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| Feb**2024** | SERVICE MINISTRY  HAPPENINGS |
| *Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.*  *Proverbs 19:21* | *To All,*  *What a busy year it has been for our Service Ministry!*  *We are truly thankful for the blessings God has bestowed upon us to share. Your dedication and commitment to our various programs have been invaluable. Together, with the generous support of our church family, we are making a meaningful difference in our community and beyond.*   * *Through our weekly* ***Little Free Pantry,*** *monthly* ***Carpark*** *meals programs,* ***St. Mark’s Food Pantry*** *collections and the* ***Lenten Drive****, we offer nourishment to those facing food insecurity, reminding them they are not alone.* * *By sponsoring children to attend Camp Stevens through our* ***Father’s Day Pie Sale****, we provide more than just an experience; we help them build confidence, forge friendships, and encounter God’s love.* * *Our* ***Vida Joven*** *Fiesta and fundraising campaign enabled us to sponsor meals for five orphanages in Mexico.* * *Through the* ***Backpack Drive****, we provided children with school supplies, empowering them to attend school and develop friendships and support systems.* * *In our* ***Thanksgiving Drive****, we partnered with local organizations to provide holiday meals for families in need. This initiative not only filled plates but also fostered joy and togetherness during a season of gratitude.* * *Our* ***Advent Angels*** *program ensures that children experience the joy of the season. By providing new toys and gifts, we help create memorable moments that remind them they are cherished and loved.*   A wooden cabinet with food items inside  Description automatically generatedLITTLE FREE PANTRY  Thank you for generosity in filling our pantry!  *1st Week: Kathleen I. and Kathy F.*  *2nd Week: Sudie W. and Susy P.*  *3rd Week: Pat E. and Julie Y.*  *4th Week: Sarah S. and Nancy F.*  *5th Week: Karen L. and Pat B.*  A wooden cabinet with food in it  Description automatically generated      ST. MARK’S FOOD PANTRY  *Thank you to all who donate the much needed items. Thank you also to Kathy and Glover F. for delivering the collected items to St. Mark’s!*  A basket with food items on a table  Description automatically generated |

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| For I was hungry  *and you gave me something to eat . . .*  *Matthew 25:35* | DREAMS FOR CHANGE DINNERS / CARPARK *Thank you to the teams who prepared the monthly meals (totaling about 60 meals) for vetted families who stay overnight in the New Life Assembly of God church parking lot.*  *1st Tuesday of the Month: Team Leaders - Karen C. and Pat B*  *2nd Monday of the Month: Team – Leaders - Pat E. and Nancy F.*  **Our chefs!**    A group of women in a kitchen  Description automatically generated        A group of people standing next to a car  Description automatically generated  Two women standing next to a stove  Description automatically generated    A group of people standing next to a table with boxes and drinks  Description automatically generated  **Parking lot staff!** |

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| And my God will meet all your needs  according to  the riches of his glory  in Christ Jesus.  *Philippians 4:19* | LENTEN DRIVE*RECEPIENT: ST. MARK’S FOOD DRIVE* *Thank you Scott and Marti H. for leading this fundraising project!*  A person standing in a church  Description automatically generatedA person handing a card to another person  Description automatically generated    A phone next to a plant  Description automatically generated  A green thermometer  Description automatically generated VIDA JOVEN*RECEPIENT: VIDA JOVEN ORPHANAGES* *Thank you to all who helped with the fundraising and fiesta.*  A group of people posing for a photo  Description automatically generated    A group of people standing around a table  Description automatically generated  A group of people playing instruments  Description automatically generated  A group of people sitting around tables  Description automatically generated  A green thermometer with a white background  Description automatically generated  A group of people standing around a table  Description automatically generatedTwo men standing next to a table with a glass jar and a paper fan  Description automatically generated  FATHER’S DAY PIE SALE  *Thank you Kathleen I. and Kathy F. for leading the fundraising for RefugeeNet.*  *Once again, our bakers made wonderful pies for us to enjoy!*   Two women standing next to a table  Description automatically generatedA green thermometer with a white background  Description automatically generatedSUMMER KITCHEN CLEANOUT A kitchen with wooden cabinets and a sink  Description automatically generated  A wooden drawers with sticky notes on them  Description automatically generated*Thank you to all those who helped in organizing our church kitchen!*  A kitchen with wooden cabinets and a counter top  Description automatically generated  **Done**  **and**  **tagged as**  **completed!**   COLLECTION OF TOILETRIES FOR CARPARK *Thank you Pat E. for leading this project. Thank you to all those who donated! It was a great success!*  A group of items on a box  Description automatically generated THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE *Thank you Nancy F. and Patty C. for your dedication to leading such a large project! Your attention to detail and management of all the moving parts of this initiative made it a great success!*  A shopping cart with a sign and leaves  Description automatically generatedA table with a sign and a pumpkin on it  Description automatically generated  A table with many bags of food  Description automatically generated with medium confidence  A green thermometer with a black outline  Description automatically generatedA group of white bags on a table  Description automatically generated  200 bags of food given St Mark's (170) and St Alban's (30)  $3,000 donated to St Mark's to purchase chickens and fresh foods  30 grocery gift cards ($20 each) donated to St Alban's  $500 donated to Uptown Community Services  Advent angels  *Thank you Pat E. for leading this campaign!*  A person sitting at a table with a red tablecloth and a red tablecloth with a red tablecloth with a red tablecloth with a red tablecloth with a couple of angels on it  Description automatically generated      A green thermometer with a white background  Description automatically generated  Christmas toys for 150 preschoolers were donated to the Episcopal Community Services Head Start program.  *'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*  *Matthew 25:40*  **Thank you for your dedication, commitment and generosity**  **in serving others!**  **We are grateful to you**  **and our generous**  **Christ Episcopal Church Family!**  **May God bless you always!** |
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