# "God's work. Our hands."

# LMLC Social Ministry Newsletter



# Who We Are & What We Do

Luther Memorial's Social Ministry Committee oversees the Social Ministry Funding Plan, organizes Change for Change, approves requests for the Good Shepherd Fund, and informs the congregation of ways to minister to those in need in our community.

## **Stock the Pantries - April**



#### **Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry**

Peanut Butter / Jelly - Always good comfort food.



#### Micah's Mini-Pantry



Personal Hygiene Products – These products are

important to good health.

# Donate!

You can donate to Change for Change or any Social Ministry charities LMLC supports by scanning one of the codes with your smart phone and designating where you want your money to go.







Venmo Scan Code

## Change for Change – NRV Cares



NRV CARES is dedicated to protecting children and strengthening families. Services are available to all citizens living in the counties

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of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, and the City of Radford. With the help of the New River Valley community, they strive to improve the lives of the smallest and most defenseless members of our society, while helping to support an environment where families can thrive.

There are three main program areas at NRV CARES:

1. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the New River Valley recruits and trains volunteers to provide advocacy for children who are involved in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court proceedings due to court-founded cases of abuse and/or neglect.

2. The Parent Education program provides education and support for parents and caregivers throughout the New River Valley. Working with trained class facilitators, they offer programs such as Circle of Parents, Parenting through Separation and Divorce, and Parenting Young Children.

3. NRV CARES' Community Education programs aim to educate the community about the existence of child abuse and its traumatic effects, as well as to support children and families in the community.

# Blacksburg Refugee Resettlement Fund Raiser

The Blacksburg Refugee Resettlement Fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at The Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1301 Gladewood Dr, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. There will be a silent auction, food, speakers, and the VA Tech Middle Eastern band, Itraab Arabic Music Ensemble. Tickets are \$50.

https://www.blacksburgrefugeepartnership.org/

If you have an item you would like to donate for the auction, please contact Wava Vigen, <u>wavabburg@gmail.com</u>.

#### **Change for Change Quarterly Report**

Month	Non-profit Organization	Monies Collected
January	Northside Presbyterian Church	\$600.00
February	Food Pantry	\$741.00
March	Micah's Closet	\$3,100.00