

SOCIAL JUSTICE AT HSCC DECEMBER 2025 – JANUARY 2026

**“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”
Matthew 25 v. 35 – 36**

HSCC Vision Statement – 2021

We welcome all God's children, to gather and to learn, to support one another, and to serve the greater community.

What can we do without, hopefully, getting overwhelmed?

Keep the faith, take on causes that are meaningful to you (individually and collectively), and do not take on more than is healthy for you.

Appropriate the concept of moral proximity. “While there are countless needs in the world, Christians are not obligated to tackle all of them. Instead, we are called to love our neighbors and to do good for those whom the Lord gives us the opportunity.” (davidsschrock.com – accessed 12/14/25)

“Scripture impels us to be faithful with the opportunities God gives us; it does not command us to be responsible for every need we see.” (DeYoung & Gilbert)

Think of this as circles of impact – some of us stay in the inner circle, others venture out further and further, and most of us flow between the center circle and, at times, somewhere in the outer circles. Create priorities and a balance that keeps you healthy, happy and proud of your efforts.

Within our church:

Participate in the activities of our church that help you feel joy, an acknowledgment of our church community, and a sense of accomplishment. Things like:

- Greet newcomers with an extravagant welcome
 - o To welcome the stranger, those outside of the community of faith is to welcome Christ. Believer or nonbeliever, attractive or unattractive, admirable or disreputable, upstanding or vile, the stranger is marked by the image of God.
- Help out on Sundays – ushering, greeting, Fellowship Hour, decorating, picking-up
- Send notes to members who are ill, homebound, not in attendance, experiencing some difficulty or joy
- Contribute to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard, Winter Warmth Tree, Fresh Start program

- Help out with the monthly Free Bean Lunch – food, set-up, serving, clothes distribution, clean-up, etc.
- Help out with the monthly Homeless Shelter meal – preparing

Some may take other steps outside of our church:

He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6: 8)

It is ok to choose not to show up at public events or be nervous about it if you choose to try it. Know that creating a buddy system is helpful and there is “safety in numbers” so get a group together if you wish.

- Work at the Ecumenical Food Cupboard, Tuesdays and/or Thursdays
- Help out with the monthly Homeless Shelter meal – delivering, serving
- Attend public events that support our greater community

Write our local, state and federal representatives about actions or inactions of our elected officials that negatively affect others or those that positively affect others:

Open your mouth for the feeble, for the rights of all who are left desolate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, maintain the rights of the poor and the needy. (Proverbs 31: 8 – 9)

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