

Covenant Community Missions

HIGHLIGHTING WAYS THAT OUR COVENANT COMMUNITY REACHES OUT TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY AROUND US

Welcome to the third edition of our new mission oriented Covenant communication. This monthly newsletter will highlight ways that our Covenant community reaches out to the larger community around us. This issue features a fun outreach from the Keeler family, announces our October Rise Against Hunger event, and updates you on CAMT (Covenant Adult Mission Team), Sneakers for Soldiers, People's Pantry and Compassion Camp's outreach. We'd love to highlight what missions you are passionate about and how you participate in them. Please contact Milly Elrod at mteelrod@comcast.net to share your favorite mission.

A Fun Outreach from the Keeler Family



Paul and Jane Keeler shared the following fun surprise they engineer for selected local nonprofits. About once a month, they search their local publications for articles about nonprofits. After choosing one that appeals to them, Paul asks a graphic artist from his company, Uticom Systems, Inc., to check out the nonprofit's website and choose an image that represents the group. He then manufactures magnets with the image on them. They package and mail them to the nonprofit. Can you imagine the delighted surprise as the unsuspecting nonprofit opens the package to find the magnets. It's the type of extra many nonprofits can't stretch their funds to cover. The picture is a sample of some of the magnets - how many of the local nonprofits do you know?

CAMT Updates

Broad Street Ministry – Hats, Hats and more Hats! We are looking for sewers to sew fleece hats for distribution at BSM in October. Compassion camp has prepared the fleece for sewing and completed some hats, but many more are available for sewers. Both video and written instructions are provided and it is an easy pattern. Please contact Barbara Rhinehart at brhinehart@gmail.com to get the materials. Can you knit or crochet hats? Contact Pat Graham at PatGraham@rocketmail.com for instructions.

BSM - is also in need of sturdy men's shoes and gently used men's clothing – especially jeans in sizes 32-40. The items can be dropped at the People's Pantry on Tuesdays from 10-12. Thank you to those who already contributed; we are pleased to have delivered one carload of items already.

Announcing our Rise Against Hunger event – We are excited to announce that our meal packaging event with Rise Against Hunger has been rescheduled for Saturday October 17, 2020 at the CCLC. Safety protocols by Rise Against Hunger, Donegal Presbytery and session's Healthy Pathways Task Force will be observed such as masks and gloves for everyone and a maximum of 25 people in the building. We are looking for 10 people willing to work from 1:00-5:30 (with a break between 3 and 3:30), 10 people willing to work 1-3 and 10 people willing to work 3:30-5:30. Anyone interested in attending please contact Barbara Rhinehart at brhinehart@gmail.com. Questions about safety protocols can be addressed to Milly Elrod at mtelrod@comcast.net. We ask that vulnerable populations not attend. You must RSVP to attend this event. We are celebrating that earlier donations have funded this event so no additional funds are needed.

Faith Ministry – For the second month, we have sad news to report from Faith Ministry. Not long after our last newsletter which told of the losses they are experiencing with the pandemic, the Reynosa area was hit hard by a strong hurricane. Therefore, FM has now put its' focus solely on the safety and wellbeing of the staff and the surrounding community. They are helping with groceries, hygiene kits and with storm damage when possible. The construction of homes and visits from teams have been tabled for the rest of the year.

Other News....

Sneakers for Soldiers update

Frank Resides responded to the July mission newsletter to say that **Sneakers for Soldiers** is one of his favorite missions. Well, good things have been happening for **Sneakers for Soldiers**, one of our Eastertide offering nonprofits. David Muir once again highlighted Sneakers for Soldiers on the ABC news America Strong segment, previously featured in July 2019. The segment generated donations of over \$100,000 in two days for the nonprofit and David followed up with a second segment letting the world know of the response. We celebrate with the Hausladens at the outpouring of love for our troops. Click here to view the [July 22nd segment](#) and here to view the [July 24th segment](#).



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The Pantry wishes to thank everyone for your continued support for the pantry everyday needs as well as the back to school drive. Mary reports that requests for services have increased by 67% since mid-March from 65 to 109 families. Current needs, which can be dropped off Tuesdays from 10-12, include:

- Pasta Sauce
 - Pasta
 - Cereal
 - Oatmeal
- Canned Red Beans (light & dark)
 - Liquid Dish-washing Soap
 - Feminine Hygiene products
 - Deodorant
 - Baby Wipes
 - Diapers Size 4 & 5



Covenant's Compassion Camp – reached out to the larger community

Did you know that this year's Compassion Camp (itself a community outreach event) shared the love with the community around Covenant by preparing and sewing fleece hats for Broad Street Ministry – and if you'd like to sew some too, see **BSM** above. They also collected over 105 pounds of toiletries for the People's Pantry, decorated food boxes for the Chester County Foodbank, and made bible verse globes for our Deacons to distribute. Thank you to all who participated in reaching out to share our blessings.