

Thrift Shop 2022

United Church Thrift Shop 2022 Report

The thrift shop had an almost normal year, and we only had to close four Wednesdays in January/February due to the extremely high Covid-19 numbers in town. We have continued to require masks on Wednesdays and we limit the number of shoppers in the store at any time to 15 people. We provide masks for those who might need one, and we have had very few shoppers who did not shop because they didn't want to wear a mask.

We currently have over 50 wonderful volunteers who are involved with various aspects of the thrift shop, from sorting and pricing, advertising, working the sales on Wednesdays, and more. We have volunteers dedicated to working with books, jewelry, electronics, shoes, and an assortment of items in the men's corner. One of our invaluable helpers is our custodian, Cesar Ojeda. We pass on a lot of items to Albuquerque and Northern NM, and Cesar comes in and moves the large bags out of the aisles several times a week and makes sure they go where they need to.

Our outside bins have seen better days, and we really need to replace them. Thanks to the Memorials Committee (for the funds) and Frank Larocque (for his craftsmanship and time), we will soon be replacing them with new, hand-made wooden bins that will be easy to access as well as lockable. THANK YOU Frank!

We have been keeping track of items that we send to various charities as "in kind" donations. We cull items from the racks and shelves that have not sold in a few months and these items are sent to these special places. This year our "in kind" donations totaled \$3,914. Some of the recipients were the Dignity Mission, the Four Corners Home for Children (Navajo Mission), St. Elizabeth Shelters in Santa Fe, the Africa Book Project, the Christian Book Store in Albuquerque, a nursing home in Las Vegas, NM, the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, the summer fire victims, Pathways Shelter in Española, and a few families who needed some school clothes for their children.

The thrift shop was open for a total of 46 Wednesdays this year, and two Saturdays one for Chamber Fest, and one for our annual All Things Christmas sale.

The thrift shop took in \$55,993.58 with expenses of \$235.80 for the year. The Halloween sale brought in \$366.75 and the Christmas sale brought in \$2,055.85. The WCSS will be making decisions about the recipients of the missions budget in the next few weeks.

The Thrift Shop Leadership Team

Carol Brown, Vicki Buley, Linda Hardie, Nancy Nunnolley, Norma Puckett, Nina Thayer, and Cheryl Warren