

Time to get ready!

It's August, and that means it's time to start the preparations for our dual mission projects next month. And because we have two that happen to somewhat overlap, I am more than willing to begin work on these missions several weeks early this year.

The two missions are Festival of Sharing's Family Food Packs and the SPS-37.

We prep Family Food Packs for Festival of Sharing throughout the month of September, and the boxes are consecrated on the first Sunday in October before being delivered that afternoon to Phelps Grove Park for pick-up enroute to Sedalia. The actual Festival will be held October 15th at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia.

Because we already have people working on their donations for Family Food Packs, we will begin accepting donations in mid-August (in the barrel outside the Mission/Work Room in the east hallway) for those who want to get started early.

The barrel was originally only going to be used for Family Food Packs from mid-August to the end of September but the same barrel can be used for donations to SPS-37. We will gladly separate and pack all donations to either of these missions. And both missions will be utilizing those coveted copy paper boxes, too.

2011 Family Food Pack

6 cans assorted vegetables

6 cans tuna

2 pounds pasta

2 cans Spam

2 pounds dried pinto beans

6 can assorted fruits

2 cans pasta sauce

2 jars peanut butter

2 pounds rice

6 packages macaroni & cheese

Why are we accepting donations for the SPS-37 mission now when it isn't officially done until October? Simply because now is when the back-to-school prices are in effect and there is no lower price throughout the entire year and secondly, several people have mentioned that they would like to participate now but also want to be able to off-load these items at church rather than hang onto them until October. Okay, we can do that!

The Mission/Work Room space will be available to us for both of these projects this fall so we can begin both of them at any time. I'm ready, if you are!

The first completed Family Food Packs will appear in the sanctuary the first Sunday in September, and we can watch those numbers grow along the west wall all month.

Our goal this year is fifty (50), as suggested last year at the close of the 2010 campaign by Tim Piland. Please participate as God leads you to do so. You will be blessed in return.

Sandie McIntire, Chairperson

Back to School Listing for SPS-37

What is SPS-37? It's a terrific October St. Paul UMC mission!

SPS-37 represents the number of elementary schools in the Springfield R-12 School District; this program is SPECIFICALLY for the mid-year supply replacement program for those elementary schools through Crosslines. It is targeted to re-supply the schools at the end of the first semester, which is roughly Christmas vacation, with consumable supplies that school children need. These supplies are what parents usually provide, but in cases of economic scarcity, some parents cannot provide these for their children, and here is where we step in!

Rather than having these children go without or expecting teachers to fund these needs, the items can be supplied from the donation stash Crosslines will have from area participating churches or other organizations that will step up and make the donations.

And NOW is the time to buy these items!! Every store selling back-to-school items has them at the lowest possible prices; at no other time of the year are school supplies this affordable.

Here's the list for the SPS-37 mission project. These items, any or all, and in any quantity, may be put in bags in the mission barrel in the east hallway, and we will take it from there.

We would appreciate it very much if you are using a plastic bag that you could make sure the bag is tied off or knotted before you put them in the mission barrel. Thanks for your help!

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| Glue Sticks | Bottles of School Glue |
| #2 Pencils | Sharp Scissors |
| Blunt Scissors | Crayons |
| Wide-Rule Spiral Notebooks | Color Pencil Sets |
| Pink Erasers | Rulers |
| Wide-Rule Composition Books | Red Ink Pens |
| Black Pens | Yellow Highlighters |
| Pocket Folders with Brads | Pocket Folders with no Brads |

Packages of Wide-Rule Notebook Paper (1/2" rule, please)

Sandie McIntire

St. Paul UMC Timelines for Healthy Church

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| May 3 DONE | Space evaluation team appointed; visit 3 facilities. |
| June 1 DONE | Hospitality and connections leaders identified. |
| June 5 DONE | Day of Prayer, Repentance and Healing scheduled. |
| June 5 DONE | Three-person team in place to plan and market new contemporary service. |
| June 15 DONE | Space evaluation team has written recommendations to church council for changes. |
| June 20 DONE | Day of visioning scheduled 6-9 p.m. |
| July 1 DONE | Director of contemporary music hired. |
| August 14 | Part-time children and youth coordinators hired. |
| August 31 | Hospitality and connections leaders have built team and shared/trained team. |
| September 1 | Contemporary worship service in place. |
| September 19 | Church Council has approved new Vision Statement. |
| October 1 | Day long goal setting session for 2012 with church council has occurred. |
| October 1 | Finance committee has reviewed all church programs to determine if they match the church mission; has reviewed budget spending and stewardship plan for 2012 is in place. |
| December 31 | All church signage needs are corrected and in place (indoor and outdoor) |
| Spring, 2012 | Community open house to celebrate program and building renovations. |

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Fall Church-Wide Calendar At A Glance:

- ❖ **September:** Festival of Sharing “Family Food Packs” continues through 9/25.
- ❖ **October:** SPS 37 (Springfield Public Schools 37): selected school supplies to be donated to the 37 public elementary buildings through Crosslines. Mission begins 10/01.
- ❖ **Oct. 02:** Drop off Festival of Sharing “Family Food Packs” from noon until 2:30 p.m., Phelps Grove Park; consecration of Family Food Packs in morning worship service.
- ❖ **Oct. 02:** Bible study begins again and runs through Nov. 20th at 1 p.m. each Sunday for one hour unless otherwise noted. Topic: A Study of The Book of **Kings**.
- ❖ **Oct. 16:** Quarterly Fellowship Dinner after morning worship services. Entrée is pulled pork. (No Bible Study this day because of fellowship dinner.)
- ❖ **Oct. 23:** Cluster Church Conference at Antioch UMC beginning at 3 p.m.
- ❖ **Oct. 30:** Financial Commitment Sunday, Church provides fellowship lunch
- ❖ **November:** Crosslines Hat & Mittens Project (ongoing)
- ❖ **Nov. 17:** Crosslines Thanksgiving Basket: prepared on Thursday, November 17th, and distributed Saturday, November 19th. Food provided, but volunteers to bag and distribute needed.
- ❖ **Nov. 20:** Last day of Fall Bible Study.
- ❖ **Nov. 26:** Hanging of the Greens beginning at 9 a.m.
- ❖ **Dec. 15:** Crosslines Christmas Baskets: Prepared on Thursday, December 15th, and distributed on Saturday, December 17th. Food provided, but volunteers to bag and distribute needed.
- ❖ **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion beginning at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **Dec. 25:** Regular Sunday morning worship service at 10:45 a.m.