

Ways We Can Serve

September 2019

September Special Offering – Sacramento Methodist Camp

Nestled in the Sacramento Mountains thirty miles from Cloudcroft and surrounded by the Lincoln National Forest, Sacramento Camp and Conference Center has been a place to unplug from life's hectic pace and reconnect with God since 1931. St. John's Youth regularly find God in camping experiences at Sacramento, and our United Methodist Women recently returned from a retreat there.

Sacramento depends on our faithful support, so please give generously. But also, whenever you have the opportunity, accept Sacramento's invitation to "Come to the Mountain and Let God Refresh Your Soul."

Wings for L.I.F.E. International – 1st and 3rd Mondays (September 16 – the first Monday is a holiday)

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 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.

2019 Asbury Pie Café

Open only during the New Mexico State Fair, September 5 – 15. Here are three ways to help FEED THE HUNGRY IN ALBUQUERQUE. 1) Work the Cafe: many hands make light work! 2) Bake pies: if you have an oven, you can contribute. No professional baking experience needed. 3) Eat! Come to the Cafe while at the State Fair and buy pies, burgers, and drinks. For more information, contact Jenn Shields at 505-450-9978 or jennshields200@yahoo.com.

St. John's Mobile Food Pantry – Saturday, September 21

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 to volunteer.

St. Martin's HopeWorks (Project Share) - Tuesday, September 24

The HopeWorks Day Shelter, located at 1201 3rd 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 on September 24 or any time during the year, please contact Tim Nuzum at tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org.

Casa Esperanza Dinner

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. Watch for an announcement about the date of the next dinner and stop by the Hospitality Center and Abide Service to sign up. Thank you for your generosity. If you have questions, please contact Jenn Shields: jennshields200@yahoo.com or (505) 450-9978.

The Storehouse – Food Collection

With cooling temperatures on the horizon, let's think soups and comfort food when we shop for The Storehouse during the month of September. Here are a few ideas: hearty soups with chunks of meat and/or vegetables; all varieties of chili; canned pastas containing meat; boxed mac-and-cheese; any shelf-stable packaged meal kits;

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powdered milk; and of course, peanut butter. Take your pick or donate an assortment! Please place your donations in the wire bins located in the Hospitality Centers. As always, we truly appreciate your continued generosity! Any questions, please contact Mary Beth Spletzer at mbspletzer@gmail.com.

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 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 - MCurdy Ministries

Please continue saving Box Tops for Education. Since 2012, MCurdy School has earned nearly \$90,000 through this effort, and St. John's has been a part of it. Look for the "Boxtops" collection box in the Hospitality Center.

Smith's Grocery "Inspiring Donations" - MCurdy Ministries

If you shop at a Smith's Grocery, you can sign up to participate in Smith's Inspiring Donations program, which will donate 5% of every eligible purchase to MCurdy. For more information about the Inspiring Donations program, please inquire at your local Smith's store or if you have a Smith's Rewards Card, you may go online and link it to the MMCC (MCurdy Ministries Community Center), which will make the donation process much easier! Thank you!

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