

# Mission At Our Doorstep

July 16-19  
2018



First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ) Minneapolis

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# DESTINATION: DETROIT

JULY 21- 29, 2018

**MISSION 2018**  
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We are so excited about another year of *Mission at Our Doorstep*! The mission projects that will be accomplished during the week include assembling Church World Service Hygiene Kits and School Kits; making sandwiches for homeless shelters; creating Bags of Grace; coloring bags for Meals on Wheels deliveries; serving a picnic meal at St Stephen's Homeless Shelter; filling backpacks for YouthLink; packing sustainable hygiene solutions for girls; collecting adult bike helmets for persons experiencing homelessness; offering a lemonade/water/dog treat (and catnip toy) stand for all of our neighbors, and having a Neighborhood Party on the Patio to serve ice cream! We will also participate in an evening packing session at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen.

The sign-up sheets are on the wall in the North Sanctuary. Pick a day, pick a certain mission project or sign up for multiple projects. Invite your friends and family to join in our activities.

Supply lists are in the back of this booklet. They will also be posted in the North Sanctuary so that you can sign up for what you would like to bring. *After you have purchased the items you are bringing, please indicate that you have done so by crossing off your items and writing DONE and your name by that entry.* That way we can avoid duplicates of items and know what is still needed.

The Mission Trip this year is to Detroit from **July 21-29**. Please pray for this group as they journey to do God's work!

All ages have a place in *Mission at Our Doorstep*! Just think of the number of lives that will be impacted by your work!

Peace,

Mission and Outreach Team

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## Monday, July 16, 2018

### **7:00 pm:**

We will be providing a picnic supper for the residents of St Stephen's Shelter. Volunteers are needed to help cook side dishes ahead of time, work the grills, set up chairs outside for the residents. (We have been told by shelter staff that the residents will LOVE this!) Serving time is 7 pm but help will be needed earlier that day. Everyone 13 and over welcome. At Springhouse and St Stephen's Shelter. *Please sign up as soon as possible so we know that there are enough hands to support this event!*

## Tuesday, July 17, 2018

### **6:00 pm:**

Light supper provided to give us energy for the following tasks:

### **6:30 pm:**

#### **Church World Service School Kits**

CWS School Kits give children basic tools for learning in impoverished schools, refugee camps or other difficult settings around the world. School kits include scissors, notebooks, a ruler, pencil sharpener, eraser, unsharpened pencils and a 24-count box of crayons. All of these items are placed into a handmade cloth bag. Volunteers needed to sew bags *ahead of time*. All ages are welcome. At SpringHouse.

#### **Church World Service Hygiene Kits**

After a disaster of any kind there is a great need for basic hygiene items. Items needed for the kits: one hand towel, one washcloth, one wide-tooth comb, one nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size in wrapper), one toothbrush (one only in original packaging), six standard size Band-Aids, one-gallon plastic bags with zipper enclosure for packing the items. All ages are welcome. At SpringHouse.

#### **Sandwiches for Simpson Shelter**

Simpson Shelter gives each resident a bag lunch to take with them as they leave the shelter each morning. We will make 200 sandwiches and we will fill paper sacks with bottled water, bags of chips, cookie/brownie/granola bar and napkins. Simpson will put the sandwiches into the bags as the residents leave. All ages welcome. At SpringHouse.

## Wednesday, July 18, 2018

**6:30 pm:**

### **Neighborhood Party on the Patio: Ice Cream Social!**

We will be providing lemonade and ice cream for the humans in our neighborhood and dog treats for their canine companions (& catnip toys for the felines). All ages welcome. At SpringHouse.

### **Youth Link Backpacks:**

We will be assembling backpacks for Youth Link. Youth Link works with homeless youth 16-23 across the Twin Cities. We will also provide \$25 per backpack for GED fees. All ages welcome. At SpringHouse.

## Thursday, July 19, 2018

**10:00 am:**

### **Bags of Grace:**

We will replenish our supply of Bags of Grace. We will be putting together bags containing water, Band-aids, nutrition bar, emergency numbers and other items. All ages are welcome. At SpringHouse.

### **Meals on Wheels Bags:**

Community Emergency Services is a site for the pick-up of Meals on Wheels. We will decorate bags into which the meals will be placed for delivery. All ages are welcome. At SpringHouse.

### **Days for Girls: **NEW ACTIVITY!****

Days for Girls is an organization in New Hope that puts together sustainable feminine hygiene solutions for girls and women. Girls around the world miss up to *three months* of school each year without adequate feminine hygiene supplies. Some girls are so desperate to remain in school that they use bark, cardboard, and trash; these materials lead to disease and infection. We will be packing boxes with donated items: girls' panties, washcloths, hotel size soaps, Ziploc freezer bags, and fabric for this organization. All ages welcome. At Springhouse.

**6 – 7:30 pm:**

**Feed My Starving Children, Chanhassen Location:**

Come and join the fun as we pack food that will feed the most vulnerable in the world. Minimum age: 5 years old with an adult. The bus will be available for those who would like a ride. It will leave at 5 pm.

**Please sign up on-line** (this is a direct link): [our account code is 1413973]

<http://volunteer.fmssc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=1413973>

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**NEW ACTIVITY: ONGOING!**

Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness has bicycles donated to them every year which are then given to adults experiencing homelessness. However, the source for donated bike helmets is no longer available. If you can provide an adult bike helmet (the larger, the better!), please bring it during MAOD—or any time before that week. New is best but gently used will do—as long as it has not experienced the trauma of being in an accident! For many this is the only method of transportation available; all others cost money.

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The SpringHouse annual mission trip will be to Detroit, MI this summer with our usual partner, Rippling Hope. All are welcome! Adults and youth are invited to join this adventure. If you are unable to go on the Mission Trip but would like to make a donation so someone else can go please let Pastor Laurie know.

- The group will leave Saturday, July 21 early in the morning and return Sunday July 28 in the early evening.
- While a majority of the time will be spent in Detroit being hosted by Rippling Hope, we will also spend a day in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and probably cross over into Canada.
- Cost of the entire trip will be \$300 per person (this includes all meals in Detroit and transportation). Money for meals on the Saturday and Sunday to and from, as well as for our "play day" is in addition to the cost of the trip. \*Scholarships are available if cost is too prohibitive. Please contact Pastor Laurie for information.
- We will engage in home improvement projects connected with economic recovery efforts. There are projects for novices and experts-so no experience necessary-but any experience is welcome!

**Quick List: Reference for items needed during Mission Week  
(Cash donations work for everything...!)**

**Bags of Grace:**

- 16 oz bottles of water (80)
- Soft** granola bars or protein bars (100)
- Plastic bags: 1 gallon, ziploc style (100)

**Church World Service Hygiene Kits:** (needed per kit, total of 40 kits)

- Hand towel (NO fingertip, bath, dish or microfiber)
- Wash cloth
- Wide tooth comb (removed from package)
- Bath size bar of soap in wrapper
- Fingernail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- Toothbrush in original packaging (multipacks are **not** usable)
- 10 standard size band-aids
- 1 gallon ziploc style plastic bag

**Church World Service School Kit:** (needed per kit, total of 20 kits)

- Blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages
- 30 centimeter/12" ruler
- Hand held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- Large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers, removed from package
- Box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- 12"x14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight, solid colored canvas bag with cloth handles (no logos). *No reusable shopping bags or backpacks.*

**Lemonade Stand:**

- Lemonade Mix
- Dog treats
- Paper cups for lemonade and water

**Days for Girls:** (needed per kit, total of 25 kits)

2 *Girls* briefs (size 10, 12, 14 or 16)

Washcloth – *not* white

Hotel/Travel Size Soaps (smaller soaps save on shipping costs)

2 Ziploc Freezer Bags – gallon size

Flannel (2 yards)—medium to dark colors preferred: no animals, animal prints, or camo

Quilters 100% cotton (3 yards)—medium to dark colors preferred: no animals, animal prints, or camo

**YouthLink:** Back packs

*We have not yet received the list for the back packs. We will distribute it as soon as we receive it.*

**Downtown Congregations to End Homeless (DCEH):** Bike Helmets

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