

## **NEIGHBORHOOD LIFE**

### **Cindy Smith**

Mission Statement: ***“To do God’s work in our neighborhood through service, fellowship, and worship.”***

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Cindy Smith, Chair

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2018 has been a great year for the Neighborhood Life Committee. Along with some of our regular activities we also joined forces with Christian Formation for two events. In April we assisted with the Easter Egg Hunt by filling Easter eggs with candy and helping with the hunt. In July we provided a hamburger and hot dog lunch for our Vacation Bible School participants as well as the parish.

In May we donated \$100 to the All Saints’ Assistance Program, directed by Hannah Maharrey, which was used to purchase hats, toiletries, and undergarments for guests at the Salvation Army community BBQ that was held in July. Surplus blankets from the Saints’ Brew Christmas dinner were donated to Hannah as well to be given out as needed.

Our ministry often involves feeding and we continued this by providing a pasta lunch to the Salvation Army in August. With the help of volunteers from Toyota we were able to feed 100 individuals.

Our traditional fall activities of Festival on the Field and Trunk-or-Treat were great fun as usual. This year Festival on the Field was celebrated in conjunction with FUMC. The Neighborhood Life committee provided our popular play-doh table and incorporated a new favorite as well, colored hairspray. Despite warnings of thunderstorms, Trunk-or-Treat went off without a hitch. Thanks to donations of pine straw bales for the maze from Pete Poland and many, many bags of candy provided by the parish the event was great fun for our kids and adults as well.

Winter festivities started with the annual Reed’s Christmas Parade where the NLC provided free hot chocolate to parade viewers.

Our annual Saints’ Brew Christmas Dinner for 2018 was again a successful one. We fed approximately 100 guests and gifts of blankets were provided by donations from the parish as well as a generous donation of coats from the United Way. The budget for the dinner was \$483. We look forward to having another successful dinner this year. We ended 2018 with a \$300 donation to the All Saints’ Assistance Program and we look forward to making another contribution this year.

We are very appreciative of what 2018 has brought us and what we were able to share. We look forward to 2019 and finding more ways to share our ministry with our neighbors as well as within the parish.