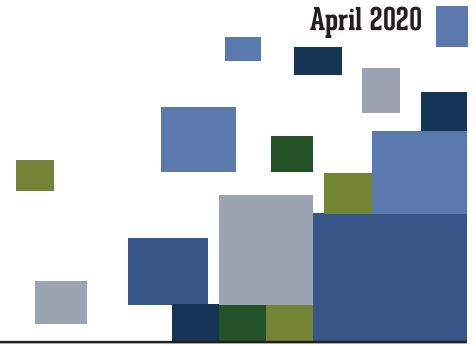


# MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

rebuilding lives

April 2020



Yet, in the center of these unexpected developments, we are continuing to support our community. In addition to meeting our members' needs, we have a Census kiosk that you can read more about inside this newsletter. By ensuring that our members are counted in the Census, we are helping to secure vital funding to our city and state.

Also in this edition of our newsletter, you will find a step-by-step guide to using our website to set up monthly giving. Financial support is particularly critical at this time, and donating through our website is an easy way to make a difference from the comfort and safety of your home.

I invite you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and visit our website at [ministrywithcommunity.org](http://ministrywithcommunity.org) for the latest news from Ministry with Community. Rest assured that whatever change we face, we will adapt in any way we need to in order to continue supporting our community.

With gratitude,

Kelly Henderson  
Executive Director

## Supporting our Community

**With 42 years in service and counting, Ministry with Community has adapted to changes and met challenges many times. In fact, it's one of the things we do best, and one of the reasons we've been around for so long.**

The challenge of COVID-19 has us adapting once again as we face new changes daily, and sometimes hourly. Unfortunately, the first major change we made was the decision to cancel Chefs Against Hunger, our largest annual fundraiser. It was a clear, but difficult, choice to make. The clear part was keeping people safe.

The difficult part was that we knew we would lose a significant amount of funding. Canceling the event was at least a \$20,000 loss to our operating budget.

Though we were disheartened to lose Chefs Against Hunger, we have been met with generosity from both new and longstanding supporters. To those who have reached out, we thank you!

The next change we are facing is the possibility of serving more people with fewer volunteers. Many of the wonderful individuals who donate their time to us are safer at home, and we fully support them. Following guidelines from the State of Michigan, the CDC, and the Kalamazoo County Health Department, we are also actively limiting the number of people in our building.

The mission of Ministry with Community is to empower people to make positive life changes.

## In Memory Of:

### George Acker

Nancy Acker

### Lois Alberti

Robert Schellenberg

### Jim Allen

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### Robert Amrhein

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### Louise Bennink

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Mary L. Tyler

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### Bill Dearborn

Norma Dearborn

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Ruth G. Tyler

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Lenore J. Lorian

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### Lorraine and Ken Youngs

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### Yetta Ackerson

Anora Ackerson

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Stephen Allen and

Andrea Trautman

### Lisa Amos

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### Raymond Diffenderffer

Linda DeYoung and Tim Finton

### Nicole Caddow

Alice J. Caddow

### Pat Catellier

Sue Kovats-Bell

### John Chmiel

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### Martha Cohen

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James Eastman

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Ruth Ann and William Uggen

### Phyllis Curtis

Patricia Curtis

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### Norma Dearborn

Pamela Schumm

### Linda DeYoung

Mary Budde and

Raymond Diffenderffer

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Lisa Panepento

### Greg and Anne Diment

Nancy M. Diment

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Dan and Kathleen Dunn

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Ruth Ann and William Uggen

### MaryLou Eadie

Nan Janecke

### Stuart and Karen Eddy

Lezlee Eddy

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Jacqueline L. Wylie

### Kelly Gray

Barbara Albanese

### Nancy Hamilton

Eldon and Carol Hamilton

### Arnold F. Hentschl

Matthew and

Mary Hentschl-Early

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Marilyn Vineyard

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### Marlena Kirton

Dennis and Pamela Hjelmquist

### Denise Lisiecki

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Caroline Ham

### Paul and Mildred Matyas

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Janet Karpus

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Alven and Helen Neff

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### Joellen Silberman

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### Mary Sutton

Millie Lambert

### Wilma Tays

Phyllis and Andrew Jackson

### The Residents at Friendship Village

Friendship Village

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### Mary Yoh

Ruth Ann and William Uggen

## In Celebration Of:

**Debra Hanna's Birthday**  
Louis and Barbara Farraye  
**Pamela Haywood's Birthday**  
D. Terry and Sharon Williams  
**Marlena Kirton's Birthday**  
Dennis and Pamela Hjelmquist  
**Sue Kovats-Bell's Retirement**  
John and Joyce Ruhrup  
**Our 45th Anniversary**  
Ed and Jan Sackley  
**The Marriage of Ley and Shari Smith**  
Lois Heuchert

**Please note:** Memorials and Honorees listed here were made November 13, 2019 through February 18, 2020.

Memorial and Honorees received after February 18, 2020 will appear in the next newsletter.

To correct any errors, please contact Laura Perron at 269.343.6073 x132 or office@ministrywithcommunity.org.



## Valentine's Day Dance

Members, staff, and volunteers all enjoyed our annual Valentine's Day Dance.

Thanks to our members for teaching us some new moves!



# Recurring Gifts Help Keep Good Intentions Intact

By Matt Claus

Development Director

How did you ring in the New Year? For the second year in a row, I found myself online shortly before the ball dropped. Once again, I was making a last-minute donation to one of the nonprofits I love to support.

This time, however, I decided to do something different. **Instead of making one gift, I set up a recurring, monthly donation.**

I'm a fundraiser, but I'm also a donor. I understand **how life's obligations can cause us to put our good intentions on hold** (even more so now that I'm a parent!). That's why I've started signing up for recurring gifts when I contribute.

At Ministry with Community, we love recurring donors! **They provide support we can count on throughout the year.** We open our doors every day of the year, so steady income makes a difference.

## How to set up a recurring gift

You can set up your recurring gift in a few steps:

1. Go to [ministrywithcommunity.org](http://ministrywithcommunity.org), and click on the big DONATE button in the middle of the page
2. This will take you to our secure, donate page. This can also be found at [ministrywithcommunity.org/makeadonation](http://ministrywithcommunity.org/makeadonation).
3. Under the Amount, click the check-box, which opens a drop-down menu.
4. Choose the Frequency (Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly) and enter the Start Date for your gift.
5. Enter the Dollar Amount you want to give for each installment. For example, if you want to give \$25/month, simply enter \$25.
6. Enter your contact and credit card information as you would with any online gift.

Feel free to call or email me with questions or if you'd like me to set up a recurring gift for you. I'm happy to help with this at any time—even if you wait till New Year's Eve.

Matt Claus is Development Director at Ministry with Community. You can reach him at 269-343-6073, ext. 131, or [development@ministrywithcommunity.org](mailto:development@ministrywithcommunity.org).

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Rebuilding takes time and money. Rebuilding lives is the daily work of Ministry with Community, a positive, safe and caring environment.

Fill out the form below to donate to our **Annual Operating Fund:**

#### Donation

Amount \*

\$0.00

Show my support by making this a recurring donation

#### Contact Information

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Email \*

someone@website.com



#### Ministryw/Community

Today's meals are sponsored by Greg Laurell in honor of our Super Volunteer, Prudence McCabe! For lunch, members en...  
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## Sponsor — a — Meal



### Chefs Against Hunger 2020 Sponsors

Though Chefs Against Hunger 2020 was canceled, we would like to thank our generous sponsors for their support of Ministry with Community.

#### Corporate Sous-chef Sponsors:

Bronson Methodist Hospital  
The Havirmill Foundation  
Mercantile Bank of Michigan  
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**December 5:** Ted Vlieg in memory of Joyce Vlieg

**December 10:** Lake, Parfet & Schau PLC, and Keilen Law, PLC

**December 12:** The Thursday Group of Volunteers in memory of Margaret Mosher

**December 14 Breakfast:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Youth Group

**December 14 Lunch:** Janet Graham in memory of Michael Kudlas

**December 16:** The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

**December 19:** The Thursday Group of Volunteers in memory of Rita Culver

**December 24:** Beth DeWaters and Ken Tindall

**December 25 Breakfast:** Merry Christmas, Mary L. Tyler, from her kids

**December 25 Lunch:** Molly Fairbanks in honor of Heather Richeson and Sean Micklin

**December 31:** Sue Caulfield in honor of her dad, Robert Caulfield, born on New Year's Eve

**January 1:** Happy New Year, Mary L. Tyler, from her kids

**January 6 Breakfast and Lunch:** Dick Schmitt in memory of Jean Schmitt

**January 8:** Harold Ballen in celebration of his birthday

**January 9:** The Measzros-Miller Family in honor of longtime Thursday Group Volunteer, Arlen Miller's 90th birthday on Christmas

**January 16:** The Mustard Men in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**January 23:** Ted Vlieg in memory of Joyce Vlieg

**February 7 Breakfast and Lunch:** The Behrens Family in honor of Russ and Ruchard Behrens' birthdays – you are missed!

**February 10:** Dick and Jane Easton in memory of their parents

**February 13:** Ted Vlieg in memory of Joyce Vlieg

**February 20:** The Bowers Family

**February 21:** The Staff at Kuipers Advisors . . . . .

**Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Sponsor-a-Meal program!**

If you're looking for a way to thank someone, celebrate a milestone, or remember a loved one, consider sponsoring a meal at Ministry with Community.

A gift of \$350 provides a 3 course meal for 300 people. A gift of \$500 provides both breakfast and lunch for 300 people.

On the day your meal is served you and your honoree will be recognized on Facebook, Twitter, and by mail.

Please contact Janet Karpus, Associate Director, at 269.343.6073 x138 or via email at [jkarpus@ministrywithcommunity.org](mailto:jkarpus@ministrywithcommunity.org) to sponsor a meal!

# United States<sup>®</sup> Census 2020

## Every Member Counts

Did you know that every Michigander who goes uncounted in the U.S. Census can cost the State of Michigan \$1,800 per person per year for 10 years? An accurate Census count helps ensure that the federal tax dollars we send to Washington D.C. make it back to Michigan and Kalamazoo County.

People experiencing homelessness, poverty, mental illness and other challenges are at extremely high risk of going uncounted in the Census. That's why Ministry with Community is hosting a Census kiosk in our facility. The kiosk is volunteer-run and will be open during scheduled days and times between March 13 and April 2.

At Ministry with Community, the Census is about more than doing our civic duty and ensuring future funding in Kalamazoo County. It helps us deliver an essential message.

"Sadly, some of our members are made to feel unwelcome in their own community," said Kelly Henderson, Executive Director of Ministry with Community. "We are always trying to show each person how much they matter and how much we care about them. The Census is another opportunity for us to deliver that message to our members: You matter. You count. Your response is just as important as the next person's."



### Change for Change

We would like to give a big thanks to PFC Grocery & Deli and their amazing customers for raising **\$1,617** for MwC during January's Change for Change program!



### MLK Day

Thanks to Gryphon Place, United way of Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region, and the City of Kalamazoo, for organizing a day of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We had an amazing group of volunteers that day!

**"I've been meeting with Phil, one of the Social Workers here. He's helped me with so much. He actually listens during my appointments."**

**- Ailen, Member**



## Wish List

Can you help us by donating these much needed supplies?

Deodorant (travel size)  
Shampoo (travel size)  
Soap (travel size)  
Conditioner (travel size)  
Lotion (travel size)  
Lip balm  
Two-blade razors  
Tampons  
Maxi-Pads  
Toothbrushes  
Shaving Cream  
Band-aids

Adult size pull-up diapers  
Bath Towels & Washcloths  
Sugar (packets or bulk)  
Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Coffee mugs (standard 10 oz. size and shape)  
Washcloths (dark colored, terry cloth)  
Socks (new, adult size)  
Underwear (new, adult size)  
All weather shoes (adult size)  
Belts (adult size)  
Metro transit bus tokens  
Two-wheeled luggage  
Duffel bags  
Backpacks

For a list of other general needs, please visit our website at [www.ministrywithcommunity.org](http://www.ministrywithcommunity.org).

## Get social with us!

Follow Ministry with Community on Facebook and Twitter to stay up-to-date with news, events, inspirational stories, and more!



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## Have we made any mistakes in our database?

Please let us know if:

- You have moved or are planning to move
- You have a seasonal address you'd like us to use
- The name(s) on your newsletter need an update
- We are sending you duplicates of any mailings
- You would like to be removed from our mailing list

Contact Laura Perron at 269.343.6073 x132 or at [office@ministrywithcommunity.org](mailto:office@ministrywithcommunity.org) to have your record updated or corrected. Thank you for helping us maintain a correct and efficient database!

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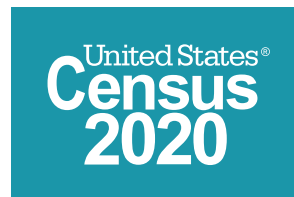
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