

Perinton Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. and Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc.

Advent House, Fairport Good Neighbor Fund, Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity,
Prison Ministry of Upstate New York, Stop the Stigma ROC
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Annual Report to Our Members **July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

INTRODUCTION

The Boards of Directors of Perinton Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. (PEM) and Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc. (EMP) provide this annual report to their twelve member churches. Each member church appoints one director to the PEM and EMP boards, and additional directors who are supportive of the ministries are appointed from the community at large. We hope this report will help our church communities become more familiar with the important work performed this past year by each of the sponsored ministries of PEM and EMP.

PERINTON ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES, INC. (PEM) - ADVENT HOUSE

PEM is a New York not-for-profit corporation established in 1990 to own and operate Advent House, a comfort care home at 1010 Moseley Road. Advent House provides a caring living environment for two terminally ill residents who can no longer be cared for in their own homes, and assists those residents and their families to cope with end-of-life issues. The Sweet Charity Resale Boutique in the Whitney Town Center in Perinton, now entering its sixth year of operation, is the source of vital ongoing funding to sustain Advent House operations. An expanded staff and many volunteers provide the hands-on care at Advent House, or serve as sales, sorting, receiving and delivery personnel for donated goods at Sweet Charity.

The mandates and effects related to COVID-19 forced the suspension of resident admissions to Advent House from March 2020 until the spring of 2022. The suspension of regular operations gave the staff time to perform comprehensive house cleaning, facility upgrades and supplemental support at Sweet Charity. Since reopening in March 2022, Advent House has welcomed, served and supported 25 residents and their families.

Transitions and additions of staff are underway. Under Glenda Hastings' leadership as Executive Director, Molly Shanto and Brenda Ferraro now serve as co-directors for resident care. Nicole McClurg has succeeded retiring Vicki Deady as lead Fundraiser, Amy Hiller replaced retiring Jean Kremers as bookkeeper, and Susan Pauly will replace her sister, Laurie Eisele, who retires as Volunteer Coordinator early in 2023. The ministry of Advent House is sustained by the dedicated service of its indispensable staff members and volunteers.

Representatives of Advent House are always eager to visit churches, participate in Mission Sundays, provide information about Advent House and welcome new volunteers. Contact Advent House at 223-6112, email theadventhouse@frontiernet.net or, for more information, visit TheAdventHouse.org. Advent House's United Way Donor number is 1800. A copy of the Advent House narrative and financial annual reports are attached as Appendix A and B.

ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF PERINTON, INC. (EMP)

EMP is a not-for-profit corporation with 501(c)(3) status that serves as the sponsoring umbrella for four separate ministries: the Fairport Good Neighbor Fund, Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity, Prison Ministries of Upstate New York and Stop the Stigma ROC. With financial support from its member churches, EMP covers the costs of insurance premiums and tax reporting requirements. EMP is open to sponsoring new ministries. The fiscal year financial summary for EMP and its ministries is attached as Appendix C.

FAIRPORT GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND (FGNF) was originally established as an emergency fund under the auspices of the Perinton Pastoral Association. The FGNF administers the monetary donations provided by community churches, organizations, and individuals. Applicants for assistance are screened by Mark Renfro, who serves as the FGNF Treasurer. Assistance payments for approved applicant are made directly to a vendor, such as the landlord or utility company.

A summary financial and distribution report for the 2021-22 fiscal years is attached as Appendix D.

PERINTON CONGREGATIONS FOR FLOWER CITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (PC-FCHH) was started in 1997 when Flower City Habitat for Humanity (the Habitat affiliate for Monroe County) contacted EMP to request sponsorship support. PC-FCHH soon became an official ministry of EMP. Habitat for Humanity believes that no matter who you are, or where you come from, everyone deserves a decent place to live. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Seeking to put God's love into action, Flower City Habitat for Humanity brings partners together to build homeownership, communities, and hope.

After a fundraising cycle, PC-FCHH built its eighth house in Rochester in 2021-2022 – a single story house with wheelchair accessibility. The home is located at 871 Smith Street in the City of Rochester. A ground breaking event was held on June 12, 2021, and construction started July 17, 2021. An informal house dedication ceremony with the family, friends and supporters was held on March 19, 2022. The build was completed in April 2022, and the family was able to move into their new home.

Thank you to the EMP member churches for their generous financial support, especially those who include funds for Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity in their annual budgets. To see photos of the new home and its construction, and to learn more about this important work, please visit the ministry's website at PerintonHabitat.org. (Mark Stevens, Chair).

PRISON MINISTRY OF UPSTATE NEW YORK (PMUNY) strives to help incarcerated men, women and adolescents capitalize on their inner potential so that they can heal and change. Spiritual retreat programs for inmates such as Residents Encounter Christ, Houses of Healing, Fully Alive, and Power Source are led by dedicated volunteers, and help attendees find or rediscover love, mercy, healing, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic halted in-prison visitations, restrictions will be lifting, allowing retreat programming to resume. A comprehensive presentation of the PMUNY ministry is attached as Appendix E, or at pmuny.org. Contributions can be made directly to Prison Ministry of Upstate New York, PO Box 10106, Rochester NY 14610. 585-633-0184. pmunyorg@gmail.com. (Joyce, Leader).

STOP THE STIGMA ROC – STS-ROC is an organization that seeks to promote suicide prevention and raise awareness about mental health, specifically in youth (ages 10-25). Stop the Stigma began in 2016 and became a sponsored ministry of EMP in 2017. STS-ROC has an advisory board made up of youth and adults.

Like so many organizations, STS – ROC was unable to hold many of its annual mental health awareness and fundraising events in 2021-2022 because of the pandemic, and the challenge of youth participant recruitment as high school students move on to college or the workplace. On July 16, 2022 STS-ROC did occupy the Fairport Perinton Merchants Association tent at the Farmer’s Market and was able to engage a few potential youth volunteers. At every event at least one person shares, quite vulnerably, their story of struggle and success with their own mental health or that of a family member. STS-ROC volunteers are always very clear about the need to seek professional support.

Thank you for your support of this ministry to provide help and hope to young people who may be struggling with the challenges of mental health. stopstigmatroc@gmail.com. (Pamela Renfro, co-Executive Director).

CONCLUSION

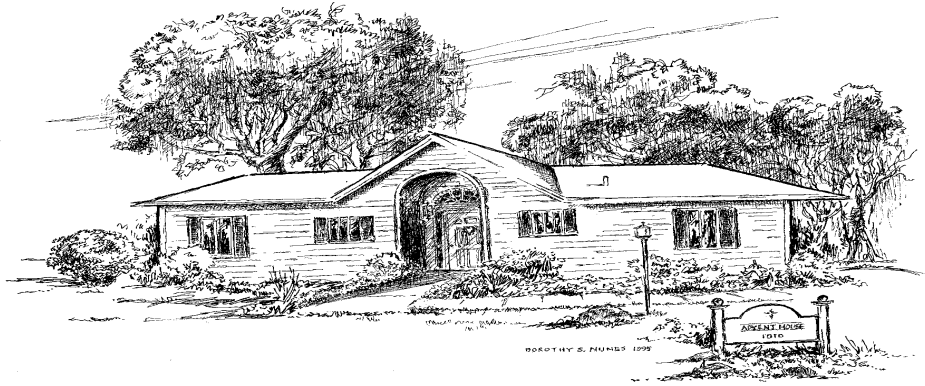
The Board of PEM-EMP is very grateful for your church’s continuing support of Advent House, Fairport Good Neighbor Fund, Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity, Prison Ministry of Upstate New York, and Stop the Stigma ROC. Suggestions for new or growing ministries that may benefit from an affiliation with EMP as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation are always welcome. For further information, please contact the representative of your church who serves on the PEM and EMP board, or a leader of each sponsored ministry.

PEM AND EMP MEMBER CHURCHES AND DIRECTOR-REPRESENTATIVES

Bethlehem Lutheran Church	David Wideman, STS-ROC liaison
Church of the Assumption	James Brekovsky, FGNF liaison
Church of the Resurrection	Raymond Buchanan, PMUNY liaison
Fairport United Methodist Church	Richard Hill, PC-FCHH liaison
First Congregational United Church of Christ	Patricia May
Greystone Church	---
Mountain Rise United Church of Christ	Susan Amrine
Perinton Presbyterian Church	Judith Burgeson, Vice President
Risen Christ Lutheran Church	George Havens, EMP Treasurer
South Perinton United Methodist Church	Brentley Smith, Secretary
St. John of Rochester	Leonore Rivera
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church	Vacant
Director at Large	Kevin S. Cooman, Esq., President
Director at Large	Julie Wood, R.N.
PEM Treasurer	Raymond F. Wager, CPA

Respectfully submitted,
Perinton Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. and Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc

Kevin S. Cooman, President
kcooman@mccmlaw.com (585-512-3502)



Advent House ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

PEM BOARD

Kevin Cooman, President
Judy Bergeson, Vice President – Perinton Presbyterian
Brently Smith - Secretary – South Perinton UMC
Raymond Wager - Treasurer
L. Rivera – St. John of Rochester
Rick Hill – Fairport United Methodist
Patricia May – First Congregational UCC
George Havens – Risen Christ Lutheran
Raymond Buchanan – Church of the Resurrection
Warren Knapp – St. Luke’s Episcopal
Sue Armine – Mountain Rise UCC
James Brekovsky – Church of the Assumption
Dave Wideman – Bethlehem Lutheran

STAFF

Glenda Hastings – RN, Director
Laurie Eisele – Volunteer Coordinator
Amy Hiller - Finance
Molly Shanto – RN, Associate Director
Brenda Ferraro – RN, Associate Director

In January of 1991, Advent House opened our door to welcome our first Resident. Since then, 545 Residents and their families have blessed us with their stay at our home. It has been an amazing thirty-one years ~ the generosity and dedication of our staff, precious volunteers, churches and our community has made this House a loving place of peace and solace for the dying and their families. It is a privilege to be part of this wonderful ministry to the dying.

Advent House is an outreach ministry of Perinton Ecumenical Ministries Inc., a corporation of thirteen churches in Perinton. We are a non-profit comfort care home that provides an alternative living arrangement for the dying when they can no longer be cared for in their own homes. Loving care is not only provided to them, but to their families and friends as well. We also make available bereavement services to the families of our Residents for at least thirteen months after their loved one has died.

There are no fees to our Residents and we receive no insurance reimbursement of any kind. While volunteers are indeed "the Heart of the Home", we could not function without the support of our community through donations of materials, finances, time, prayers and participation in and support of our fundraisers. We are always accessible to our community as a resource for information or support and welcome your calls or visits.

We consider all of you Angels and we take this opportunity to thank you for your past and continuing support. Without you, we cannot function. Whenever we have put out a call for assistance, you have risen to the challenge. There are no words equal to the depth of our gratitude and the gratitude of those whom we serve.

In a world filled with uncertainty Advent House provides a safe, peace and love filled haven to those in need of our care. We are grateful for your faithful support during COVID and so very happy we are able to resume this wonderful ministry to the dying and their loved ones. We are so grateful for your prayers, encouragement and support.

Peace,
Glenda Hastings
Executive Director

United Way Donor Choice Option

Advent House is a designated Donor Choice Option. We thank those of you who have designated us to receive funds through this choice and would encourage you to invite friends and family to consider doing the same. We are not a United Way Agency and therefore we do not receive any funding from them. Please note that Advent House is listed as: ***Perinton Ecumenical Ministries dba Advent House.*** Our donor option number is **1800.**

Stock Donations to Advent House

Advent House has set up a brokerage account and is able to accept donations of stock. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Deady, Advent House Development Coordinator at 223-6112 and she will provide you with the necessary information.

Thank you for considering this option ☺

2021 Advent House Golf Tournament

Advent House held our 29th annual Golf Tournament at Victor Hills on September 17, 2021. With a shot gun start at noon everyone was off! Free lunch was provided during the afternoon at the Snack Shack as well as beer and snacks throughout the day, followed by a Steak Dinner and the announcement of Raffle winners in the evening.

Committee members that orchestrated the event were: Vicki Deady and Beth Feldman (Co-Chairs), Gian-Paul Piane, Diana Morey and Glenda Hastings.

Our Tournament Sponsor was the Family of Angelo Greco. Lake Beverage was also a Sponsor. Our Birdie Sponsors included: SEI Design Group, McConville, Considine, Cooman & Morin, P.C., TLF Graphics, Farmers Insurance and a Paul Dwyer Company. Hole Sponsors were Raymond Wager, CPA, P.C., SEI Design Group, John Chirinko (3 holes), Wilkins Insurance Agency, Lake Beverage, Marty & Darcy Mucci (2 holes), Pizza Chef, TLF Graphics, Prentice Wealth Management, Maco Packaging Company, McConville, Considine, Cooman & Morin, P.C., Farmers Insurance, and the Piane/Cokelet Family.

Many thanks to our Raffle Donors: Victor Hills Country Club, Lima Golf and Country Club, Georgetown Liquors, Century Pittsford Wines, LiDestri Foods, Jay Barber, Mike & Vicki Deady, Wegmans, VanBortle Motorcar, Irondequoit Country Club, Smokin' Hot Chicks, WXXI, Lake Beverage, Firestone Tires, Compané, Seven Story Brewery, Richardson's Canal House, Wal-Mart Macedon, Diana Morey, Palmers, Ravenwood Golf Club, and William Prentice.

Thanks also to our Donors: Mr. Raymond Holder, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Piehler, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Farrell, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Kendig and Ms. Helen Darrow.

And of course, many thanks to the folks who volunteered at the event: Ellie Wegman, Sara Reczek, Diane Toth, Morey Rasbeck, Amy Hiller, Laurie Eisele, Kaitlyn Rajner, Jennifer Barth, Nora Green, Michele Pelleschi, Cathy Valente, Becky Cokelet, Pam Gambrell, Therese Hart, Pat Patt and Lynne Goldstein.

We look forward to this year's tournament on September 16th! For more information, please call Amy at 223-6112.

The Advent House continues to be fortunate to have so many faithful participants. We are truly grateful.

APPENDIX A to PEM-EMP Annual Report

Save the date for the **2022 30th Annual Advent House Golf Tournament...**It will be **Friday, September 16, 2022 at noon at the Victor Hills Golf Course!**

2022 Advent House Dinner Dance and Auction at Monroe Golf Club

The Twenty-sixth annual Advent House Dinner Dance and Auction was held at the beautiful Monroe Golf Club on April 2, 2022. Don Alhart of Channel 13 was our Master of Ceremonies, Joe Lomonaco of IHeart Radio was our Guest Auctioneer, and our DJ was Mark Rice. Our program included a tribute to Vicki Deady, who retired after being the Director of Development at Advent House for 15 years.

Special thanks to Mark Rice (D.J.), Fioarvanti Florists, Dolce Cupcakery and Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Carbone (Dessert Sponsors).

Without the hard work and dedication of the following, the evening would not have been possible. Many thanks to our committee members: Vicki Deady (Chair), Glenda Hastings, Mary Jo Coniglio, Julie Schwartz, Karen Zachman, Becky Nickel and Pam Gambrill.

It also required the effort of many volunteers to ensure the success of this gloriously beautiful evening. Many thanks to Amy Balcerek, Jennifer Barth, Michael Deady, Michelle Fish, Steven Fish, Denise, Rhine, Arlene Meyer, John Meyer, Michele Pelleschi, Cindy Rappa, Brenda Gilasso, Traci Gilasso, Julie Sutherland, Dick Trotta, Gary Hart, Amy Hiller, Laurie Eisele, Joanne Kochanek, Ray Wilcox, Peg Wilcox, Laurie Konte, Linda Leary, Madge Ludwig, Lisa Mooney, Allison Deady and Daniel Osborne.

Save the date for the **2023 Dinner Dance and Auction...**It will be **Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Monroe Golf Club!**

Sweet Charity Retail Shop

Sweet Charity, our resale boutique continues to thrive after five years! Located at 650 Whitney Road in Fairport, we are open Wednesday thru Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Follow us on Facebook "Sweet Charity Fairport" for more info and to check out our sweet deals! There is also mor info on our website: theadventhouse.org

Partner Pledge Program

We at Advent House have had many faithful monthly donors over the years. Their gift has been based on the approximate cost of one hour of care for our Residents: which amounts to about \$25.00. These donations are especially helpful since we can budget to meet our expenses based on the knowledge that we will receive these monies regularly.

There are several options for payment. One is to send an annual gift. Another is to send a monthly gift to Advent House. The third is to use the Automatic Withdrawal

Program. Many people find this to be a convenient method of payment.

Please consider becoming a monthly donor! Your generosity is what enables us to continue this care giving ministry to the dying and their families at no cost to them. Your gift of any amount will be greatly appreciated. You can complete the form on the following page as directed and return to the Advent House. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Hiller at 223-6112 Thank you!

A Message from Vicki Deady

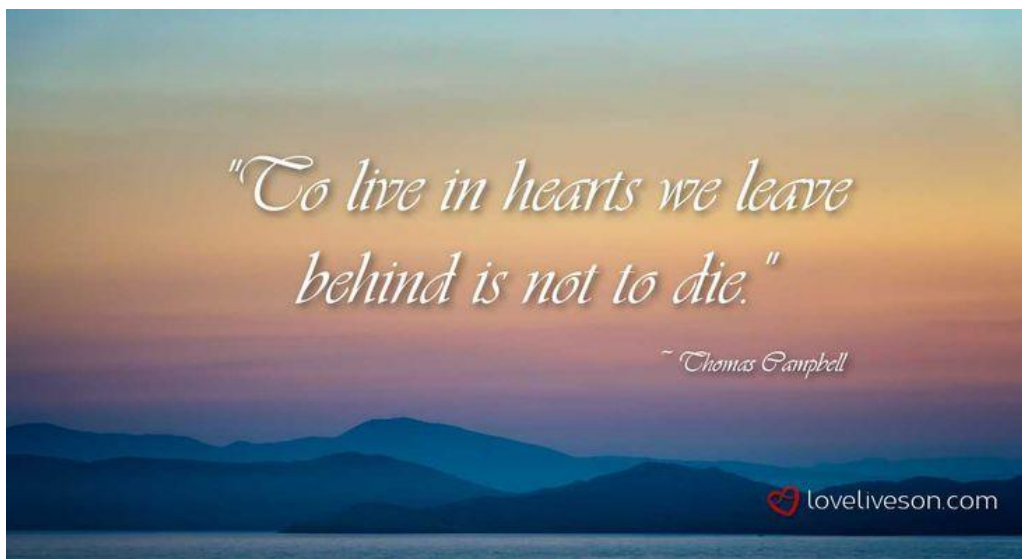
On April 15th, I retired after 15 years of service to this wonderful ministry. It has been my great privilege to work among the staff and volunteers and support the mission of Advent House. To have a front row seat watching the loving kindness of our volunteers was inspiring. Our community is fortunate that so many caring folks work among us. Hats off to the volunteers who are the "Heart of our Home"! May God continue to bless Advent House.

Remembering our Residents

Robert Bouley
Shirley Cialini
David Wegman
Jill Bloss
Carmen Scoppa
William Helwig

David Ross
Diane Aleksandrowicz
Dale Love
Margot Kanelba
Robert Burke
Patricia Miller

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**ADVENT HOUSE
PERINTON ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES, INC.
ANNUAL PLEDGE**

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL PROGRAM

As a valued donor to Advent House, we would like to introduce you to our automatic withdrawal program. As an alternative to writing monthly checks, we can automatically deduct your contribution from your bank account on the first or fifteenth of each month. This option will result in savings of time and postage to you and provide us with a predictable and reliable cash flow. To sign up for this program, simply complete the form below and mail it to the Advent House along with a voided check. Transfers will begin in approximately six to eight weeks unless otherwise notified.

Term and conditions are as follows:

1. Checks shall be drawn monthly.
2. Periodic notices of donations received will be mailed to you.
3. The authority is to remain in full force and effect until notification of termination is received.
4. Advent House/Perinton Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. reserves the right to discontinue plan at any time.

**PERINTON ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES
ANNUAL PLEDGE**

Print Name: _____

Print Telephone Number: _____

Print Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Monthly Pledge (Suggested \$25.00 Minimum) \$ _____

- If you prefer to pay your annual pledge in one installment, check here _____
- If you wish to pay using automatic withdrawals from your account, please read the information on the reverse side of this form and complete the section below.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL PROGRAM

Draw Date: ___1st 15th ___ (Please check one) Month you wish withdrawals to begin _____

Print Name of Bank: _____

Checking Account Number: _____

I authorize Advent House/Perinton Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. to initiate electronic deductions from my (our) checking account on the dates specified above. I (we) will notify Advent House if I (we) change banks or account numbers.

Signature of Depositor: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A VOIDED CHECK WITH THIS FORM

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The following businesses have donated their
Services to us free or at a reduced cost:

Hidden Valley Lawn and Landscape

415-8063

Quick-Dry Carpet Care

202-3965

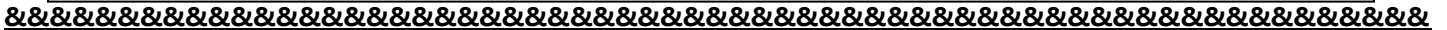
Michael D'Angelo ~ Generators

530-0283

Michael Boccacino ~ Heating & Cooling

454-2120

We at Advent House are very grateful!



Upcoming Fundraisers!

Golf Tournament

Victor hills Golf Club

Friday September 16, 2022

Shotgun Start at Noon

Dinner Dance and Auction for 2023

Monroe Golf Club

Saturday April 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Corporate Matching Grant Programs

In 2017, a number of our volunteers took advantage of their company's Corporate Matching Grant Programs. Some companies, such as ExxonMobil, offer grants based on volunteer hours spent at Advent House. Other companies will match your donations given to Advent House. We would be so grateful if you would consider using a Matching Grant program if it is offered by your company. It is a fabulous resource and takes just a few minutes of your time to initiate the paperwork. If you have any questions regarding Matching Grant Programs and Advent House, please contact Amy Hiller, Advent House Development Coordinator, at 223-6112 or via email at theadventhouse@frontiernet.net.

As always, please know how much we appreciate each and every one of our Advent House volunteers...you are just a blessing to us!

ADVENT HOUSE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For The Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

<u>REVENUES:</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Sweet Charity-net of expenses (schedule #3)	\$ 165,581	\$ 116,657	\$ 48,924
Gala	36,237	1,232	35,005
Golf tournament	12,492	13,708	(1,216)
Annual appeal	44,481	43,036	1,445
Memorials and donations	47,400	74,909	(27,509)
Grants and united way	15,674	18,932	(3,258)
Miscellaneous and interest	8,775	7,547	1,228
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 330,640</u>	<u>\$ 276,021</u>	<u>\$ 54,619</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>			
Payroll and taxes	\$ 325,344	\$ 217,795	\$ (107,549)
Insurance	13,138	12,877	(261)
Utilities/telephone	6,081	6,026	(55)
Supplies and postage	3,166	1,833	(1,333)
Building maintenance, improvements and repairs	12,739	17,935	5,196
Professional fees/contract work	11,812	5,736	(6,076)
Staff development and operating supplies	3,680	680	(3,000)
Staff and volunteer appreciation	3,364	1,232	(2,132)
Equipment lease	750	722	(28)
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 380,074</u>	<u>\$ 264,836</u>	<u>\$ (115,238)</u>
 INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ (49,434)</u>	 <u>\$ 11,185</u>	 <u>\$ (60,619)</u>

Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton

Fiscal Year Financial Report

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Opening Balance on July 1, 2021.....**\$13,119.25**

INCOME	... fiscal year	2020-2021	2021-2022
Bethlehem Lutheran Church.....		\$250.....	\$250
Church of the Assumption.....		\$250.....	\$250
Church of the Resurrection.....		\$0.....	\$500
Church of St. John of Rochester.....		\$400.....	\$400
First Baptist Church of Fairport.....		\$175.....	\$175
First Congregational U.C.C.....		\$250.....	\$250
Fairport United Methodist Church.....		\$500.....	\$250
Mountain Rise U.C.C.....		\$250.....	\$250
Perinton Presbyterian Church.....		\$250.....	\$250
Risen Christ Lutheran Church.....		\$0.....	\$50
South Perinton United Methodist Church.....		\$250.....	\$250
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.....		\$250.....	\$250
Total Income this fiscal year.....		\$2825.....	\$3125

EXPENSES

Travelers.....	\$1021.....	\$1111
Directors and Officers Liability Insurance		
Michigan Millers Insurance.....	\$970.....	\$970
Commercial Package Insurance		
Custom 100.....	\$110.....	\$110
Domain registration and Website hosting for 1 year		
U.S. Postal Service Box 733 for 1 year.....	\$146.....	\$182
Dept. of Law, NY fee for filling for CHAR500.....	\$75.....	\$75
Deluxe.com blank checks #1221 thru #1240		\$17
Total expenses for this fiscal year 2021-2022.....	\$2322.....	\$2465

Closing Balance on June 30, 2022.....**\$13,779.25**

Note: The Closing Balance includes \$4,028.89 designed as a “Special Fund.”

Prepared June 30, 2022 by George Havens, Treasurer

APPENDIX C to PEM-EMP Annual Report

EMP MINISTRIES FY 2021-2022 - FOR FORM 990-EZ

	EMP	FGNF	PC/H4H	PMUNY	STS/ROC
INCOME					
Contrib from Churches	3125	11485	17400	1551.5	1000
Contrib from Individuals			5500	4424.34	2550
Interest			106.63		
TOTAL INCOME	3125	11485	23006.03	5975.84	3550
EXPENSES					
Client assistance		10248.83	500	1720	1849
Grants			43340		
Contrib to FC H4H					
Insurance	2081				
Website	110		96		168
Fees	75				
Post office box, stamps	182			550.8	
Meeting expenses					
Supplies	17			1093.37	
Miscellaneous					1696.78
TOTAL EXPENSES	2465	10248.83	43936	3364.17	3713.78
OPENING BALANCE	13119.25	16961.48	67589.85	17551.43	10666.18
Excess or Deficit for year	660	1236.17	-21036	2611.67	-163.78
CLOSING BALANCE	13.779.25	18197.65	46683.69	20163.1	10502.4

FAIRPORT GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

50 South Ave
FAIRPORT NY 14450-2454
(585) 721-2513

July 8, 2022

Year-End Report (July 2021 – June 2022)

The Fairport Good Neighbor Fund was not as utilized in 2021/2022 as was anticipated. The expectation had been that coming out of the epidemic, easing of government subsidies, ending of rent and eviction moratoriums, etc., that more people would need and reach out for financial assistance.

For 2021 – 2022, the fund started with a balance of \$16,961. We received 11 checks from member churches and organizations totaling \$11,485, and made 19 assistance payments, mostly for Rent (82%) and Utilities (10%). 6 of the 19 payments this year were ones that we split 50/50 with CotA's Mercy Fund. I denied assistance to 3 people who did not reside in the 14450 zip code, but did refer them to other organizations for assistance.

We will carry over a balance of \$18,198 into 2022 – 2023.

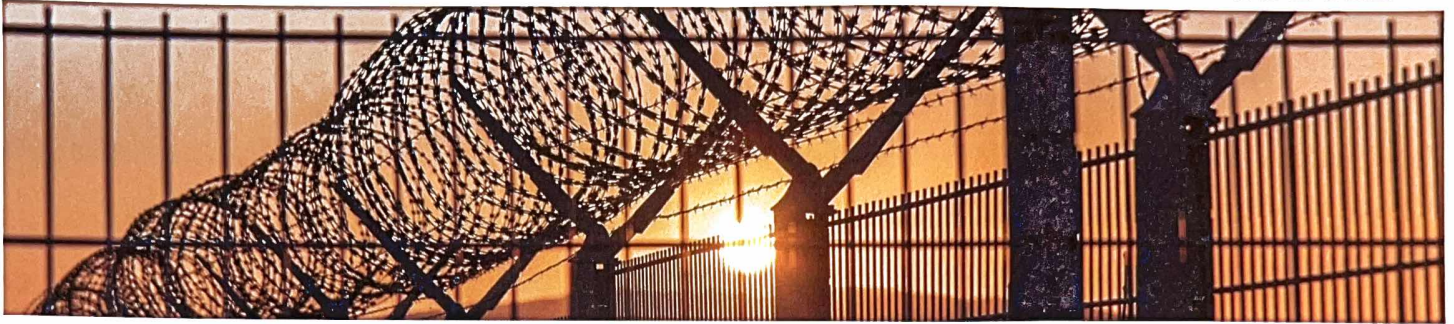
	2019-2020	Qty	Avg	2020-2021	Qty	Avg	2021-2022	Qty	Avg
Beginning Balance	\$ 620			\$ 2,574			\$ 16,961		
Deposits	\$ 15,988	16	\$999	\$ 23,717	19	\$1,248	\$ 11,485	11	\$1,044
Payments	\$ 14,033	40	\$351	\$ 9,329	27	\$ 346	\$ 10,249	19	\$ 539
Rent	\$ 9,340			\$ 8,256			\$ 8,377		
Utilities	\$ 884			\$ 179			\$ 1,049		
Auto	\$ 2,707			\$ 284			\$ 823		
Medical	\$ -			\$ 347			\$ -		
Admin	\$ 26			\$ 57			\$ -		
Misc	\$ 1,077			\$ 206			\$ -		
Ending Balance	\$ 2,574			\$ 16,961			\$ 18,198		

Mark Renfro, Facilitator
Fairport Good Neighbor Fund

Serving Others In the Margins

PMUNY Newsletter

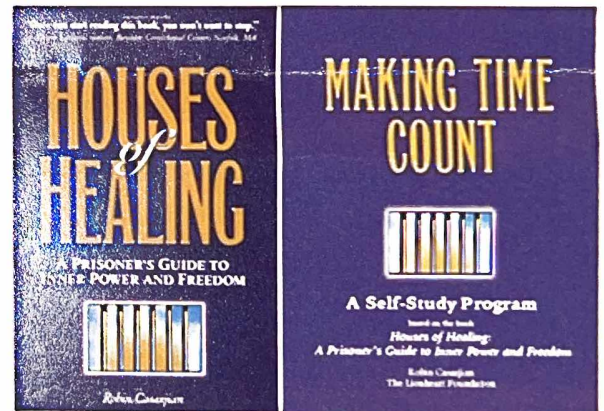
Fall 2022



2022-2023 UPDATE - We're Gearing Up and You Are Invited!

Our prisons recently started calling volunteers back to resume programming with incarcerated individuals after years of separation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **We are thrilled to announce that we are gearing up for Residents Encounter Christ retreats in some of our facilities in the near future!** Unfortunately, throughout the past year we have not been able to enter prisons. During the pandemic we communicated with prison chaplains asking them to review several spiritual publications and identify the ones they most preferred, with the intention of purchasing and distributing high quality spiritual reading to our incarcerated Brothers and Sisters In Christ in the absence of in-person volunteer programs.

Chaplains selected **Houses of Healing (HOH)** and **Making Time Count (MTC)**. Given the restricted movement in prisons caused by the pandemic, these books can be used by individuals privately in their cell or in small group sessions. Both are practical and spiritual programs that deal directly with the root causes of crime, violence and addiction. They encourage self awareness, responsibility and living a healthy and purposeful life each day.



HOH and MTC are based upon 4 Spiritual Truths and are open to any incarcerated individual (recommended by a Chaplain) regardless of church affiliation. Incarcerated individuals learn how to confront challenging issues such as childhood trauma, grief, managing anger, facing the impact of crime, forgiving self, forgiving others and taking ultimate responsibility for themselves and their actions. HOH and MTC encourages incarcerated individuals to set goals in order to create a future far different from their past.

We are thrilled to be returning to in-person programming and welcome your involvement. We invite you to get involved in any way you can. Please reach out to us on our website pmuny.org.

In Christ,

The PMUNY Leadership Team:

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*A Chaplain's Perspective: My Time **In**side*

Sometimes you get to witness miracles in the most unusual places. I was appointed to the position of Catholic chaplain for the NYS Department of Corrections. In that role I encountered so many broken people who just wanted to hear a kind word and not be defined by the crime they committed. When we give someone the opportunity to tell their story and listen without judgment we can help that person see that they really are a 'child of God'. And, a miracle may happen as they begin to believe that and decide to start living as a child of God and change their behaviors.

Over the years I heard so many heartbreaking stories of what they were subjected to growing up and it amazed me that they were able to survive at all. This does not excuse their crime but helped me understand how they got to that point. As a chaplain I was able to help them rediscover or discover (perhaps for the first time) their faith in God. It was the most rewarding time in my adult life.

Sometimes a chaplain must deliver bad news to an incarcerated individual, such as a terminal illness or death of a family member.

Imagine being told that your mother has died and because she lives in another state you will not be allowed to go to the funeral home.

Or you go to the infirmary to visit an inmate who has just been told that he is terminally ill and will die in prison. Other times you get to see the joy in their face when they have been notified they have been granted parole or they passed their exams and earned their high school diploma. All of these are God moments and hopefully I helped them see how God was always with them, in the good and the bad times.

Chaplains don't do this work alone, it is with the assistance of wonderful volunteers who willingly come into a prison and share their faith. Prison can be viewed as a dark and scary place, people can be nervous when they hear the 'clanging' of the gate as it shuts behind them. For me, prison was the place to bring hope, kindness and calmness to people who perhaps never experienced those things before in their lives.

I remember being part of **REC (Residents Encounter Christ)** weekends with a group of volunteers. We all felt the mood of the prison change during those 3 days. We felt the positive energy, we felt the presence of the Holy Spirit as we prayed, shared stories, sang songs and ate meals together. Together we were all transformed by God.

***Consider becoming a prison volunteer.
Share your faith story with others.
Witness a miracle or two.***



Practicing the Corporal Work of Mercy.... Visit The Imprisoned?

I was ... in prison and you visited Me. — Matthew 26:35-36

Are you someone who believes we must be “hard on crime” and lock every criminal up, especially those guilty of horrendous crimes and “throw away the key”? Anyone who commits a crime should “pay the price” and some may deserve to be locked up for a long time or even for life in prison. With that said.... Christ has commanded us to never throw away the person. On the contrary, Christ has commanded us not to forget but “Visit the Imprisoned.”

Every human being makes mistakes. Some mistakes are devastating and disastrous. Others are incidental and minor. The Corporal Works of Mercy remind us that every human being is worthy of God's unconditional love and mercy.... regardless of the nature or severity of his or her offenses. When faith filled family, friends and strangers visit the imprisoned we offer respect, acceptance and hope to those often forgotten. A true work of mercy is done by anyone who visits/volunteers in correctional institutions in the name of Christ, thereby affirming the offender's human dignity as a person made in God's image.

Often as a direct result of the love and respect demonstrated to the offender he/she begins to understand that they were created for a purpose and that God loves them very, very much. Often a change of heart begins to surface and forgiveness, healing and reform often takes root.... all because we took the time to visit, respect and comfort the imprisoned in the name of Jesus..

Together with PMUNY there are **numerous opportunities to practice this Corporal Work of Mercy**. Getting involved in the **Residents Encounter Christ (REC)** prison retreats by being a member of a REC Team, attending a “Hoot”, sewing stoles, offering prayer and/or sacrifices for the success of the **REC** and making a monetary donation to any of these local ministries to those incarcerated:

- Prison Ministry of Upstate New York provides **RECs** at Attica, Auburn, Groveland and Wende Correctional Facilities
- PMUNY offers **Houses of Healing** and **Making Time Count Program** to residents at Attica and Albion Correctional Facilities
- **Fully Alive**, a program offering support and healing to the women at Albion Correctional Facility.

Contact PMUNY for more information...

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Another Perspective...What imprisons Us?

We all know someone in our life who seems trapped in one way or another.
Who do you know who is imprisoned by the things of this world?

Do you know anyone:

- ***Addicted to money, power, lust, pornography, food, drugs, alcohol, shopping, gambling, hoarding or something else? Name it.***
- ***Involved in Domestic Violence....controlled, threatened, hurt or manipulated by another in the name of love?***
- ***Battling with Mental Illness...not able to fight off the disturbing thoughts in his/her head, depression?***
- ***Filled with Self Doubt, Self Hate, Fear and Loneliness or something else? Name it.***
- ***Homebound, Elderly, Disabled and/or a Nursing Home Resident...often unconnected to others for days and weeks at a time, longing for purpose, joy and relationship?***

Who do you know that is imprisoned in one way or another?

If we are able to name what imprisons ourselves and others...
If we reach out and "Visit the Imprisoned" people in our lives...
Perhaps we will set the prisoner free and simultaneously free ourselves.
Let us all reach out and extend our help in whatever way we can.
If he/she agrees to take our help, be sure to follow through.
If he/she rejects the help, wait and offer it again when they are ready.

***When we "Visit the Imprisoned"
we become visible signs of Christ's loving presence
in a world with much too much pain and little
hope.***



Take time to remember those who are imprisoned, for it is within those prison walls that God's love and mercy are at work healing, comforting and changing hearts.

....Can You See Yourself.....

Attending A PMUNY Leadership Team ZOOM Meeting

Volunteering in a nearby prison for men

Volunteering at a nearby prison for women

Sewing Stoles for a REC

Writing anonymous letters of prayerful support to an incarcerated individual

Writing an anonymous "Message of Hope" to an incarcerated individual

"Drop-in" during a retreat at a nearby prison to show support

Speak on behalf of prison ministry to individuals &/or groups

Making a tax-deductible donation to support PMUNY's

ministries

You Are Invited To Visit With The Leadership Team....

Almost every 4th Friday of the year from 10am-noon the PMUNY Leadership Team meets via Zoom to discuss programs and plan activities. You are welcome to join us. Just send us a note or give us a call.

We will be happy to send you an invitation to join our Zoom Meeting on any of these dates:

2022: October 28, November 18 (week before Thanksgiving),
December 16 (week before Christmas)

2023: January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23

***"I came so that you may have life and
have it more abundantly."***

-John 10:10