**November Special Offering – United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**

Via the United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR – we have a powerful way to reach families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster. Hurricanes, tornadoes, Tsunamis, fires - UMCOR responds, and when the headlines fade, UMCOR stays for the long haul. This special offering used to be called One Great Hour of Sharing, and the name was appropriate because when we give, we share the love of God and equip Christ’s body to serve in his name. When we pray and when we give, we can make a difference. Please give generously any time this month.

**Wings for L.I.F.E. International – 1st and 3rd Mondays (November 4 and 18))**

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.

**St. John’s Mobile Food Pantry – Saturday, November 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 to volunteer.

**St. Martin’s HopeWorks (Project Share) - Tuesday, November 26**

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 November 26 or any time during the year, please contact Tim Nuzum at tnuzum@stjohns-abq.org.

**Casa Esperanza Dinner**

Watch for the scheduling of the next Casa Esperanza Dinner and your chance to participate by providing food and/or serving the meal. 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 or (505) 450-9978 for more information. Thank you for your generous spirit.

**The Storehouse – Food Collection**

Soups and cereals will be our goal for November’s food collection for The Storehouse. This includes such items as: **ready-to-eat cereals, oatmeal and other hot cereals, hearty canned soups containing meat and/or vegetables, canned chili, beef stew**, etc. And, if you notice other “bargains” as you’re shopping, please feel free to donate any non-perishables. Please place your donations in the wire bins located in the Hospitality Centers. Struggling families in our community will thank you, and we do, too. Any questions, please contact Mary Beth Spletzer at mbspletzer@gmail.com.

**Family Promise – Non-food Donations**

A huge thanks to the many volunteers during our hosting! We are looking for gently used or new donations for St. John’s supplies. Please donate **blankets, at least twin-sized, desk fans, and linen bags** (used to line our hampers). These items will be stored and kept at St. John’s. During the month of November, items may be dropped off at the Hospitality Center or FLC. Thank you for your generosity. If you have questions, please contact Jenn Shields at jennshields200@yahoo.com or 505-450-9978.

**Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship – Coming Soon – Watch for Details!!!**

St. John’s has been wonderful in supporting the Angel Tree program each Christmas. Providing Christmas gifts for children whose parents are incarcerated, in the name of the parent, is a beautiful and selfless way of showing God’s love and reaching out to our community. The Angel Trees will be in the Hospitality Center and in the Family Life Center later this month. Each angel will have the name and age of a child, and suggested gift information. Pick one! Please consider helping by being at the tables where the Angel Trees are located, before or after the service you attend, to answer questions and maintain records tracking who has each angel! Please call Kathy Scherlacher (505-823-6692) if you are interested in helping in this way or if you are interested in helping to sort and deliver the gifts in December. Thanks, St. John’s, for always making this a very special ministry.

**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. We are emphasizing the Ramp Project during the month of August. 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!