

Catalina's Mission Outreach – July, 2024

July will be a very busy month for our volunteers. If you are not out of town for these events, please consider volunteering for any or all of our July outreach efforts that might be of interest to you.

Interfaith Community Services, (ICS) – Is holding a southern Arizona collection of Peanut Butter throughout the month of July. Catalina will have collection bins in the narthex and in the church office during the month of July. All kinds of peanut butter, in all sizes, will be much appreciated.

TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV-AIDS Network) – Catalina has been scheduled to help with TIHAN's "Poz" Café luncheon to be held on Thursday, July 18th. At the Poz Café, we assist with food and fellowship for those CarePartners living and coping with HIV. Catalina needs a few more volunteers who can work from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on that date. Please contact Doug Wingert at dougwingert@gmail.com if you can help.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Making – Are you available for a summertime Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich making marathon? We are now scheduled for Friday afternoon, July 26th. This is an opportunity to sit in an air-conditioned room and have fellowship with others while making at least 500 sandwiches in just a few hours. These sandwiches are then delivered to the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen, where they will be added to sack lunches for those living with hunger. Stand by for more details.

Primavera Men's Shelter – Our next date is Saturday, July 27th. We need four volunteers for July 27th and we have an ongoing need for volunteers for each month thereafter. If you would like to volunteer, please notify Doug Wingert at dougwingert@gmail.com or contact the church office. We cook and serve a great meal to men living with homelessness and they so appreciate our efforts. This outreach runs on the fourth Saturdays of each month, from approximately 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The menu is planned, and the grocery shopping is done by team leaders. New volunteers are always paired with experienced volunteers. The work involves standing and lifting, cooking, and serving. All volunteers who are vaccinated, gloved, and over the age of 12 are welcome.

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen – We will cook and serve our excellent chicken-vegetable soup again on Saturday morning, July 27th. We could still benefit from one more volunteer on that date. This is an early morning mission outreach where a team of 3 or 4 volunteers cook and serve more than 200 bowls of soup for our neighbors. We start very early, (approximately 6:30 am), and we finish by approximately 10:30 am. This work involves standing, lifting, cooking, and serving, using large commercial pots in a very small kitchen. All volunteers who are vaccinated, gloved, and over the age of 12 are welcome. Please notify Doug Wingert, at dougwingert@gmail.com or contact the church office, if you are interested in volunteering.

Missions Fair – We would like to hold a "missions fair" on a Sunday in October, following our 10:00 am service. In the past, this has included tables set up outside the narthex, featuring representatives from the various nonprofit groups that Catalina supports. This event could also include Catalina's need for volunteers in other aspects of helping our church run smoothly. Nothing is firm at this time, but we would welcome all suggestions for including everyone in this effort.

Packathon – Catalina typically starts planning for the fall Packathon event with other congregations sometime in August. Although this is a churchwide effort, (not lead by this committee), I understand we need a Packathon leader to step forward for the Fall of 2024. Please contact Pastor Mike or the Church Council if you are interested in this leadership role.

Committee Members Needed – We need two more members to fill committee vacancies. Our outreach efforts are well defined for 2024, and our budget has been approved. This committee operates more like an ongoing "task force," so potential committee members might anticipate no more than quarterly update meetings. We would like to add a few more members to this committee. Are you interested in knowing more? Please contact Doug Wingert at dougwingert@gmail.com.