

Partner Church Annual Report, 2021-2022

Our activity this year was generally remote, but we were able to maintain good communication with our Partners via personal messaging and shared videos of activities and services. A small group in Ann Arbor maintained contact through monthly Zoom meetings and occasional in-person gatherings. The group consisted of Jan Bower, Lee Boeke Burke, Donna Clark, Hajnal Minger, Cathy Muha, and Phyllis Valentine. In Transylvania, Rev. Istvan and Rev. Csilla Buzogany-Csoma, as well as a few others, provided videos and photos which we shared on the congregational group Facebook presence. We have 36 people (including the 6 named) on our mailing list.

Our small group contributed parts of the June 20, 2021 service. A Hungarian children's story was translated by Hajnal Minger and illustrated by Cathy Muha; music was supplied by Rev. Istvan; and all contributed to an illustrated presentation about our Partners' social justice programs. We later provided 15 copies of the bi-lingual physical book to our Partners.

We gathered and sent Christmas presents, as well as two other large boxes containing CDs, books, clothing, and other supplies. The most recent package contained items for use in Ukrainian refugee assistance as well as local needs given the large increase in the cost of living, combined with a cut in salaries across the board. We sent our usual annual assistance for the minister and students in April, several months early.

We had wanted to host a visit from our Partners, or a pilgrimage there in 2021 or 2022, but Covid made both impossible. We hope that one or both might be possible in the coming year. For the moment we are planning a lunch picnic after a service in July.

Presented by Lee Boeke Burke and Phyllis Valentine