

Activities Report for 2020

"Be Silly, Be Honest, Be Kind" by Ralph Waldo Emerson

This year has been different due to covid-19 pandemic. We could not plan group activities after March 12. Our church was not open for any activities including Sunday Worship until September. We had in-person worship September thru November, then we shut down again. We did continue worship via ZOOM.

This was the first year for the Scarecrow contest in Ravenna in October. I entered with a sheriff scarecrow with help from my brother, Matt Simone. Our Girl Scout troop entered with five scout-crows that were on the corner of Chestnut and Main Street, by the flagpole.

We are now entering the 9th year for Kids Youth Ministry using the church gym as well as the Dr. Edward Webb Rec Room on the 3rd floor. The kids seem to enjoy it. I'd like to see more kids of all ages coming in the future. We need some adults to help supervise the kids in the gym and the rec room.

I have kept busy hand out flyers and bookmarks to families with kids about the Kids Youth Ministry at church via the Dairy Queen & between CVS, Subway and Main Street Winery, Tavern 1888 and Ravenna Nutrition. I've been attending the Ravens football and basketball games as a representative of our church.

One of my biggest accomplishments for the year is 24 years as Activities Coordinator.

I hope to show Christian film dramas here at the church for families and teens night with our church family and other movies too.

Many of the 2020 movies have been postponed or delayed and with all the 2021 movies coming out, we should have lots of choices of movies to go see. Watch my bulletin board for dates and times of upcoming movies and concerts.

We will see how 2021 progresses for activities. Hopefully better than 2020.

"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:17

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Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio
Service Unit 915
Annual Report

2020 was a huge challenge for us. Not meeting in our usual fashion, not using our standard recruitment techniques, not knowing which way was up. BUT it did give us many opportunities to try new things. Zoom has become much easier to navigate. The Scouts learned ~~the~~ to what lengths the leaders will go ~~to~~ so that they are able to connect with the girls. We have come up with different ways to connect with the community. Some worked some did not, but we never gave up. Some leaders have had multiple walls to climb over just to maintain sanity at home with their own families. On-line schooling was a big factor for most them. Some leaders were unable to return. But all are healthy thank goodness.

So WELCOME 2021!!

We come into this year with renewed hope and plenty of rest. We have 8 solid troops all meeting at First Congregational Church of Ravenna. One troop is working independently. We have lost two troops but have not lost the scouts that were involved. We will continue to strive for the girls in our area. We will not be doing our annual lock-ins this year due to CoVid but will instead have one day events for each rank as a Unit. Daisy Day, Brownie Bash, Junior Jam, and CSA Retreat.

We are reporting 120 scouts, 35 adults (leaders, helping hands, chaperones) Three of our adults are male and continually help at large events with maintaining the safety and security of our members. We are meeting on Tuesdays & Thursdays, and the 2nd Tuesday of the month is our Leader Meetings to stay connected, share ideas, and recharge.

Our first Service Unit activity is to create Valentines Day cards for area facilities. Also, **COOKIE ORDERS** are in full swing.

Thank you again for all you do and all your support.

Yours in Scouting,

Carol D Brockelman Service Unit 915 Director