

Trinity in Mission – March 2018

Many thanks to all who offered their time and talent, as well as desserts for the **Spaghetti Dinner for Diapers** event on January 27th; we also appreciate the support of Boy Scout Troop 1863 who provided much energy and elbow grease to the dinner.

We delivered **3,250 diapers to TenderCare Pregnancy Center** the week afterward, toward our goal of 10,000 diapers this year. We are off to a good start!!

Food Pantry Month in February is going well, with the table in the Gathering Area overflowing with canned goods and staples. 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. This is a crucial time to support the Food Pantry since the abundance of canned goods and staples received during the Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season has now been depleted and the needs remain. **Monetary donations** can still be made and are also appreciated since these donations allow the purchase of food in bulk; compared to items donated, SCCAP can make the dollar stretch further. **Final count 2/26 was 457 food items, 116 nonfood items and \$1,550.91 monetary donations**. Thank you for your support!

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 8th**. That is the date for this year's **Undie Sunday**, held in cooperation with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity of Gettysburg College. We had such a great time with them last year and it is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to share in the enthusiasm of the day and help to support the work of our local social service agencies as well as the elementary schools.

During January, Trinity's support of **local community mission**, including the diapers, Cookies for our Neighbors, parking spaces for Survivors, Ruth's Harvest, and meeting space for local organizations, totaled \$ **2,125.00**. Another **\$1,500.00** was forwarded to the offices of Penn Central Conference for **Our Church's Wider Mission** commitment. Thank you for making this possible!

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. Your ongoing support of this program is appreciated; sign ups for the last half of 2018 are scheduled to begin in May.

--- **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!

--- Your support of **Ruth's Harvest** 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? Trinity is scheduled to pack the backpacks on March 1st. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Sandy Howe or Sandy Busche.

--- **Diapers for TenderCare Pregnancy Center.** This ministry continues throughout the year. As noted above we have donated 3,250 diapers so far in 2018. 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 January is \$1,331.00.

--- **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!!