

Mission At Our Doorstep

June 24-27
2019

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Another year of *Mission at Our Doorstep!* SO many opportunities to participate—all ages, skill levels and schedules!

We will begin the week on Monday providing a picnic dinner for the men at St Stephen's Shelter. If you participated last year, you will remember the extreme gratitude of the men as well as the fulfilling experience for all church members to be able to talk one on one with men experiencing homelessness.

Tuesday evening, we will be putting together hygiene kits and school kits for Church World Service. These kits go all over the US and the world. Each kit is a blessing for those who receive it and a chance for us to send our prayers along with what we put into the kit. We will also be making sandwiches that evening for Simpson Shelter.

Wednesday evening, we will be assembling pack backs for Youth Link, making sandwiches for Dignity Center and serving lemonade and dog treats to our neighbors.

Thursday morning, we will assemble Bags of Grace and organize materials donated for The Bridge for Youth, The Bridge for Teens with Children and Days for Girls. The evening provides another opportunity to serve at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan.

There are several ways that you can start preparing for MAOD week: save your travel size soaps; bring donations for The Bridge for Youth and The Bridge for Teens with Children any time; sew school bags for the school kits. (Pattern available from Pat Dunlop or Karen Kandik.)

The supply sign- up sheets are posted in the sanctuary where we worship. Be sure to record what you are bringing so that we don't get duplicates!

It is impossible to know the impact that our work has on the lives of people we will never know. But they will know that people *they* don't know care about them. And that is a powerful feeling for the givers and the recipients of the gifts.

Peace,

Mission and Outreach Team

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Monday, June 24, 2019

Picnic supper at St Stephen's: We will be providing a picnic supper for the residents of St Stephen's Shelter. Volunteers are needed to help bring salads, desserts, etc. ahead of time, work the grills, set up chairs and tables for the residents. Serving time is 7 pm but help will be needed earlier that day. Everyone 13 and over is welcome. At Springhouse and St Stephen's Shelter. ***Please sign up as soon as possible so we know that there are enough hands to support this event!***

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

6:00 pm:

Light supper provided to give us energy for the following tasks:

6:30 pm:

Church World Service School Kits

CWS School Kits give children basic tools for learning in impoverished schools, refugee camps or other difficult settings around the world. School kits include scissors, notebooks, a ruler, pencil sharpener, eraser, unsharpened pencils and a 24-count box of crayons. All of these items are placed into a handmade cloth bag. Volunteers needed to sew bags *ahead of time*. All ages are welcome. At SpringHouse.

Church World Service Hygiene Kits

After a disaster of any kind there is a great need for basic hygiene items. Items needed for the kits: one hand towel, one washcloth, one wide-tooth comb, one nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size in wrapper), one toothbrush (one only in original packaging), six standard size Band-Aids, one-gallon plastic bags with zipper enclosure for packing the items. All ages are welcome. At SpringHouse.

Sandwiches for Simpson Shelter

Simpson Shelter gives each resident a bag lunch to take with them as they leave the shelter each morning. We will make 200 sandwiches and we will fill paper sacks with bottled water, bags of chips, cookie/brownie/granola bar and napkins. Simpson will put the sandwiches into the bags as the residents leave. All ages welcome. At SpringHouse.

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

6:00 pm:

Light supper provided to give us energy for the following tasks:

6:30 pm:

Sandwiches for Dignity Center

We will be making sandwiches for the people who access services for the homeless at the Dignity Center. All ages are welcome. At SpringHouse.

Youth Link Backpacks:

We will be assembling backpacks for Youth Link. Youth Link works with homeless youth 16-23 across the Twin Cities. We will also provide \$25 per backpack for GED fees. All ages welcome. At SpringHouse.

Lemonade/Water/Dog Treat (& Cat Toy) Stand

We will set up a table in front of Springhouse Ministry Center and hand out lemonade, water and dog treats to our neighbors. This will be an opportunity for us to meet our neighbors and let them know we care about them (and their dogs). And so cats and their humans don't feel left out, we will also be giving out catnip toys for those with felines at home. All ages are welcome. At SpringHouse on the front sidewalk.

Thursday, June 27

10:00 am:

Bags of Grace

We will replenish our supply of Bags of Grace. We will be putting together bags containing water, Band-aids, soft nutrition bar, emergency numbers and other items. All ages are welcome. At SpringHouse.

Days for Girls

Days for Girls is an organization in New Hope that puts together sustainable feminine hygiene solutions for girls and women. Girls around the world miss up to *three months* of school each year without adequate feminine hygiene supplies. Some girls are so desperate to remain in school that they use bark, cardboard, and trash; these materials lead to disease and infection. We will be packing boxes with donated items: girls' panties, washcloths, hotel size soaps, Ziploc freezer bags, and fabric for this organization. All ages welcome. At Springhouse.

Pack Items for Bridge for Youth

Please feel free to bring items for The Bridge for Youth and The Bridge for Teens with Children at any time prior to and during MOAD. We will sort the donations and pack them for delivery to the Bridge for Youth. All ages welcome. At SpringHouse

6 – 7:30 pm:

Feed My Starving Children, Eagan Location:

Come and join the fun as we pack food that will feed the most vulnerable in the world. Minimum age: 5 years old with an adult. The bus will be available for those who would like a ride. It will leave at 5 pm. Please sign-up on the sheet on the back wall and we will register you.

Supply lists for Mission at our Doorstep
Quick List: Reference for items needed during Mission Week
(Cash donations work for everything...!)

Supplies and the amount needed are listed below.

For St. Stephens Picnic

Chips (30 – 40 individual bags)
Desserts (bars or cupcakes)
Fruit (fresh, portable)
Side salads
Milk (1 gallon)

Church World Service Hygiene Kits

Hand towel (NO fingertip, bath, dish or microfiber) (50)
Wash Cloth (28)
Wide tooth comb (15)
Bath size bar of soap in wrapper (15)
Fingernail or toe nail clipper (25)
Toothbrush in original packaging (NO multipacks) (12)

Church World Service School Kits

Rounded-tip scissors (1)
70-page spiral notebooks (60)
12-inch ruler (9)
Hand held pencil sharpener (12)
Unsharpened pencils, with erasers (90)
Box of 24 crayons (6)
12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight, solid colored canvas bag with cloth handles
(20) ***(No logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)***

YouthLink Backpacks

Backpacks appropriate for teens (9)
GED fee (total \$250)
Planner (10)
Notebook (10)
Flash drive (10)
Graphing calculator (10)
Ruler (10)
Pens (30)
Pencils (30)

Lemonade stand

Lemonade mix

Dog treats

Cat toys

Bags of Grace

16 oz. bottles of water (100)

Soft granola bars or protein bars (60)

Days for Girls

Girls briefs: size 10, 12, 14 or 16 (40)

Washcloth (not white) (20)

Hotel/travel size soaps (20)

Gallon size ziplock Freezer Bags (40)

Flannel (2 yards) medium to dark colors, no animals, animal prints or camo (20)

Quilters 100% cotton (3 yards), medium to dark colors, no animals, animal prints or camo (20)

The Bridge for Youth supplies

Teen items:

Sunscreen

Flip flops

Lip balm

Athletic/basketball shorts for teen boys and girls

T-shirts

Tank tops

Supplies for teens with children:

Diapers and pull-ups

Baby wipes

New or gently-used baby and toddler clothing

Baby and toddler socks

Board books

Baby shampoo and soap

New or gently-used toys for babies and toddlers