



# Church Council Team Spotlight

## OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM

There have been some exciting things going on with our Community Outreach at First Congregational Church. We have continued to grow our relationship with Family Promise where last year we took several hundred knitted hats that were generously donated to us and placed them in the hands of Family Promise. We also had a very successful "Paper Drive" earlier this year that collected much needed paper-goods for Family Promise. In addition to our work with Family Promise, we were recently able to give charitably (\$100) to Chris Fraser for his "Go Fund Me" campaign to achieve his life dream of going to Disney World. We were also able to make a charitable contribution (\$100) to Jon Crain's recent bike ride in Colorado. Jon is Port's Superintendent of Parks & Forestry. He has been a friend of the church for many years and is very giving of his time and expertise regarding our church trees. [Click here](#) for more info on Jon's bike ride to raise money for forestry causes.

Currently, we are encouraging everyone to contribute non-perishable food items to help build Thanksgiving Baskets for clients at Advocates. See page 5 for their wish list. The Fellowship Team is inviting members and friends to gather and create take-home Advent crafts on December 5. In addition, the group will be making stockings for families at Family Promise! See page 11 for more information.

We are very excited to welcome the Justice Team. The Justice team put together an amazing weekly study on *Scared Conversations to End Racism* that was open to anyone in our community. Covid may have put a temporary hiatus on some of the work we have done but we are excited to reconnect with and grow our relationships with Advocates, Balance, Family Promise, Ozaukee Habitat for Humanity, and The Food Pantry. Please continue to reach out with any additional ideas or needs that may help us better serve our community. We look forward to seeing you in our amazing community.

Eric Olson, Chair

