

## **Ways We Can Serve**

*March 2019*

### **March Special Offering – Operación Hogar**

Many families in Juarez, Mexico are in need of shelter. You can help meet this need by contributing to the cost of a house, roughly \$4500. Or you could even join a team that goes to Mexico for five days and actually helps build the house alongside Methodists from Mexico and the family that will live in the house.

Operación Hogar is a joint outreach ministry between The New Mexico Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Methodist Church of Mexico. This ministry has been operational for over 60 years helping those in need of shelter. Over 900 homes have been built in Juarez, Mexico by teams from all over the United States.

Vance Behr, St. John's team lead for Operación Hogar, will be happy to give you more information. Call him at (505) 300-6320. To donate please make checks to St. John's UMC and label your giving envelope or memo area on your check with "Operación Hogar." Please help with this important mission.

### **Wings for L.I.F.E. International – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays (March 4 and March 18)**

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 always needed and 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, March 16**

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 Don or Beth Zerwekh at [dzerwekh@msn.com](mailto:dzerwekh@msn.com) to volunteer.

### **St. Martin's HopeWorks (Project Share), No St. John's Meal During March; Next Provided Meal April 23**

The HopeWorks Day Shelter, located at 1201 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW, serves meals to those experiencing homelessness three times a day, five days a week. They also provide a healthy dinner on Saturdays and a breakfast on Sundays. The shelter sees approximately 250-300 people walk through its doors daily. Often clients are tired, cold (or very hot), and very hungry. St. John's is privileged to be a part of this program by serving dinner once a month. It takes money and especially people to make this happen. If you can help in any way during the year, please contact Tim Nuzum at [tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org](mailto:tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org).

### **Casa Esperanza Dinner, Monday, April 1**

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – NO FOOLIN'!! St. John's needs volunteers and food donations to provide dinner to the families staying at Casa Esperanza during a difficult season in their lives. Please stop by the Hospitality Center and Abide Service to sign up, March 17 – 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your generosity. If you have questions, please contact Jenn Shields: [jennshields200@yahoo.com](mailto:jennshields200@yahoo.com) or (505) 450-9978.

### **The Storehouse**

Each month our "shopping cart" food collections alternate between The Storehouse and Silver Horizons. In March, we'll focus on The Storehouse by collecting high-protein items such as **canned meats (tuna, ham and chicken); canned pasta containing meat; and hearty soups in all varieties. Peanut butter** is also always in demand. If you're shopping and can't remember what we're collecting, please feel free to donate any non-perishable food items and place them in the shopping carts. For questions, please contact Mary Beth Spletzer at [mbpletszer@gmail.com](mailto:mbpletszer@gmail.com). Thank you!!!

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### **UNM Wesley House**

Wesley ministry at UNM has a house on campus and offers dinner and Bible study every Tuesday evening during the school year. They have about 20 – 25 who attend each week and would love for you and/or your group to provide dinner one Tuesday before May. Go to this website <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/JCEK7911> to sign up for a meal. Questions? Contact Kathy at [kdieruf@salud.unm.edu](mailto:kdieruf@salud.unm.edu).

### **New Mexico Ramp Project**

The St. John's team of the New Mexico Ramp Project is continuing to build ramps for low-income people in the Albuquerque area 1 – 2 times per month. In addition, we are training additional teams that will be independent of us, but available to help with any complex or urgent ramp requests that we receive. Anyone interested in helping with ramps (no age limit, no prior experience necessary) can contact Doug Rowley at [rdrowleymd@yahoo.com](mailto:rdrowleymd@yahoo.com) or text to (575) 520-9838. We are still taking donations through the church (this is NOT a budgeted item and donations should be in addition to your pledge!) Please make checks to St. John's UMC with "Ramp Ministry" in the memo line.

### **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!

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