

MISSION OUTREACH CALENDAR – 2022/2023

SEPTEMBER: Collection to help Ukrainian refugees here in Western Mass., we are supporting St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Holyoke with their collection on **September 11.**

As well, September is our annual **MUM SALE** to benefit **Action Centered Tutoring Services**, orders are being taken now, **delivery** is September 18.

OCTOBER: Hats and mittens collection for the children of **Homer Street School**;

October 15 – *Mystery Dinner Show* to benefit the Survival Center – tickets will be \$40.00 per person, take out dinner \$20.00 per person

October 29 – Chili Swipe/Trunk or Treat, donate canned goods for the Survival Center, get free chili!

November: Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the **Survival Center**

November 20 is **Giving Sunday**, this Sunday we bring our pledge offerings to the altar for blessing. This is also **Christ the King Sunday** and our Episcopal **Bishop Doug Fisher** will be with us to celebrate.

DECEMBER: Christmas wish list to support **Mary Ann's Kids**, **gifts** for children in **foster care.**

As well, we will celebrate our **annual outreach financial giving to our organizations** with our **STAR BUCKS** event, check the calendar for the date

JANUARY: Our second annual **Duffle Bags** filled with **necessities** for children that are **transitioned into foster care** – these bags will hold some of the things they

need to bring with them. Check the church calendar for dates of donating and filling!

FEBRUARY: Our annual **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE** to support the **Survival Center**. Along with the drive we will be hosting a soup and bread luncheon fellowship gathering and we are planning to open this up to our community. Check the church calendar for date and time.

FEBRUARY and MARCH: envisioning a Lenten project, discussion has just begun and if you are interested, please let Pastor or Joanne know.

APRIL: is **EASTER** and this very special time for us brings our annual **FOOD DRIVE** to support the **SURVIVAL CENTER**. Details will come after January and as always, Fran Selva is our point person.

The **Mission Outreach Commission** didn't encompass the whole year but good Lord, look at what our **congregation is engaged in!!** And as a reminder, each month a group of parishioners gather on the 4th Tuesday of the month to serve the hungry at **Loaves and Fishes** in downtown Springfield. The group, spearheaded by Steve Lewis, make casseroles and a superb salad along with donated rolls, milk and cookies, fill the containers and cups and head outside of the South Congregational Church in Springfield and serve the waiting clients. People to help serve the hungry clients are always welcome – think about this as a gift of your time and talent > one and a half hours a month. As well, a monetary gift from **Thrivent** helps to pay for the salad makings. Your **Outreach monies** also continue to support the **Tuesday lunch** crowd at **Loaves and Fishes**. And let's not forget the time, talent and treasure each of you give each day to help others.

The **Mission Outreach Commission thank you** so very much for your participation in all of these endeavors. Please continue to pray for them, our congregation and those in need.

As well, your input is important and we would love more hands to manage the work that is done. **Think and pray about what you could contribute with regards to your time and talent.**