BRUNSWICK AREA TEEN CENTER

First a little bit about the Teen Center. The TC is a program at *People Plus.* It has an **advisory committee** who meet once a month. The committee consists of a police officer (who is also a school patrol officer), a teacher, a former teacher, a psychologist, the Director of Brunswick Parks and Recreation, a retired librarian, the director of People Plus and the director of the Teen Center.

**The TC Staff** consists of the director and two assistants.

**The UUCB Teen Center Support Group** has 7 members, one who is a member of the TC Advisory Committee.

The mission of the Teen Center is *“To provide a safe after school and summer vacation environment for young people, in grades 6-12, to socialize, explore*

*creative outlets, share their talents and gain exposure to diverse people and ideas.”*

The TC also addresses various needs of many of their members including food insecurity. The program is free to area youth and provides a daily free meal, which for some teens may be their only nutritious meal. Food insecurity is an underserved demographic within our community and is an important focus of the TC.

The UUCB Teen Center Support Group provides one meal a month, funded by the members. On the first Sunday of the month they have a snack collection. If members of the congregation forget snacks they can donate money which will provide funds for many projects. In the past donated funds have contributed towards:

Art classes

Driver’s Ed costs

Gift certificates/cards

Downtown lunches

School supplies.