**January Special Offering – PB&J Family Services**

PB&J Family Services’ mission is helping at-risk children to grow and develop to their full potential in nurturing families within a supportive community. What began as a volunteer effort reaching out to 7 children who all had mothers with mental illness, grew into a nationally recognized non-profit serving more than 2,000 children and parents annually. PB&J’s philosophy focuses efforts on the family as a unit, as well as on individual family members. This approach, takes into account the powerful and unique reciprocal relationship between parent and child, and the impact they have on one another. PB&J believes by enhancing the family members’ sense of self-worth and competency, this will strengthen each individual’s ability to develop as a capable and responsible citizen of our community.

**Family Promise – January 12 - 19**

Family Promise will be hosted at St. John's the week of January 12th -19th. Many hands make light work. Please stop by the Hospitality Center and Abide Service to sign up for volunteer shifts. Have questions???? Contact Jenn Shields, 505-450-9978 (jennshields200@yahoo.com) or Linn Furnish, 505-884-6626 ([swimsew@comcast.net](mailto:swimsew@comcast.net)).

**St. John’s Mobile Food Pantry – Saturday, January 18**

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%20) to volunteer.

**Casa Esperanza Dinner – Tuesday, January 21**

Our next Casa Esperanza Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21. The meal and fellowship provided during the evening is a ministry to the many caregivers and patients that have to be away from the comforts of home. Please sign up, to provide food or help serve, in the Hospitality Center or at the Abide Service. Contact Jenn Shields: [jennshields200@yahoo.com](mailto:jennshields200@yahoo.com) or (505) 450-9978 for more information. Thank you for your generous spirit!

**St. Martin’s HopeWorks (Project Share) – Tuesday, January 28**

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 January 28 or any time during the year, please contact Tim Nuzum at [tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org](mailto:tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org).

**For the Love of Wesley Dinner and Auction – Saturday, February 1**

For the Love of Wesley dinner and auction will be held on February 1, 5:30 – 8 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This is a fund-raiser for the UNM Wesley Foundation / House. Tickets for dinner are $15 each. Donations for the auction are appreciated! Contact Kathy at kadieruf@gmail.com.

**Second Annual Wesley Reunion – Saturday, February 1**

Were you involved with Wesley at sometime / anywhere in the country? Join us before the Love of Wesley dinner, Saturday, February 1, at 4:30 p.m. to meet the students and other alumni! Bring pictures of your time at Wesley for our new scrapbook. Contact Kathy at kadieruf@gmail.com.

**The Storehouse – Food Collection**

January is definitely “soup season,” so let’s see how many cans of **hearty soups** we can collect for The Storehouse, and **crackers**, too! We all know that New Mexico ranks among the worst in the nation for hunger, for both children and adults. The Storehouse needs our support to feed the 53,000 people who come to their food pantry annually. Thanks for your donations, and please place them in the wire baskets located in the Hospitality Centers. Any questions, please contact Mary Beth Spletzer at [mbspletzer@gmail.com](mailto:mbspletzer@gmail.com).

**Silver Horizons and Casa Esperanza – Non-food Donations**

Throughout January we will collect non-food donations for two organizations: Silver Horizons and Casa Esperanza. As you shop, please keep in mind these needed items: **Silver Horizons – toothpaste (regular sizes), disposable razors for men and women, throw blankets, puzzle booklets and gloves for men and women. Casa Esperanza: dish towels (new or gently used) and dish detergent pods.** Please place your donations in the wire baskets in the Hospitality Centers. As always, we appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity! Questions? Contact Mary Beth Spletzer at [mbspletzer@gmail.com](mailto:mbspletzer@gmail.com) or Jenn Shields at [jennshields200@yahoo.com](mailto:jennshields200@yahoo.com) or 505-450-9978.

**United Methodist Women – Children’s Coats and Jackets; Adult Hoodies and Jackets**

The United Methodist Women will be collecting new coats and jackets, in sizes 6X through Youth 14, for the schoolchildren at Zuni who may be in need of those items during the colder months. Donations may be placed in the UMW closet or dropped off at the Hospitality Centers now through February. In addition donations of new or gently-used hoodies or jackets, in adult sizes, are also being collected for Four Winds Behavioral Clinic in Rio Rancho. Place these donations in the UMW closet or drop off at the Hospitality Centers, and label them “Four Winds.”

**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. Come by the Hospitality Center, make a donation to the ramp project and sign a board that will be used in one of the upcoming ramp projects.

**Box Tops for Education - MCurdy Ministries**

Please continue saving Box Tops for Education. Since 2012, McCurdy 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 McCurdy. 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 (McCurdy Ministries Community Center), which will make the donation process much easier! Thank you!