

Ways We Can Serve

January 2018

January Special Offering – Youth M&M (Music and Missions) Trip to Puerto Rico

Youth from St. John's will travel to Puerto Rico this summer for their M&M Trip. You will hear more about this trip as plans develop but know that these trips are life-changing for many of the youth. You can donate any time of the month to our special offerings. Please give generously.

St. John's Mobile Food Pantry – Saturday, January 20

St. John's, in partnership with Roadrunner Food Bank, hosts a mobile food pantry to families in need every 3rd 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 to volunteer.

Project Share – Tuesday, January 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 January 23 or during the year, please contact Tim Nuzum at tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org.

Silver Horizons (food collection)

In 2018, we will be alternating food collection each month between The Storehouse and Silver Horizons. During the month of January, we're collecting **dry rice and beans** for the low-income senior citizens served by Silver Horizons. Please donate packages that are a manageable size for seniors to handle. Rice and beans are an important staple item, but, believe it or not, they are among the most expensive food items for Silver Horizons to purchase. For that reason, your donations are very much appreciated. And, if you can't recall what we're collecting from month to month, just feel free to purchase any non-perishable food items; your donations will be gratefully accepted at any time. Your generosity is appreciated! For questions, please contact Mary Beth Spletzer at mbspletzer@gmail.com.

Casa Esperanza

We are in the process of scheduling our next dinner at Casa Esperanza for the residents. Watch for further announcements as to the date and what food assistance is needed. This is a great opportunity to go outside of the church walls to serve others. We help families that are mentally and physically exhausted from day to day health worries. The fact that there is a meal planned when their day winds down is an absolute joy. Please look for ways to help in the Hospitality Center or the Abide "SERVE" area. Any questions, please contact Jenn Shields at jennshields200@yahoo.com.

Wings for L.I.F.E. International – 1st and 3rd Mondays

Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education (WFL) meets every 1st and 3rd 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 (*a perfect project for a Sunday School class*), 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.

Casa Esperanza – 12 Months of Giving

We are collecting oral hygiene products during the month of January for Casa Esperanza. Please place your donations of **toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, etc.**, in the metal bin at the Hospitality Center or the Abide "SERVE" area. Please remember kids' oral hygiene products as well. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity. If you have questions or suggestions for ways to give, please contact Jenn Shields at jennshields200@yahoo.com.

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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.

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)

Do you shop at Albertsons? We will be collecting the stamps Albertsons is awarding and will redeem them for pots and pans to be given to Family Promise to aid families who are moving into permanent homes. You will find a box on the Hospitality Center counter to receive your stamps. Thank You!! Happy shopping and stamp saving. Contact: Nancy Shefelbine at NJGShefelbine@comcast.net.

All-Church Assembly of Hygiene Kits for Healthcare for the Homeless.

On January 28, St. John's will have the opportunity to participate in assembling hygiene kits to be distributed to the homeless. Until January 21, we are seeking donations of **new, unopened travel-size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lip balm, and hand lotion**. Please drop off these items at the Hospitality Center in the Narthex or the "SERVE" area in the Family Life Center. Contact: Donna at donnabruce@comcast.net.

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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