

TILLAMOOK ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY*

c/o St. Alban's Episcopal Church, PO Box 285, Tillamook, OR 97141

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Lent 2021

Dear Members and Friends of the TEC Churches:

One of the long-standing traditions of Tillamook Ecumenical Community [TEC] has been to sponsor Soup Suppers during Lent. Each Tuesday evening, we would gather at one of the five TEC churches, enjoy wonderful soups, listen to a special Readers' Theatre, closing our fellowship time with shared music. Last year, we continued the tradition until Covid 19 pandemic restrictions were put in place. These restrictions remain in place preventing us from resuming to our much-loved Lenten fellowship.

These suppers were an important TEC fundraiser, providing support for the *Helping Others* Fund through donations. Due to the continued safety concerns around Covid 19 we are holding soup-less suppers to continue supporting the good work of our *Helping Others* Fund. We make a difference! Our outreach helps vulnerable community members hovering on the financial edge. Those receiving assistance are screened, and not everyone who requests assistance is funded.

Examples of the difference we have made:

- ◆ Purchase emergency prescriptions
- ◆ Provide gasoline for trips to Portland hospitals and physicians
- ◆ Eviction prevention
- ◆ Apartment deposits
- ◆ Prevent utility shut-offs
- ◆ Assist with utility new service fees
- ◆ Emergency shelter at motel

Please consider a donation by mailing or dropping your contribution off at Sacred Heart Church by Easter. Make checks out to Sacred Heart Church for TEC on the memo line. Your donations are the hands and feet of Christ to those on the margin through TEC's *Helping Others* Fund.

It is generosity from people like you that make our system work!

With deep gratitude.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

*FAITH COMMUNITIES OF TEC: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, St. John's United Church of Christ, St. Peter Lutheran Church, and Tillamook United Methodist Church