

Chaplain Donna Hale
Community Chaplain Report
July – August 2022

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23 ~ NIV)

As Past-President of Kiwanis-Carlisle, I continue to open Frederick House, set-up, take-down, and store Club materials for our bimonthly meetings. Also, I provide the “Invocation,” as invited.

This month, I was at the Carlisle-Expo Center for the Back-to-School distribution at the Kiwanis table (in the afternoon) assisting children who selected books from our wide variety of choices along with their parent’s assistance as they selected from Kiwanis’ selection for various children’s age groups.

Also, attended the Kiwanis Monthly Board Meeting, as Past President.

As a member of the Carlisle Area Religious Council (CARC), I was invited to provide a “Blessing of the Back-Packs” at the Expo-Carlisle when children (accompanied by their family member) requested a “Blessing.”

As a member of NAMI - Carlisle, I attended support group meetings and Board meetings by Zoom. Also, as a member of NAMI-Carlisle, I am on the Planning Committee for our Fall Walk at Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Park in Mechanicsburg. This is a first-time event for NAMI-Carlisle; I am learning a lot about walks-in-the-park events. We are hoping for a good turnout. And, I attended a new NAMI-Carlisle Support Group for Families (meets in Camp Hill).

Also, invited to return as Volunteer to Highmark’s Caring Place Grief Center — Support for Children and their Families. (Program closed during Covid-19.)

Continue to work with agencies to expand G.R.A.N.D.S. membership in Carlisle and local area. We are sponsored by Sadler Health Center and YWCA Carlisle. (While at Carlisle Expo event, I informally spoke with other agencies about G.R.A.N.D.S. and received much interest.) Meeting on August 16 at Panera with a family member and co-facilitator.

This Summer, I have been blessed to supply at Zion UCC—Newburg as their pastor was away. I have appreciated the opportunities to prepare and preach sermons, consecrate and offer Communion to members both at Church Service and Home Communion; and, to fellowship with joint-church picnic services this Summer. And, I co-led and preach with the Pastor who is in process of returning. The congregation is very supportive, encouraging, and such a joy to serve until their pastor returns.

The two verses from Galatians 5:22-23 sums up my experiences for this monthly report.

As always, as everyone knows, I love to share about my ministry as a Community Chaplain both outside and inside the Church. Look forward to sharing.

“Be the change you want to be in the world.” - Mahatma Gandhi

Blessings and Peace  