

# Ways We Can Serve

February 2018

## February Special Offering – Covenant with Missionaries (Faith Promise)

This year we continue to covenant with our missionaries in Africa. Rukang Chikomb is a pilot/mechanic with the aviation ministry Southern Congo Wings of the Morning which provides transportation for hospitals, educators, mission teams, and church leaders. Nandona Chikomb, Rukang's wife, is safety and accountability manager with the aviation ministry and also assists with management of the Jamaa Letu Boys' Orphanage in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo. The couple has three children: Andre, Sally, and Selena.

In addition, we have the opportunity this year to support some medical interns as they go into remote areas of the Congo to serve people who often have no other access to a doctor. Serving in this area is also an opportunity for female interns to get valuable experience to further their medical studies. Pastor John Schwarting reports that the medical establishment in the Congo is still often reluctant to support female doctors, so the female interns currently serving in rural areas receive barely enough to live on. Our support would be greatly appreciated.

Though we highlight these missionaries and interns in February, we have an opportunity to support them with our money and prayers all year long. Please give generously and pray often.

## Wings for L.I.F.E. International – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays (February 5 and 19)

Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education (WFL) meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evenings at St. John's. Set-up begins at 5 p.m., get to know you mixers at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 – 6:30 p.m., and then the speaker and after-dinner programming for children is until 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the following: 1) Prepare an entrée, salad, fruits/vegetables for 78 attendees each week, 2) Help with the set-up and food preparation, 3) Come and eat dinner and share around the dinner table, and/or 4) Help with the after-dinner tutoring program for Pre-K and K-12 youth. Volunteers can help weekly, monthly, or once a year. Everyone is welcome and bring the whole family for a FUN hands-on mission experience. For more information contact St. John's member Ann Edenfield Sweet, 505-554-6698, or [AnnEdenfield@WingsforLIFEInternational.org](mailto:AnnEdenfield@WingsforLIFEInternational.org).

## St. John's Mobile Food Pantry – Saturday, February 17

St. John's, in partnership with Roadrunner Food Bank, hosts a mobile food pantry to families in need every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in the Family Life Center. We provide 50 pounds of food for 50 households. Costs for the mobile food pantry are \$175/month so any donations are appreciated. Contact Bonnie Schwarting at [bschwarting@cablone.net](mailto:bschwarting@cablone.net) to volunteer.

## Casa Esperanza – February 26

We are providing dinner, and a sympathetic ear, on Monday, February 26, 5:30 p.m., to the residents at Casa Esperanza. Please stop by the Welcome Center or the Abide Service to sign up to donate food. There are also opportunities to volunteer. If you have questions, please contact Jenn Shields at [jennshields200@yahoo.com](mailto:jennshields200@yahoo.com).

## Project Share – Tuesday, February 27

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 February 27 or during the year, please contact Tim Nuzum at [tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org](mailto:tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org).

## The Storehouse (food collection)

In 2018, we will be alternating food collection each month between The Storehouse and Silver Horizons. Our shopping carts will hold lots of **canned soup and crackers**, so let's make that the focus of our February collection for The Storehouse. Let's aim for hearty soups with meat and vegetables and/or chili. If you can't remember what we're collecting month to month, just donate your choice of any non-perishable food. Thank you for your continued support! For questions, please contact Mary Beth Spletzer at [mbspletzer@gmail.com](mailto:mbspletzer@gmail.com).

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### Casa Esperanza – 12 Months of Giving

Casa Esperanza is a home away from home for families who need medical services only available in Albuquerque. The staff at Casa Esperanza work hard to ease some of the burdens these families face. We, at St. John's, can also help by donating items, donating time, and praying. For February, we are collecting **dish towels, handheld can openers, laundry detergent pods, Styrofoam "to go" containers, and pot holders**. If you have questions, please contact Jenn Shields at [jennshields200@yahoo.com](mailto:jennshields200@yahoo.com).

### United Methodist Women – Zuni Elementary School

UMW will be collecting **new children's winter coats and jackets, sizes 6X through Youth 14**, starting now and running through the end of February. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, bring your donations to the church office, Hospitality Center in the Narthex, "SERVE" area in the Family Life Center or put them in the UMW closet in the SonShine Café. *Thank you!* Contact Angie Young at [dajsover@wans.net](mailto:dajsover@wans.net).

### 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! McCurdy also asks that we continue saving "Box Tops for Education." Campbell's has suspended the Labels for Education program so we will no longer be collecting these labels. Please place the two types of labels in the collection box located in the Hospitality Center. Thank you!

### Albertsons "Stamps" (on-going)

The last day to collect stickers at Albertsons to redeem for pots and pans for Family Promise is February 6. Please drop your stamp donation in the green box on the Hospitality Center by **February 11**. Contact: Nancy Shefelbine at [NJGShefelbine@comcast.net](mailto:NJGShefelbine@comcast.net).

**A BIG THANK YOU to St. John's for your donations and assembly of the hygiene kits for Healthcare for the Homeless. We assembled over 300 kits!**

**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.

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