

Trinity in Mission – February 2018

As part of the Trinity Annual Report Supplement located in the gathering area, you can read for yourself how Trinity responded in mission to both the needs of the community and beyond the local Gettysburg area. Most of us are unaware of exactly how Trinity seeks to make a difference in the lives of those close by; you might be surprised that in 2017 Trinity provided funds and in kind donations as well as meeting space for outside groups that amounted to approximately \$ 28,500.00, with financial support beyond the local community of over \$15,000.00. Your generosity does make a difference. Let's continue that some generosity in 2018, and there are plenty of opportunities as well as much need.

By the time most of you receive this newsletter we will probably have held the **Spaghetti Dinner for Diapers**, but if the weather did not cooperate, it is rescheduled for Saturday, February 3rd. The price of admission is a pack of diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 5 are particularly needed. **No tickets, no cash, just bring a pack of 24 or more diapers to enjoy a spaghetti dinner!!** Tell your friends about this opportunity to enjoy a meal while also supporting a worthwhile ministry.

A reminder that **Food Pantry Month is February**. South Central Community Action Program is providing help to a higher than normal number of families – approximately 700 families make use of the food pantry each month. Items of particular need are peanut butter, tuna, dry items such as Hamburger Helper, macaroni and cheese, noodles and pasta, soups, and canned vegetables (excluding green beans). Monetary donations are also appreciated since these donations allow the purchase of food in bulk; compared to items donated, SCCAP can make the dollar stretch further.

Trinity is hosting **Gettysburg CARES homeless shelter from February 5th through February 18th**. We appreciate all those who volunteered to serve as welcoming hosts, and that list is now complete. We will need some help on Monday, February 5th, about 8:15 am to help move the mattresses and needed items into Fellowship Hall; and on Monday, February 19th, at 8:00 am to help load those items on the truck for the next location.

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for Sunday, April 8th. That is the tentative date for this year's Undie Sunday.

We continue to ask for your ongoing support to these continuing projects:

--- **Cookies for our Neighbors**. Our neighbor, the Gettysburg Borough Police Department, has begun to notice and to anticipate the arrival of cookies from Trinity. **Sign ups for 2018** continue until all months are filled.

--- **Bingo items for SpiriTrust Lutheran Village in Gettysburg**. Appropriate small items that can be given as bingo prizes would be appreciated. So far we have been able to deliver several laundry baskets to SpiriTrust and your generosity has been noted by the activities staff and residents. Continue to bring items to the church!

--- **Ruth's Harvest** is off to a very successful beginning. Your generous support is appreciated and definitely needed. **A list of items needed** is located in the gathering area; why not include one or two of these items on your weekly grocery list just as you are doing with diapers?

--- **Diapers for TenderCare Pregnancy Center**. This ministry continues throughout the year. We exceeded our 2017 goal by providing more than 10,000 diapers last year. Thank you! Why not make a monthly commitment of at least one pack of diapers by including diapers on your weekly grocery shopping list? Right now, all sizes are needed.

--- **Helping Hand Fund** has been established to respond to those members who need financial assistance in difficult times. Fund envelopes are available on the table in the Gathering Area or simply writing a check with the notation "Helping Hand" and place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. The balance in the Helping Hand Fund as of the end of December is \$1,031.00.

--- **Soda Can Tabs for Hershey Medical Center**. They actually go to the Ronald McDonald House at Hershey, which serves as a home away from home for the families of those children who are patients at Hershey Medical Center.

--- **Stamps for the Brethren Home, New Oxford**. We have found a new place to take your canceled stamps, so you can begin to bring them to the church once again.

All of these projects are worthwhile and important, relying on your ongoing support!!