

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

March 15, 2016 Tuesday 12:30 PM

Attending: Mary Ann Hood, Barb Mitchell, Linda and Bill Keck, and Jan Myers.

Jaylynn gave the opening prayer.

VICTIMS SERVICES: Jaylynn Wayman, Coordinator the Adams County Sheriff's Office – Victim Services Unit was our guest speaker today. She spoke for an hour and covered these areas:

- 1) What the Victim Services Team does: Jaylynn outlined their procedures in a general way.
- 2) Direct Service: (The role of the Advocate) The services they specifically provide to victims of crime and their families are an on-scene response with needs assessments, followed by support services,.
- 3) Volunteer Program: The group under Jaylynn's leadership undergoes extensive training. They cover personal safety factors for all volunteers, a realistic description of likely scenarios, resources available, and who to contact.
- 4) Community Support and Outreach: Jaylynn's team follows up with families to see how they are getting along. Sometimes food or clothing is needed. They also reach out to runaways and work with families in crises such as a death of the main wage earner, or a family that has suffered great loss in a fire.

Our Outreach Committee heard about many different ways Good Shepherd could help. We will continue discussing these ideas at our next meeting.

Victim Services will be a topic for "Moments for Mission" sometime soon. This will be followed by a luncheon after the service for those who may be interested in the program. Jaylynn will have many more ideas as to how people can volunteer. People with acquired skills can offer things like car repair and training, stress relief, provide an opportunity to get one's hair done, budgeting / check book managing, and so on.

Linda Keck will be the contact person with Adams County Coordinator, Jaylynn Wayman.

NETWORKING WITH OTHER CHURCHES in the area: Mary Ann Hood and others will begin a dialogue with other churches in the area to generally see if there is interest in working together on various projects and to find out what programs they already have in place. Community Outreach is a congregation driven project. We look to the congregation and our Pastor for guidance and suggestions.

VANTAGE POINT High School and CROSSROADS Middle School: Pastor Bill has been unable to talk to Principal, Allen Hollenbeck. He will continue trying to connect.

OFFER A MEAL ONCE A MONTH to the Community: Pastor Bill has suggested this as an easy place to begin our relationship with those around us. It would be good visibility for Good Shepherd.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 10:30 in the Pastor's Study.

We all continue to pray for guidance, strength, courage, ideas and success for our work of Reaching Out.

The meeting was adjourned around 1:40 in the afternoon.

Respectfully,

Jan Myers