

Our very own Dick and Peggy LaDu, and Becca Stowell were recently honored with the Cup of Cold Water Award for their work with young people in our community. We are very proud to call them our friends and members of our Trinity family.

Matthew 10:42

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."



Ashtabula Ministerial Association Annual 2015 "Cup of Cold Water" Award Recipients

Dick & Peggy LaDu are longtime members of Trinity Presbyterian Church. They have been married for 59 years. They are both retired; Dick from Reliance Electric Co. after 42 years and Peggy is a retired teacher after 30 years with the Buckeye and Ashtabula Schools. They are parents of three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

They are both active in their Church. Dick has served on Session and the Property and Finance Committee. He helps with much of the maintenance around the church and grounds. Peggy sings in the choir, plays handbells, has served on Session, Deacons, and Worship and Music Committee.

Peggy is President of Ashtabula County Retired Teachers. She is on the board for Faith in Action Caregivers of Ashtabula County. She sings with the Good Life Singers. Dick and Peggy have been active in Habitat for Humanity (both on the board and Dick helping with building and rehab.)

They appreciate being picked for this award.

Good Karma Kitchen at St. Joseph Church The soup kitchen is under the direction of Bobbie Eastman and eight other volunteers: Denise & DJ VanPelt, Ann Marie McCarty, Lorna Greicius, Kathy Fields, Richard Friendly Kevin Goff and Julia Downing.

Good Karma Kitchen has been serving meals for two years on the first full week of every month from 11 am -1 pm and every Saturday and Sunday from 3-5 pm. They serve 400 – 500 meals every month; about 300 on the first full week of the month and 40-50 on the weekends.

They are open to the public and serve homemade balanced meals with a salad, an entree and a dessert. The people are seated and are served at the table by the volunteers. Along with the eight regular volunteers there are retired people, family members and the disabled that often assist.

Good Karma Kitchen runs on donations from a jar, Our Lady of Peace parishioners, and various organizations.

Rebecca Stowell Rebecca (Becca) Stowell is a busy member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. A full time educator, Becca also works extensively with After School Discovery, the dynamic arts and enrichment program of school-aged children in Ashtabula. She brings her own rich artistic skills to her work, seeking to bring the joy of art, self-expression, and confidence to all the participants. In particular, she has worked with Ashtabula School District's summer programs, meaning that she rarely takes a break from her passion to serve.