

COMMUNITY NEEDS COMMITTEE

FUMCOG's members were their most generous in recorded history for the past Christmas' Community Needs Offerings, enabling the Committee to distribute a total of \$16,450 to PAR Recycle Works, Men Who Care of Germantown, Philadelphia Interfaith Housing Network, United Methodist Neighborhood Services, and Why Not Prosper. Rev. Michelle Simonas, the founder and executive director of Why Not Prosper, was recently named "Trailblazer of the Year" by Bread and Roses Community Fund.

To date we have received about \$7,000 toward the recent Easter offering, and contributions are still coming in. When all received, they will be distributed to Face to Face Germantown, Heeding God's Call, Life Turning Point of Philadelphia, Prisoner Visitation & Support, and Women Against Abuse.

The committee expresses its profound gratitude to the members of the congregation for your generosity, which is a great credit to FUMCOG.

We encourage everyone who reads this report to spread the word about our interest in supporting local organizations that advance social justice and community empowerment through our Christmas and Easter offerings, and to encourage such organizations to apply, using the application form on the FUMCOG web site.

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