

Evangelism Committee Report 2019

Much of what follows is taken directly from last year's report.

Evangelism is alive and well at Abiding Hope without a great deal of formal structure.

Mary Elizabeth Meier delivered How Sweet the Sound with a fall season with a pianist and saxophone recital and The Gem City Jazz Ensemble. Spring brought the folk music duo, Simple Gifts. Currently discussion around the future of this program is taking place.

Much, [make that most] of the Evangelism effort goes by the name of Pastor Allie. Growing out of her mention of Puppets in the Pulpit during one meeting, this approach has become incredibly popular, both with children and adults alike.

She is the driving force behind a much-needed update of congregational membership. This included contacting and re-inviting folks that we have lost contact with. Her follow-up with visitors has resulted in a number of new faces in our family.

A new electronic sign plus the use of the billboard across the street raises the visibility of our mission to passing motorists. A professional exterior Christmas decoration

Brian Gresh, Janet Getson and Jack Wonner have used their musical gifts to supplement the music program with an eclectic selection of songs not necessarily found in the hymnal.

Nancy Cunning continues to be our voice to the outside world through our web site, the monthly newsletter and all things creative.

The Food Pantry folks continue to feed the hungry.

And there is an unnamed benefactor who has been subsidizing a weekly ad in the Erie Times. This exposure is not only invaluable but is also greatly appreciated.

All of this for the most part is not a result of a committee's effort or direction. It is the result of many individual's commitment to Christ's mission. IT is evangelism in the best sense of the word.