

A DAY OF SERVICE

Mission in a Mile

Saturday, September 22, is A Day of Service: Mission in a Mile. We will begin at the church with breakfast for all at 8:30 a.m. People of all ages are encouraged to participate, and childcare will be available for those with small children. We have 9 mission projects in the works with 9 different project leaders:

ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving)

Project Leader: Beth Beckham

Today ACTS remains focused on its original mission of serving the needy within our county to glorify God. Participating local churches have grown from 20 to 49. ACTS operates with very few paid employees, so day-to-day operations remain largely handled by our dedicated volunteers.

- We will paint and decorate two bathrooms and sort donated clothes.

Nurture Home

Project Leader: Meg Coulter

A Supportive Housing Program for single mothers and their children who are homeless. The program provides individualized attention to facilitate transitions to permanent housing, self-sufficiency and increased education, income, work skills.

- We will clean blinds and paint cabinets.

Project Vision

Project Leader: Dave Muhlbaier

Provides low income, disabled, and senior citizens who are owner-occupant homeowners with the essential home repairs they need via the coordination of skilled volunteers and through supplying building materials.

- We will have a group or two to build ramps at homes that are in need of one.

This project is open to people ages 18 and up.

Stand at the Crossroads

Project Leader: Jean Schwalbert

My Father's House (in partnership with: Stand at the Crossroads Ministries) is a Christian-based residence program created to help, encourage and give support to women coming out of brokenness who are committed to learning to live healthy, productive lifestyles. They offer a safe haven to single women at My Father's House and to women and their children at Crossroads Community.

- We will do yard work, spruce up the children's play area, and organize items in their resale store.

Community Medical Clinic of Aiken County

Project Leader: Sandy Tucker

This is a sister organization originally formed in 1998 by Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS), and it is dedicated to improving the quality of life for impoverished, uninsured residents of Aiken County by providing ongoing healthcare in a professional way.

- We will work on cleaning up their yard and helping to plant some flowers and beautify the look of their yard.

Children's Place

Project Leader: Marie Tewkesbury

Children's Place provides a safe space and their mission is to protect, heal, and strengthen children and families from the impact of trauma in their lives through education, treatment and prevention services.

- We will work on various projects they have, including cleaning and yard work.

Soup Prep & Delivery

Project Leader: Sandy Evans

We have a number of longtime, faithful members of our First Presbyterian Church family who would enjoy a fresh meal, a visit from one of their brothers or sisters in Christ, and to know that someone is thinking of them.

- We will prepare soup at the church and then deliver it to some of our homebound members.

Shepard Community Blood Bank

Project Leader: Brian Coulter

Shepard Community Blood Center is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit blood center. Its mission is to collect, process, and distribute blood and blood products. It is the contracted provider for 23 hospitals in 30 counties across the two-state area. They partner with local volunteer blood donors to fulfill our mission.

- If you are able, you can sign up and donate blood in the blood mobile.

Partners in Prayer

Project Leader: Kathy Kent

Throughout the morning we will be connecting with God and all the other members participating in "Mission in a Mile" through prayer. We will be gathering at the church and will take turns praying for the volunteers, the organizations, and our community.

- We will be gathering for prayer in the chapel.

Please complete, detach, and place in the offering plate or submit to the church office to sign up.

Name: _____

Please select what interests you:

- ACTS
- Nurture Home
- Project Vision

- Stand at the Crossroads
- Community Medical Clinic
- Children's Place

- Soup Prep & Delivery
- Shepard Community Blood Bank
- Partners in Prayer

Nurture Home Wishlist

Help the Nurture Home residents (5 household families) by providing:

- Alarm Clocks
- Bathroom towels & washcloths (*ongoing need, residents take with them upon departure from Nurture Home*)
- Bed pillows (*ongoing need, residents take with them upon departure from Nurture Home*)
- Cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, boxes of tissue
- Crib sheets and toddler bed comforter sets (*please, no bumper padding sets*)
- Dressers, chest of drawer sets, preferably with at least 6-drawer sets
- Laundry baskets, laundry detergent
- Toiletries (*bath wash, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, etc.*)
- Trundle beds (*prefer steel frame and spring*)
- Twin size bed sheets or sets with comforters (*12 twin beds, prefer no pattern*)

Many of these items go with the residents once permanent housing is obtained.

Blessing Boxes

Blessing Boxes can be found around Aiken, including here on our First Presbyterian Church campus along Barnwell Ave. These boxes contain nonperishables and toiletries for those who might need occasional assistance with groceries. Each box has the message, "Take what you need, leave what you can."

We encourage you to bring items to fill the Blessing Box.

Monetary donations to help build the boxes can be made to Aiken County Habitat for Humanity with "Blessing Boxes" in the memo line, and bulk donations of nonperishables can be taken to the Habitat office or to Full Circle Fence Company.

Standing at the Crossroads Wishlist

House Supplies

- Laundry detergent
- Window cleaner
- Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Toilet cleaner
- Tub cleaner
- Dish detergent
- Napkins
- Plastic freezer bags (*sandwich, quart, gallon*)
- Aluminum foil

Personal Items for Women

- Journals
- Nail clippers
- Finger nail files
- Body wash
- Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen
- Band-aids
- Gift cards for food

House Food (*things we supply for everyone*)

- Sugar
- Coffee
- Large teabags
- Salad dressing (*Italian, Ranch, etc.*)
- Mayonnaise
- Miracle Whip

Office

- Copy paper
- File folders
- Pocket folders
- Envelopes #10
- Small Envelopes
- Legal size note pads

Donations

- Clothes
- Household items
- Furniture
- Building materials
- Yard equipment

For Store and Craft Program

- Jewelry
- Craft/sewing supplies
- Home decor items
- Pictures
- Scarves

————— *1st Peter 4:10* —————

*Each of you should use whatever gifts you have to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*