

Church & Society - Missions Update

At Catalina United Methodist Church, we work to assist the “poorest of the poor” in our community.

Primavera Men’s Shelter – We are getting somewhat desperate in keeping this important outreach going forward. Our regular volunteers want to work side by side with some new people to help feed those in need. We still need help filling the **July 26th and August 23rd** dates. If you can help on either of those Saturdays, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, please notify Doug Wingert at dougwingert@gmail.com or contact the church office. **(If a four-hour outreach is too much, how about a two-hour shift? We could divide the work from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm and 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm).** On the 4th Saturday of every month, we cook and serve a great meal to men living with homelessness. The meals are planned in advance 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 gloved, and over the age of 12 are welcome. Can you help us out in July or August?

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen – Our last outreach at Casa Maria was on June 21st, when we served a record number of our neighbors living with homelessness and hunger. (340 large cups of soup is a lot of soup)!! Who wants to help with our next outreach at Casa Maria? It will be on Saturday, August 16th at 6:30 am. (Even 7:00 am would work)! Would you like to join a small team of volunteers who cook and serve our excellent chicken-vegetable soup to our hungry neighbors? The work involves standing, lifting, cooking, and serving, using large commercial pots in a very small kitchen. Our volunteers must be gloved, and over the age of 12. Interested? Notify Doug Wingert, at dougwingert@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Office Snack Packs – Catalina continues to offer snacks and bottled water to our homeless and hungry neighbors. Prior contributions toward this outreach have been exhausted, so we are now funding this important mission effort through your generous donations.

Poz Café – The date has been set for our annual co-hosting of the Tucson Interfaith HIV-AIDS Network’s (TIHAN’s) Poz Café. We now have our volunteer team and we look forward to this annual event on Thursday, July 17th, from 9:30 am to about 1:30 pm. The Poz Café will be held at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church. Working with Catalina’s Welcoming & Affirming Ministries, our Church & Society – Missions team has collected various items for gift bags for those living with HIV.

Other News: Your Catalina Church & Society – Missions Team recently received a generous donation from one of our long time retired pastors, with the expressed desire to aid a worthwhile program for Social Justice. These funds will be “passed through” our books and redirected to one of our worthwhile Social Justice outreach efforts.