

#SERVE901

Serving our local community and our neighbors throughout the world

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Lenten Food Drive

Thank you all for your tremendous support of our **Lenten Food Drive**, benefiting **Collierville Food Pantry**. Through our first five weeks, we have shared **2,742 pounds of food!** The Food Drive becomes a way for us to engage in the Lenten discipline of remembering the needs of neighbors who struggle who have sufficient food to eat, praying for them, and helping to fill the need. Shopping lists are available. Keep the gifts coming! Here's what we'll shop and provide:

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Week 1: Ash Wednesday 02/14 - Wednesday 02/21 - **Protein Week:** Canned tuna, salmon, corned beef, hams, chicken, corned beef hash, soups and stews.

Week 2: Thursday 02/22 - Wednesday 02/28 - **Peanut Butter / Jelly / Jams.**

Week 3: Thursday 02/29 - Wednesday 03/06 - **Cereal Week:** Cereals to include oatmeal, grits, cream of wheat, powdered milk, UHT (Long Life) carton milk, cereal bars, protein bars.

Week 4: Thursday 03/07 - Wednesday 03/13 - **Canned Fruit and Vegetable Week:** all varieties of fruit to include no-sugar-added, and low-sugar options. All vegetable varieties to include low-sodium.

Week 5: Thursday 03/14 - Wednesday 03/20 - **Pantry Staples Week:** Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Macaroni and Cheese, small bags of flour, corn meal, sugar, cooking oil, seasonings, herbs and spices.

Week 6: Thursday 03/21 - Wednesday 03/27 - **Other products and personal hygiene week:** feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, travel size soaps and shampoo, kitchen and bathroom cleaning products, laundry soap, dishwashing liquid and dishwasher soap (powder or tabs)

Room in the Inn – Draws to a Close!

Thank you to everyone who has made St. George's Church's winter season with Room in the Inn a success! We are so thankful to everyone who has given so much of themselves to create a space of holy



hospitality for our guests this season: our incredible coordinator and leader, John Remsen, everyone who has prepared meals, served guests, made beds, done laundry, and been present. Thank you all for all that you have done.

How we serve and share together as a parish family!

We will serve again at More Than a Meal on April



21! Join your St. George's friends (and make new ones, too), at More Than a Meal and help make this season a hospitality-filled one for our neighbors. There are a number

of roles for Sunday afternoons, from making nametags for guests, to plating food in the kitchen, to serving guests. We'll start setting up at 3:00 p.m., and the meal will be served at 4:00 p.m.

Cooking for More Than a Meal

It is St. George's delight and honor to lead the 3rd Sunday cooking team. If you enjoy making your way around a kitchen, and would love to have a hungry crowd to appreciate your cooking, here's your opportunity! Many thanks to PZ and Selby Horton for leading the cooking team. Please contact PZ Horton at hortonpz@gmail.com for more information about joining the cooking team.

Other ways we can serve our neighbors

Calvary Clothes Closet

I needed clothes and you clothed me. -Matt. 25:36

If you are cleaning out closets, please remember that Calvary Closet needs gently-used seasonal clothing, especially for men, in large and extra large sizes, shoes, and blankets/throws/sleeping bags are especially needed for those sleeping outside. Also desired are duffle bags and wheeled suitcases. Please see the list of items needed and place your bags in the donation tubs in the Narthex. Calvary's Clothes Closet is desperate for coats and jackets for adults – the bigger, the better, as our neighbors experiencing homelessness layer clothing all winter. You can also order from the Amazon wish list (search for "Calvary Memphis Outreach"), and they will be sent straight to Calvary! Other needed items include:

Backpacks
Rolling Suitcases

Umbrellas/rain ponchos
Hoodies

Elastic Waist Pants/Sweats	Blankets
New Underwear	Sleeping Bags
Work Boots	Large/XL t-shirts
Men's Belts	Toothbrushes/
Plastic grocery bags	Toothpaste
Coats and Jackets	Sneakers/Casual shoes
Deodorant	

Carpenter Art Garden and Thistle & Bee!



A portion of the proceeds from sales in **The Gallery at St. George's** supports the work of **Carpenter Art Garden**, which brings the arts to the underserved Binghampton community. Check out The Gallery – and the works by talented artists that are available!



The Bookshoppe has gift items from **Thistle & Bee**, a ministry which help to support women as they recover from abuse, trafficking and prostitution, find hope and healing through a holistic residential and therapeutic clinical program and employment in a social enterprise. Honey, candles, candies and other items are available to allow us to support this ministry while purchasing useful gifts for ourselves and loved ones.

Special opportunities to help our neighbors!

MIFA has a very urgent need for donations to assist people with Emergency Needs due to utility bills, mortgage payments, and restoration costs from January's severe storms that have caused crisis situations for folks who were barely getting by before the storm. Help MIFA respond with a gift to Emergency Services today.

MIFA also encourages you to participate in the **Plus 1 program**; you may elect to add \$1 or more to your MLGW monthly bill to help MIFA-vetted clients, with their utility bills.

Relief and Support for neighbors in the Middle East, Afghanistan, Morocco, Libya, Maui, Turkey and Syria, and Ukraine

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) has developed a Middle East Fund to provide critical relief to those impacted by all-out war in the Middle East. In partnership with Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, Episcopal Relief & Development is procuring essential supplies like medicine, ICU equipment, fuel, food and psychological support for all people affected by the

war. Please visit EpiscopalRelief.org.

ERD has developed an International Crisis Response Fund following earthquakes in Morocco, Afghanistan, Turkey and Syria, and flooding that has struck Libya – leaving many thousands without shelter, resources or employment. Please visit EpiscopalRelief.org to support the International Crisis Response Fund.

ERD has also developed a Hawaii Response Fund to support our neighbors in Lahaina, Maui following devastating fires. Please visit EpiscopalRelief.org to support the Hawaii Relief effort.

Episcopal Relief & Development has developed a Hurricane Relief Fund to support those who are suffer from the effects of hurricanes. Please visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief/>.

Episcopal Relief & Development has also partnered with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe to aid Ukrainian refugees. Please visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>.

Serving St. George's Church

THANK YOU to all of our children/youth who will serve as acolytes! It's never too late to join in so please contact Acolyte Master Mary Margaret Freeman (marymargaretfree@gmail.com) for more information! If you are interested in serving as a LEM, please contact Mother Dorothy (Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org) or Andrew Proctor (proctorandrew@hotmail.com).

St. George's music ensembles, now in rehearsal, invite you to join in music-making:

Children's choir rehearsal will be held on

Wednesdays, from 5:30-6:15 p.m.! We can't wait to make music with our children and youth! Please contact Stephen Karr (music@stgeorgesgermantown.org).

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Coventry Choir: Please contact Stephen Karr (music@stgeorgesgermantown.org).

Thursdays – Exultemus, our folk guitar and vocal ensemble, rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please contact Tom Fields (tgfields1@hotmail.com).

Sundays at 12:30 p.m. – St. George's Recorder Consort – Please contact Angela Saunders (901-438-9975).

Sundays at 1:30 p.m. – Sanctifica Wind & Brass Ensemble – Please contact Karen Moore (901-486-0417).