

## Serving God Through Serving Others

We, the Elders at Covenant, would like to challenge everyone in the congregation to reach out to the hungry and thirsty - those in our community in need - to get involved in and volunteer with an organization in our community before the end of the year.

We encourage small groups, Sunday School classes and youth groups, or create your own group to get involved in volunteering in a local ministry that is reaching out to our community in various areas. If you are not a part of a small group, we invite you to call the office and let us know you want to volunteer with an organization.



Here is a listing of community organizations providing assistance to persons in need in the neighboring areas. Learn more about these organizations and call the organization that you would like to get involved with to set up a date to volunteer. After you have made arrangements to serve, please notify our office of your plans, so that others who are not in a small group and have expressed interest may join you.

**Manna on Main Street**, 514 Main St, Lansdale. Manna on Main Street was founded in 1981 to help individuals in need. Manna provides a soup kitchen and food cupboard, and a variety of other programs. The mission of Manna on Main Street is to provide assistance to members of the community in obtaining the goods and services needed for daily living and basic human dignity. To learn more about Manna check out their website: <http://www.mannaonmain.org/>

### *How can we help?*

- Serve lunches or dinners
- Make soups, salads, side dishes or casseroles
- Sort canned goods
- Sponsor a dinner at Manna
- Help at community holiday dinners
- Organize drives in your area for food, paper or toiletries
- Do repairs at Manna
- Help at a Bike Rodeo
- Help with the Back-to-School Picnic
- Wrap Christmas gifts
- Make holiday decorations
- Donate non-perishable food
- Be a sponsor for "Adopt a Child" Christmas Program
- Suggest new programs to help the community



*To volunteer at Manna, call Aaron Brown at 215-855-5454 .*

**Community Housing Services**, 311 N. Broad St., Lansdale. CHS has been helping the homeless and near homeless since 1983, while adding programs to help victims of domestic violence, single displaced men and to secure long term housing for those in need. To learn more about Community Housing Services, check out their website: <http://www.communityhs.org/>

*How can we help?*

- Repairs on Ezra House
- Cleaning garage out
- Replace garage roof
- Graphic artist
- Assistance with property management
- Repairs of 5 unit apartment building.
- Pray for their organization



*To volunteer at Community Housing Services, call Rob Fecho at 215-362-5250.*

**3rd Annual Caregiver Day (Joni & Friends)**— Volunteers are needed for the 3rd Annual Caregiver Day at Calvary Church of Souderton on **Saturday, November 3** to serve ladies who provide care for a family member with disability or special needs.

*How can we help?*

- Greeter/registration
- Lunch servers
- Kitchen helpers
- Crafts
- Set up/clean up
- Massage therapists
- Hair stylists
- Makeup artists
- Cosmetologists



*To volunteer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Caregiver Day, call Joan Borton at 215-380-2485.*

**Joni & Friends** (of Greater Philadelphia) This ministry, through volunteers, reaches out to the disabled in our communities. To learn more about Joni & Friends of Greater Philadelphia, check out their website: <http://philadelphia.joniandfriends.org/>

*How can we help?*

- Rake leaves for families,
- Help move the Joni & Friends office,
- Office help such as typing, organizing, filing, making calls, etc.

*To volunteer, call Joan Borton of Souderton at 215-380-2485.*

**Shepherds Shelf** at Christ Lutheran Church, Kulpville. Shepherds Shelf is an emergency food pantry that was begun by Christ Lutheran Church in April 2003 in response to a marked increase in requests for financial assistance from residents of the surrounding communities. To learn more about Shepherds Shelf, check out their website: ([www.christlc.org/shepherdShelf.htm](http://www.christlc.org/shepherdShelf.htm))

*How can we help?*

- Meat and grocery deliveries
- Unload trucks loads of donations
- Bag food

*To volunteer, call Deb Freece at 215-361-9667. For these jobs you will need to let Deb what days you are available and she will contact you as the need arises.*

**Dock Village**, Detwiler Road, Lansdale

Dock Village is a rental-assistance apartment complex serving families or individuals of lower income levels. Management is committed to making it a fine community, a place where a wholesome atmosphere is evident. Dock Village offers opportunities for persons to become involved with their community. To learn more about Dock Village, check out their website: [http://dockwoods.com/pages/family\\_housing.html](http://dockwoods.com/pages/family_housing.html)

*How can we help?*

- Tutors are needed for children in grades K – 9 .
  - A rewarding opportunity (see attached brochure)
  - You will be guided by a certified teacher supervisor
  - Volunteers – youth & adults 10<sup>th</sup> grade and up
  - Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays after school



Plan special events around holidays – (see attached letter with list of needed items).

Thanksgiving Celebration

Christmas

Presenters

- nativity story
- children's story
- piano playing – sing along

Easter Egg Hunt

Stories & games

Donate items for food cupboard – see attached letter with list of needed items.

Persons to provide transportation



*To volunteer at Dock Village, call Linda Rhubright, Resident Services Coordinator at 215-368-4438 ext. 44142, or email her at: [lrhubright@Dockwoods.com](mailto:lrhubright@Dockwoods.com)*

**Peaceful Living - Friendship Connection Program**, 850 Old Skippack Road, Lederach.

Peaceful Living matches individuals with developmental disabilities with volunteers from the community through a process which brings people together around common interests and activities. PL would provide quarterly trainings offered for ongoing and newly recruited friends. To learn more about Peaceful Living, check out their website:

<http://www.peacefulliving.org/Docs/Welcome.aspx>

**How can we help?**

A friend makes a commitment to spend at least four hours per month with their friend and agrees to at least two trainings per year.

Consider volunteering a few hours each week either as a caregiver, or

Providing office support

Providing transportation



**To volunteer, contact Joe Landis at (610) 287-1200. Email: [jlandis@peacefulliving.org](mailto:jlandis@peacefulliving.org)**

**Indian Valley Opportunity Center**, 104 Main Street, Souderton

IVOC offers comprehensive emergency assistance and language and literacy services to thousands of community residents each year. IVOC offers Social Services and Educational Instruction through a broad spectrum of programs serving both children and adults, but all services share the same goal – to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency. 200 families receive food and clothing each month, 700 students are educated in their classrooms each year, and 5,000 referrals for critical needs are handled by their social workers annually. To learn more about Indian Valley Opportunity Center, check out their website:

<http://indianvalleyoppcenter.org/main.php?id=intro>

**How can we help?**

Food Pantry – Person needed 12 – 2 every Tuesday to help in greeting clients, sign-up of clients, sorting and stocking food donations, repackaging of bulk items.

Clothing Exchange – Every third Thursday 10 – 12 or every Thursday 12 – 2 to sort donated household items and clothing, package and greet clients who come to shop.

Front Desk Receptionist – Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays from 2 – 5 PM. Answer phones, take messages, photocopying, and light secretarial duties as needed.

Tutors – English as a Second Language and Literacy tutors are needed for one-on-one tutoring for persons needing help in language and/or literacy. Tutor training classes are run by IVOC in spring and fall.

Holiday Helpers – Delivery persons, toy distribution assistants for our Toy Giveaway on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

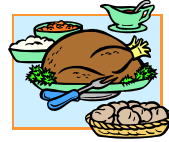
**To volunteer, call Mary Godshall at 215-723-5430.**



**Table of Plenty** @ Zion Mennonite Church serves Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner for persons who do not have someone to share the holiday with. To learn more about Table of Plenty, check out their website: <http://www.zionmennonite.org/tableofplenty.html>

*How can we help?*

- Set up and clean up
- Help prepare holiday food
- Help serve meal



*To volunteer call 215-723-3592.*

**Indian Creek Foundation**, 420 Cowpath Road, Souderton. A non-profit organization that serves over 600 children and adults with developmental disabilities in Bucks and Montgomery counties in Pennsylvania. As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to share in a valued relationship and benefit from each other's gifts. To learn more about Indian Creek Foundation, check out their website: [www.indiancreekfoundation.org](http://www.indiancreekfoundation.org)

*How can we help?*

- Help in our offices and day programs and with transportation,
  - Help with special events and holiday projects
  - Help with Faith and Light, a monthly non-denominational worship service.
- The possibilities to volunteer with us are endless! Get to know us!



*To volunteer, call Zuema Ghenov at 267-203-1500, extension 301.*