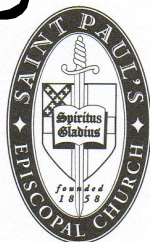


Penelope's Closet: Train and Serve

Penelope's Closet is a re-sale and thrift store that raises funds for Penelope House. The mission of Penelope House is to provide safety, protection, and support to the victims of Domestic Violence and their children through the provision of shelter, advocacy, and individual and community education. We would like to send a group to Penelope's Closet on March 10 from 9am to 4pm. To do so, we need at least one person who is already trained to serve at Penelope Closet or as one who is willing to be trained. Please contact the office if you are interested!



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Tutoring at Taylor Park

Schools surrounding Taylor Park feed into high schools with unbelievable drop-out rates. Help a local missionary, Coach Z, and other dedicated tutors and mentors give hope a chance through education by volunteering to tutor or assist in tutoring at the Taylor Park Community Center. Tutors are needed all Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (with the exception of Mobile County Public School holidays) from 3:40-5:45 pm Teams from St. Paul's Church will be going together on Feb. 28, March 6, March 14, March 20, March 29, and April 5.

Ronald McDonald House: House Operations Volunteers

Many families travel far from home to get treatment for their seriously ill or injured children. Often, it can be a long time to be away from home, or divide a family. And, for children facing a serious medical crisis, nothing seems scarier than not having their mom and dad close by for love and support. Ronald McDonald House (RHM) seeks to provide a "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost. In order to help keep costs low, individuals or groups in the community will often provide house operation assistance such as answering the phone and greeting people, organizing the pantry, light yard work, laundry, and other household chores. St. Paul's seeks to serve RMH in this capacity on March 4, 7, 10, 13 and 15.

Raise the Roof: Wheel Chair Ramp Build

Raise the Roof is a new ministry to Mobile that seeks to share the love and grace of Jesus through crucial home repairs to home owners in need. On Sat., March 24, beginning at 1 pm, we will be rebuilding a wheel chair ramp for a local resident. We need 8 people ready to serve, love, and build!

Ransom Café

The Ransom Café is located on Airport Blvd. Just looking at it, you wouldn't know there was anything special about it. But Ransom Café is all about showing Jesus' heart through service and unconditional love. Ransom Café exists to combat physical and spiritual hunger by using quality fresh ingredients in the food served, helping others to learn about food preparation, job preparedness, participating in community missions and showing the love of Christ. They don't have a cash register or a set menu, but they will help you get a hot meal when you need it and offer you a chance to be served with dignity. Or, you can just come help out! Servers and cooks are needed from 11am-2pm every Tuesday through Friday, and Friday nights from 5-8 pm. Teams from St. Paul's will be going together from 11am-2 pm on Feb. 23, March 1, March 7, March 22, March 27, and April 4. Teams will also be going from 5-8 pm on Friday March 16.

Victory Health Partners: Lawn Service

As a witness for Jesus Christ, Victory Health Partners exists to minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the medically under-served by providing affordable, quality health care services. They recognize that God is the True Healer and the source of all. They seek to know Jesus Christ, His Son, and to make Him known. They have a wonderful ministry inside the walls of the building. Let's make the outside just as beautiful! Bring your lawn mower, weed eater, gloves and spades as we come to clean up Victory Health Partner's lawn after church on Feb. 26, March 4, March 18, March 25, and April 1.

Salvation Army: Prepare Meals and Serve the Homeless

The Salvation Army here in Mobile offers a variety of services from feeding the homeless to rehabilitation programs. On April 7th from 2:30 to 6:30 pm we are to assist in preparing and serving meals for the homeless and those participating in various programs within the Salvation Army. Times to be announced closer to date.

As the season of Lent approaches, we are reminded of a wonderful season of: reflection, prayer, interior examination, and almsgiving. Almsgiving became a part of Lent in the early church as Christians were called, through action, to remedy our times of forgetfulness of the needs of our fellow man. This season we're trying something spectacular for Lent. We would like to invite every St. Paul's family to do an act of charitable outreach. We'd like to spread the Good News of our concern throughout the Mobile community. We have a varied and sub list of suggested projects that we believe will be both fun and rewarding. Below are some of the first offerings. Sign-ups will officially begin soon, but we wanted to give you a taste of what is to come. If any of these appeal to you immediately, please contact Lydia Johnson at lydia.knizley.johnson@gmail.com or call the Church Office. Be on the look out for more opportunities to serve and more information to come! Help us as Love Does in our community.

Ronald McDonald House: Lunch/Dinner Cook and Drop Off

Many families travel far from home to get treatment for their seriously ill or injured children. Often, it can be a long time to be away from home, or divide a family. And, for children facing a serious medical crisis, nothing seems scarier than not having their mom and dad close by for love and support. Ronald McDonald House (RHM) seeks to provide a "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost. In order to help keep costs low, families and groups in the community will often provide meals for those staying at RMH. St. Paul's is looking for groups to purchase, prepare and deliver dinner to families staying at RHM on March 4, 5, 9-10, 12, 13, 15, 19, 23, 24, and 31, as well as April 1, 2, 6, and 7. We also need lunches to be purchased, prepared, and delivered on Feb. 24, 25, 27, and 28, as well as March 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30. Lunches may be dropped off the day before it is scheduled to be served. We will be notified about specific numbers to be served closer to the dates we are scheduled to serve.

Loaves and Fish/ Waterfront Rescue: Grocery Delivery

Thanks to the loving spirit of Les Stuart, Fresh Market has graciously agreed to donate baked goods to 15 Place Multi-Service Center for the Homeless and the Waterfront Rescue Mission. We need drivers willing to assist the hungry by picking up baked goods between noon and 1:30pm and deliver them to 15 Place and WRM by 3:30pm any Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday during Lent.

Boys United in Christ (BUCs): Treats and Encouragement

Boys United in Christ was started by some inspired and wonderful members of our church. BUCs seeks to help boys get to know Christ better and grow in friendship and faith while at school. BUCs provides a group Bible study time and mentoring for boys in the 6th and 7th grades at St. Paul's School. Our hope is to encourage these young men as they seek to glorify God in their daily lives by providing them with a little treat and notes of encouragement for their lunch time meetings to be held on the coming weeks. We would really love some men to take this project on!

BUCs meeting dates and time:

6th grade- March 2nd, 11:15-11:38 am

7th grade- March 2nd, 12:12-12:40 pm

*Information to come on other BUCs possibilities!

Girls Enrichment Ministry (GEMs): Treats and Encouragement

Girls Enrichment Ministry was started by some inspired and wonderful members of our church. GEMs seeks to help girls get to know Christ better and grow in friendship and faith while at school. GEMs provides a group Bible study time and mentoring for girls in the 3rd through 7th grades at both St. Paul's, UMS, and soon St. Luke's Schools. Our hope is to encourage these young girls as they seek to glorify God in their daily lives by providing them with a little treat and notes of encouragement for their lunch time meetings to be held on the coming weeks.

St. Paul's GEMs meeting dates and time:

3rd grade- March 5th, 10:40-11:05 am

4th grade- March 12th, 10:45-11:10 am

5th grade- March 7th, 11:12-11:40 am

6th grade- March 2nd, 11:15-11:38 am

7th grade- March 2nd, 12:12-12:40pm

UMS and St. Luke's dates coming soon!

15 Place: Meal Prep, Cook and Serve

15 Place proactively combats homelessness by partnering with the community to provide a comprehensive, accessible array of services to empower the homeless to work toward their optimum level of self-sufficiency in an affirming, safe, supportive and non-threatening environment. 15 Place is as a one-stop center offering services to the homeless such as a hot lunch every weekday and breakfast on weekends, showers, laundry facilities, transportation assistance, computer access, clothing, hygiene items, and telephone and mail privileges. Multiple agencies are on-site and available to provide immediate assistance and case management services that could end the homeless status of some individuals and families. The kitchen staff is only offered days off when the shelter is closed or volunteers come to serve in the kitchen. In order to allow Mrs. Margie, the head chef, a some real vacation time to replenish her spirit and enjoy time with family, we need volunteers to serve in the 15 Place kitchen along with the assistant chef on Feb. 22, Feb. 23, and/or Feb. 24 from 7:30 am to 1pm.

UCP: Parents' Night Out

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) is dedicated to advancing the independence of people with disabilities. UCP offers a wide range of services for people of all ages, starting with early intervention programs and continuing through adulthood with a supported employment program. On Fri., March 2 they will be hosting a Parents' Night Out to give parents of children with disabilities a night out on the town. We need 15 volunteers ready to play with 20 wonderful children from 4:30-9:30pm. We'll provide crafts, games, and food- all we need is YOU! UCP staff members will be present to manage and assist.

Child Advocacy Center: Comfort Bags- Purchase, Fill and Deliver

The mission of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is to be our community is response to the problem of child abuse. Their goal is to provide a wide range of services in one central location to sexually abused and/or severely physically abused children and their non-offending family members so that they may begin their healing process, and to provide education and training in order to increase the public awareness of child abuse which will aid in the prevention of child abuse. One service CAC strives to provide is Comfort Bags for victimized children. St. Paul's would like to purchase, fill and deliver at least 50 Comfort Bags for children who have been abused. More information to come, but let us know if you want to help these precious children of God!