



Bo's Blog

A few months ago, at one of our meetings, it struck me that this church has had a significant impact in the city of Prosser. We helped start a food bank many years ago, and even housed it in the basement of the church for a while. Now it is Jubilee Ministries, with the Red Door thrift store and Jubilee Food Bank on Stacey St., serving thousands of people each year. Someone thought seniors needed a place to gather. Again, something that started in this church is now the Senior Center at 7th and Dudley. We currently have a computer lab in two classrooms that offers time and technology for students to do schoolwork in the lab, and also refurbishes older, donated computers to give away to families that don't have a computer for their students at home.

In Grandview, United Methodists frequently reached out to their community. They hosted a number of groups and events for the people and organizations of Grandview, including an annual SMILE event so that low-income children could be seen by a dentist, the annual Chamber of Commerce volunteer recognition dinner, the PEO yard sale, a neighborhood after-school program, and even a preschool. They had Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Sundays in the summer, took pies to people in the neighborhood, and had a food booth at the Fair. Their quilters group offered to help community members finish or fix their old quilts and quilt projects. They had a significant, positive, impact on the city of Grandview.

So

What do we do next?

All of the things we have done in the past are good. We should be proud of the impact we have had on our communities. It's not enough, though, to bask in the light of past glories. Our communities still have needs, and still need us. What issue do we see as needing to be addressed? When we look around our neighborhood, what is it that we can provide for the enrichment of those around us?

Talk to people. Share ideas. We know our communities. Bring your ideas to church and share them during coffee hour, and at meetings. Help us to be the church, the servants of Christ, in the places in which we live.

Shalom,
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