Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown

I am a retired school principal and I presently am a professor at St. Ambrose University in the Department of Education. My husband, Ted and I have two grown daughters, one who has been an Elder and both have been Deacons. My husband and I are both ordained Elders and have served on many committees. We also sing in our Sanctuary choir and our Community Justice Choir sponsored by First Pres. Presently I serve as the chair of the Personnel Committee and my husband is on the Strategic Discernment Task Force. Five years ago, I wanted to make a difference. Our church joined the Matthew 25 initiative, and I felt God called us to reach out to our neighbors in need. With our pastor's blessing I started the Caring Closet. Our free Caring Closet is totally run by dedicated volunteers and serves at least 50 people a week with the Deacons sponsoring laundry cards and sack lunches. A true blessing.