partners around the world. Even so, we continue to support Yucatan Peninsula Mission (YPM) in their work in Mexico. YPM quickly



stepped in to make sure the surrounding villages had food during the shutdowns. They have been delivering groceries monthly to 360 families. They also

have opened their kitchen to serve 200 hot meals every weekday. Much of the funding for these programs was supplied by our own First Foundation.

**We are alive and caring because of your generosity.** Please remember that we are alive and caring because of your involvement and support. Without your prayers, participation and pledges, our ability to care in all these ways would not be possible. Our hope is that you will prayerfully consider pledging for 2021 so that we might continue caring for one another, our community and the world.

Your Stewardship Team

## Pledge Sunday is November 15.