

## Ways We Can Serve

May 2017

### May Communion Offering – Landsun Homes Caring Hands Fund

The original and continued purpose of the Caring Hands Fund is to assist residents who have depleted their financial resources to continue receiving the same quality of service, care and life enhancement as those with means still available. The fund provides assistance in offsetting the financial gap between private pay and government-assisted program reimbursement. These funds go directly into resident care and services.

### Casa Esperanza

St. John's will be providing dinner on Thursday, May 18, at Casa Esperanza. Please stop by the Hospitality Center to sign up for a food item and/or volunteer to help prepare and serve. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity. If you have any other questions, please contact Jenn Shields at [jennshields200@yahoo.com](mailto:jennshields200@yahoo.com).

### Project Share – Tuesday, May 23

Project Share is open for dinner six nights a week and serves 40,000 meals each year to Albuquerque's homeless and hungry. Project Share is now a program of St. Martin's Hospitality Center so the amount of people served is larger. This means more food, more money for food, and more servers. We are especially in need of people to commit to helping as servers. If you can help in any way on May 23 or during the year, please contact Tim Nuzum at [tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org](mailto:tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org).

### Wings for L.I.F.E. International – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays

Wings for Life springs from the passion of caring Christians and the deep concern to minister to families of prisoners who have been largely shunned or ignored by our society. They meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month at St. John's, 6 - 7:30 pm. The program on May 15 is a Mother's Day Potluck, Cabi Fashion Show and Parenting #5: "Building Self Worth in Children." How can we help? By just coming to dinner and visiting with the participants. If you do plan to attend, please RSVP at 291-6412 and bring a salad or dessert (last names beginning with A-J) or entrée or appetizer (last names beginning with K-Z).

### The Storehouse (food collection)

Thinking ahead to the summer months when school children no longer have access to the school lunch program, let's help The Storehouse stock up on summer lunch supplies for children. Items such as peanut butter, granola bars, protein bars, individual fruit cups, single-serving tuna or chicken lunch kits are perfect. During the month of May, please use your imagination and think "kid-friendly" as you're shopping. Please place your donations in the shopping cart located in the Hospitality Center. Thank you! Contact Mary Beth Spletzer at [mbspletzer@gmail.com](mailto:mbspletzer@gmail.com).

### St. John's Mobile Food Pantry

If you haven't already done so, there's still time to purchase an item or two to benefit the families who attend our St. John's monthly Mobile Food Pantry. In preparation for our May 20<sup>th</sup> Mobile Food Pantry, we're collecting bar soap or soft soap, as well as 4- or 6-roll packages of toilet tissue. Families repeatedly tell us how much they appreciate these "extras" that you so generously provide! Thank you! Contact Mary Beth Spletzer at [mbspletzer@gmail.com](mailto:mbspletzer@gmail.com).

### Missions Emphasis for May

Remember those coin folders of long ago? They're back and the Missions Development Team is using them during the month of May to support Kinsey Swope and Amy Dye-Robinson (graduated St. John's youth) in mission work with Next Step Ministries this summer. Amy will be located at Moore, Oklahoma, and Kinsey will be located at Crownpoint, New Mexico. When you get quarters in change, place them in the coin folder and before you know it, you've donated \$10.

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### **Campbell's Labels, Box Tops for Education, and Tyson Project A+ (on-going)**

McCurdy Ministries, a United Methodist supported ministry in Espanola, now participates in the "Tyson Project A+" Program. On Tyson frozen products, you will find "Project A+" labels to cut and save. Each submitted label earns 24 cents for McCurdy! Also, please continue saving "Labels for Education" from Campbell's products. McCurdy hopes to collect enough labels to purchase another van before Campbell's suspends the program at the end of 2017. McCurdy also asks that we continue saving "Box Tops for Education." Please place all three types of labels in the collection box located in the Hospitality Center. Thank you!

**Note:** If you see a need and would like to donate funds to any of the above listed projects, make your check out to St. John's UMC and please be sure to write the project name in the memo field of your check.

## Missions Celebrations

**Lenten Offering.** What a generous congregation St. John's is! We collected \$11, 600+ for Lenten offering this year! Among some of the organizations/projects we supported, just to name a few, were: sponsoring a pastor or delegate from the 4Corners area to attend annual conference; offerings for Annual Conference missions projects (5); funding for some of St. John's missions projects (Zuni/Preschool luncheon, Mobile Food Pantry, Family Promise, Asbury Pie Parties, etc.); Silver Horizons; McCurdy Ministries; Grace Park; Wesley Houses (2); the Congo Project, etc. Thank you so much for your wonderful support! Donna at [donnabruce@comcast.net](mailto:donnabruce@comcast.net).

**Stuffed Animals for Adopt-a-Platoon.** Four hundred ninety (yes, that's 490) small stuffed animals were collected and mailed to Adopt-a-Platoon, an organization that delivers stuffed animals (one item among many) to American military to distribute to children in war zones. These stuffed animals were adorable and we think will bring many smiles to the children who receive them. THANK YOU!! Donna at [donnabruce@comcast.net](mailto:donnabruce@comcast.net).

**Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office.** The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office will be receiving 85 sack lunches to distribute to the homeless in need and approximately 30 larger stuffed animals to distribute to children going through trauma in the areas in which they serve. Again, St. John's – Wow! You're awesome! Donna at [donnabruce@comcast.net](mailto:donnabruce@comcast.net).

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