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The Parishioners' Outreach program partners with other churches and agencies to meet emergency needs when people find themselves without the basics of heat, electricity or water, Zwifka said. Outreach work is currently funded by special fundraisers and donations from parishioners and the community, he added.

"This part of the Jubilee Ministry is dedicated to addressing the needs of people who might fall through the cracks," Zwifka said. "We don't provide constant assistance, but enough to help people get back on their feet."

The ministry also puts an emphasis on what the community can do on a day-to-day basis to better the environment through the Environmental Stewardship program, Zwifka said. The church promotes regular efforts such as recycling and conserving energy, but also works on more unique projects, he added.

Over the years, the ministry has collected used prescription bottles and donated them to third world countries, Zwifka said. The bottles make it easier to distribute medicine that originally arrives in bulk. More recently, the church has been donating the bottles to local organizations that serve those with cancer who don't have insurance, he said.

"I would say that St. Mark's is Lewistown's best kept secret," Zwifka said. "We have a lot to offer through the church and through the Jubilee Ministry. I encourage the community to come by for a service or get involved in our programs."

For more information call 248-8327.

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Cynthia McKinley, left, Jane Smith and Marilyn Miller stretch their arms during an exercise class at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Lewistown. The exercise class is offered once a week as part of the new senior program.

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