

## **PUTTING OUR FAITH TO WORK THROUGH VARIOUS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **2020 PRIORITIES**

**MOBILE HOPE**: Harmony will lead a communitywide effort to collect and donate food, clothing, hygiene items, and gift cards to support the mission of this organization.

**POTATO DROP/SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW**: Feeding the hungry in our community!! On October 24, there will be a districtwide service activity – a Potato Drop. This event offers the opportunity to partner with the community and other district churches to feed the hungry.

### **CONTINUING**

**ALL GOD'S CHILDREN CAMP**: One week camp for children in the state of Virginia whose mothers and/or fathers are incarcerated. Children have daily activities and are assured of God's love and caring in the midst of struggles. Three camps – Camp Chanco, Overlook, and Occohannock. Donations and supplies are collected and dropped off in support of this camp. <http://www.vaumc.org/page.aspx?pid=2968>

**BOPOLU, LIBERIA UNITED METHODIST MISSION STATION**: Church to church partnership in which Harmony, through a covenant relationship with the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, offers spiritual and financial support to Pastor Shaffa and his Bopolu ministry. <https://www.changeourtomorrows.org>

**BOULDER CREST RETREAT**: Private wellness center serving active duty, reserve, and National Guard personnel, veterans, and their families. Offers therapeutic and recreational activities that offer guests peace of mind and an enhanced sense of well-being. <http://bouldercrestretreat.org>

**BPB (BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM)**: Nonperishable and perishable food is bought and packed for backpacks each week for children in need that attend Hamilton and Lincoln Elementary Schools. This program provides snacks and meals to children that may otherwise go without. Mary Balderson serves as the schools' liaison.

**COLD WEATHER SHELTER (CWS), LOUDOUN HOMELESS SERVICES CENTER**: Provides meals for 20-25 homeless people and deliver it to the Loudoun Cold Weather Shelter on Wednesday nights, from November 15 to March 31. The CWS provides a

warm, safe sleeping environment with a warm meal for anyone experiencing homelessness during these months. <http://www.voachesapeake.org/lcws>

**COMMUNITY PANTRY AND LIBRARY**: Available for the entire community as an emergency food and supply pantry at HUMC. Available anytime and for anyone in need. Libraries are available to borrow, exchange, or keep a book.

**FRIENDS OF BARNABAS FOUNDATION (FOBF) – HONDURAS**: FOBF's mission is to improve the lives of impoverished children in Honduras by providing high quality sustainable medical care and enabling communities to become self-sufficient through community health training and education. Harmony sponsors the Los Aguajes community. <https://www.fobf.org>

**GLEANING THROUGH THE SOCIETY OF SAINT ANDREW**: Gleaning at local farms in the Winchester area during June to October. Gleaning is a traditional biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot or be plowed under after harvest, and delivery of the fresh produce to food pantries. Usually on a Saturday morning for two hours at an orchard or farm in the Shenandoah Valley. <http://endhunger.org/gleaning-network/>

**GOOD SHEPHERD ALLIANCE**: Provides help and hope for the homeless and those in need through emergency and transitional housing leading to self-sufficiency and self-worth. <http://goodshepherdalliance.org>

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**: Since 1944, Heifer International has worked to bring help, healing and hope to millions of impoverished families worldwide. Heifer International works in the areas of livestock and agriculture to develop programs that end hunger and poverty while caring for the earth. Farmers translate Heifer's gifts into healthy incomes and growing economies. <https://www.heifer.org>

**HEROHOMES**: Builds houses for those who have fought for the preservation of freedom and democracy for others. Provides disabled with the security and pride of home ownership – a new start. <http://herohomesloudoun.org>

**KITS FOR CONFERENCE**: Cleaning kits, hygiene kits, and school kits are put together and sent to annual conference to help others in need. Kits sustain everyday life for people who lack ready access to essential supplies when a disaster strikes. <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>

**LAWS (LOUDOUN ABUSED WOMENS SHELTER)**: Provides free, confidential services to adults and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault,

and child abuse. Provides emergency shelter, counseling, legal services, support groups, and parenting classes. LAWS seeks to empower victims of violence.

<http://lcsj.org>

**LOUDOUN CARES**: Builds and strengthens the Loudoun community through a series of high-demand health and human services programs available to residents.

<http://www.loudouncares.org>

**LOUDOUN EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER, LOUDOUN HOMELESS**

**SERVICES CENTER**: A 24 hour/7 day a week, 30 day emergency shelter for single persons and families experiencing a housing crisis. <http://www.voachesapeake.org/lehs>

**LOUDOUN HUNGER RELIEF**: Nonperishable food is collected at the church and delivered to Loudoun Hunger Relief, a non-denominational food pantry located in Leesburg for Loudoun County. Collection is ongoing but Harmony targets the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday for large donations and delivery of food. <http://www.loudounhunger.org>

**LOUDOUN VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS**: Volunteers who are neighbors helping neighbors. Assist with transportation to and from appointments; assist with errands, bill paying, and budgeting; provide companionship and friendly visits.

<http://lvcaregivers.org>

**MOBILE HOPE**: Support for children and young adults (24 years of age and younger) who are precariously housed, homeless, or at risk in Loudoun County. Services include providing: food, hygiene items, medical/dental care, housing, clothing, support for education, job seeking assistance, and transportation support. They work to improve the lives of these children and young adults. <http://www.mobilehopeloudoun.org>

**MOSAIC VIRGINIA**: Annual baby bottle campaign to raise money in support of this non-profit medical organization. The organization is dedicated to empowering women and men to make informed choices about the sanctity of life and faith in Jesus Christ.

<http://mosaic-virginia.org>

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**: Pack shoebox gifts to bless disadvantaged children around the world. An outreach effort to children in their own communities assuring them of the Good News of Jesus Christ. <http://samaritanspurse.org>

**RELAY FOR LIFE**: Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society; remember loved ones lost, honor survivors, raise money to help. <http://relay.acsevents.org>

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER:** Annual Meal Packaging Event – packaging 30K+ meals that are used in crisis situations and in school feeding programs at schools and orphanages in developing countries around the world or in catastrophe areas in the U.S. <http://www.riseagainsthunger.org>

**SALVATION ARMY:** Provides emergency disaster services; emergency assistance for utilities, groceries, and holiday events for needy families; housing and homeless services; educational, counseling, and vocational services; and serves meals through soup kitchens, food pantries, mobile meals, and sit down meal programs. <http://virginiasalvationarmy.org>

**SEWING GROUP:** Weekly sewing group that sews items in need for outreach. They work on items (quilts, diapers, sleeping bags, stuffed animals) in support of many mission opportunities.

**SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREWS:** America's premiere food rescue and distribution ministry – includes a gleaning network, potato and produce project, and Harvest of Hope mission trip programs. This ministry saves good food that would otherwise be thrown away to take care of hungry people. <https://endhunger.org>

**TOP (TEENS OPPOSING POVERTY):** This mission is to empower youth to meet physical needs, and offer hope, friendship and encouragement to the homeless and low income. Several trips are taken to Washington, D.C. and Berryville, VA to deliver hygiene kits, clothing, and food, and to minister to those in need. <http://teensopposingpoverty.org>

**UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR):** Emergency disaster response and humanitarian relief. Relief of human suffering around the globe. Provides relief kits within U.S. <http://www.umcor.org>

**UNITED METHODIST FAMILY SERVICES (UMFS):** Meets the needs of high risk children and parents to help them overcome challenging circumstances and succeed. Services include foster care and adoption, therapeutic support and education, and community based services. <https://www.umfs.org>