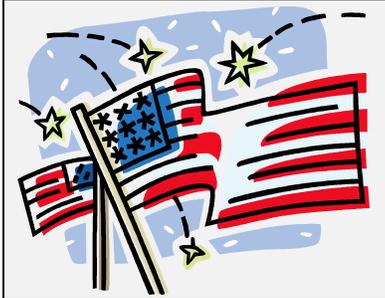




Newsletter

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Assistance Provided –	June 2014	YTD
Monies Distributed CHM -	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 6,510.44
Monies Distributed Salvation Army		\$ 3,319.86
Number in Household –Adults/ Children	13 / 10	120/ 94

FROM THE DESK OF PAT

I surely hope that all of you are having a wonderful summer so far. With the 4th of July coming this week, my prayer for all of you is a safe and happy weekend with family and friends.

It is again with great joy that we welcome another new staff member. **Judy Burgess** is joining our staff and is looking forward to helping with what she hears is “one great mission here in Loudonville”. Judy is a retiree like most of us. She has been involved in many of Loudonville’s missions in the past. She has helped at the Radio Station WZLP. She has helped with the gardening and the making of a memorial garden at the 3 C’s building. Judy is an active member of the United Methodist Church here in town AND now she is bringing her gifts and talents to CHM.

CHM was without electricity this past week. Water got into the basement breaker box but it is now fixed and we should be up and running in the cool air conditioning with computers running as usual.

I would like to take this time and space to say THANK YOU to ALL of you who help in anyway in our CHM office. There is no such thing as an unimportant job; whatever you are doing to help us is greatly appreciated.

Blessings & Peace,

Pastor Pat

FROM THE DESK OF DIANE

Come one, come all to the first ever Mohican Area Community Fund Fun Friday in the Park on July 18! MACF has created an opportunity for each of the 24 organizations they support to put up a card table by the fountain in Central Park, and make their presence known to the community. Tom Chmura, our Salvation Army Field Representative, will join us at our table.

Karen Motz is working on our long-awaited brochure ("long-awaited" because Diane is slow on the up-take!). Any opportunity we have to put our face out there in the public is a good opportunity for us!

The event takes place from 11:30 to 1:30, with MACF offering free hot dogs, chips and beverages. MACF has awarded us \$ 5,000.00 toward our 2015 budget, contingent on their ability to raise all the money they need. Let's help them support us!

Speaking of our "face in the community," a few of you have called to my attention the recent newspaper article about Pastor Bob's going away party. We were sponsors of the party, but apparently identified as "Helping Hand" in the newspaper coverage. I chose my words carefully as I called this to the attention of the editor. I was then admonished that all facts in the article were correct as reported. Much as I hate for us to be overlooked on the front page, I weighed my options. Several of my options were kind of fun, but I probably have too much time on my hands. I decided it is in our long range better interest to let it alone. For those of you who expressed concern to me, please take comfort in knowing that the concern has been addressed.

Three new grant possibilities are looming on the horizon, all for upgrades to our building. Lowe's and Home Depot both have grants where they award supplies, materials and volunteer labor from their store employees to install. Their grant windows open in August. We are on the fringe of what kinds of organizations they support, so I am about to attempt some dazzling footwork. Prayers always welcome. Ashland County Community Foundation has a grant for building upgrades due in October.

IRS regulations require that our facility be handicap accessible. We are not wheelchair accessible. So far I have skated around that by reporting that we will accommodate wheelchair-bound clients by meeting them at the Library. I have no idea how long I will get away with that, and clearly it is a situation that arises infrequently for us. Anyway, I'm seeking grants to remodel the downstairs bathroom to make it accessible, and to build a wheelchair ramp into the office. And, while I'm at it, I thought I'd look for some new windows as well. Pastor Scott Henderson has put his blessing on any projects we can inspire, so say a prayer!

I've said it before, but it can't be said enough . . . I am so proud of the work that all of you do! I have worked with lots of grass roots non-profits, so I actually know how unique this project really is! The right people came together at the right time to do the right work to advance the Kingdom of God on Earth. Bless you all.