

The Human Concerns Committee is primarily a service group striving to better the lives of the poor and disabled in our community. Some of the committee's work involves the programs of Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM) of which we are a member church. These include our support of the Emergency Food Program through our annual "Souper Bowl" Sunday collection and serving "Lunch in the Park" to city children during the summer months. Other activities include serving dinner at the Schenectady City Mission and coordinating some of the parish giving during the holiday season. Children's gifts are sent to St. Paul's Church in the Appalachian region of Kentucky each year and the Christmas Giving Tree at St. John the Evangelist Church has grown to include close to 1000 gifts. We generally meet in the evening of the second Thursday of the month. New members are always welcome.

We try to meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Office Building. Our tentative meeting schedule is November 6, November 13, December 11, January 15, February 12, March 13, April 2, and May 14. Please wait for confirmation of dates and times throughout the year.

We have set dates that our group serves dinner at the City Mission. The last date for this year is Monday, December 29. We meet at City Mission at 5:30 p.m. to start serving at 5:45 p.m. We are usually done with serving and clean up by 6:30 p.m.

Elaine Leppert has volunteered to be our SICM representative.

Waiting for a return call from the Damien Center to set up a date to bring dinner to the Center.

We will meet on November 20 at 7:30 to finish writing cards for the Giving Tree. Kathy Carney will call St. Paul's Church, McKee, KY, to find out more information regarding the needs of the Children for this Toy Drive and see if someone from their Church could come to St. John's next year to speak at our masses about their need for toys, the people they serve and about their mission.

The Giving Tree will be put up the weekend of November 22. Last collection date will be the weekend of December 13/14. Distribution of gifts will be that weekend.

Next meeting – November 20.

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