

OUTREACH AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Carty Cupboard Food Pantry

Carty Cupboard Food Pantry provides a three-day food supplement for hungry individuals and families who find themselves in need, regardless of age, gender, race, nationality, religious affiliation or personal circumstance. Cupboard visitors are kept confidential in a computer database, and are allowed to pick up food once each month. *Open to any resident of Worcester County*

Mondays 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Fridays 10:00 am – noon

Non-perishable food donations are collected at Epworth in the fellowship hall. Item of the month for March: peanut butter (plastic containers please). We're also running low on the following: Cereal (cold or hot), meals in a can (stew, ravioli, baked beans, chili), peanut butter, 100% juice, canned tuna or canned chicken.

Feinstein Challenge matches donations to Carty Cupboard

All donations of food and cash given to the Carty Cupboard in March and April will be doubled by a matching grant offered each year from a generous donor. Bring in non-perishable food items and/or cash and checks to help stock our pantry for spring. See above for items most needed.

Spaghetti Supper Saturday March 10, 4-6 p.m. hosted by Elizabeth Circle

Our free community spaghetti supper is held each month on the second Saturday, 4-6 p.m. Everyone is welcome and volunteers are needed to help distribute flyers, setup, prepare/cook, serve, host, and cleanup. Contact Ariel or Lily Dungca at 508-892-3018. *Groups are encouraged to adopt a month in 2012.* Deborah Circle (with the youth group) will host April.

Hope for Housing now offers CVS Gift Cards

Epworth has partnered with Hope for Housing to raise money to eliminate family homelessness in our community. Every Sunday, we sell gift cards to area grocery stores at face value. The cards are worth their full value, but a percentage of every sale goes to Hope for Housing. So far, our church has purchased over \$109,000 worth of cards (and counting...). Now you can purchase gift cards for CVS at the same time. You can use the cards for any purchase at CVS including prescriptions. For the same price you would normally pay at the drugstore, you will also be helping to prevent someone from losing their home. Pick up your cards after worship any Sunday at the kitchen window.

Elm Park Community School "Walking Club"

Our neighborhood school is partnering with the Worcester Art Museum for a special learning opportunity. The school is seeking to create a "Walking Club" that would walk kids to the museum around 11:30 a.m. and back around 1:45, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. All walkers will submit information for a background check before being approved (this takes time). Please contact the church office if you are available to walk.

Special Donations for Lent

While we focus on CHANGE this Lent, we will invite representatives from our community partners in ministry who are agents of positive change every day. We will hear the good work that is being done and how we can get involved. You can support these organizations through your generous donations to their wish lists (see below). Please bring donations to the church and place in large boxes in fellowship hall.

Jeremiah's Inn: New Pillows, Shampoo, Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Bar Soap, Disposable Razors, Shower Clogs, Facecloths

Veteran's Inc.: denture adhesive (non-alcoholic), laundry detergent, fabric softener, new white and dress socks

Worcester Free Clinics: used hearing aids (they are refurbished and save us lots of money!), and eyeglasses

We will also be collecting change (get it? change for change!) all throughout Lent which will support our local missions, including these organizations.