

Our Outreach

As you know, the mission of St. Paul's is to be a place of worship, refuge, and **OUTREACH**. This year, we will be telling you about some of our organized mission projects and some of those that your church family participates in outside of our organized groups. We hope that by shining a light on these marvelous missions, you might be inspired to join a group or maybe follow your own passion to a **mission project**. *What is God calling you to do?*

This month's spotlight is on **FEED MY PEOPLE** (FMP) which was founded in 1982. Do you know all that they do and how they serve the community in our own backyard? Currently we do not have an ongoing collection for this local ministry, but we do contribute at various times throughout the year. For instance, many of our jewelry sale profits go to FMP. At times we have collected cleaning supplies. This Sunday, February 4, we will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. After worship, at the exit doors, several of our kids will be holding large soup pots. You are invited to drop in any donation you like all the way down to your loose change. While the money collected is reported online to the national Souper Bowl of Caring organization, the actual donations will all stay local and be donated to FMP. Last year St. Paul's contributed more than \$1,000 in both money and supplies for FMP.

Beyond food and donations, FMP needs volunteers to paint and repair their two facilities, work in the thrift store, separate food, train on computers, work in the office, etc. There is something for everyone.

FMP typically serves 100+ people per day, helping them with food, job counseling, and friendship. One recent day, they had 25 people enter their facility for emergency food assistance. One of their 2018 goals is to address the problems of isolation in the senior community. FMP served 8,000 seniors in 2017, 19,000 children, and one-third of their clients are disabled.

Do you remember our toilet paper drive last year? A third of your donations went to FMP. Their need for items that can't be purchased with food stamps is always large. These might include, toothpaste and brushes, razors, soap, detergent, cleaning supplies and female products. Why not get a group together and spend a fun day shopping for these things at Dollar General?

FMP has a "Never Say No" attitude. How might you be able to assist them in their mission? Can you donate a timeshare for their auction? Do you like to paint? Are you a plumber? Check out the mission board in the fellowship hall for more information on Feed My People's mission, locations, and upcoming 2018 special events. www.feed-my-people.org



Canned Goods



Computer Lab



Thrift Store