

## Catalina's Mission Outreach

**Interfaith Community Services, (ICS)** – The peanut butter drive for the ICS food bank has wrapped up and our generous congregation gave 181 lbs of peanut butter to assist those living with hunger issues. The ICS food bank is the second largest food bank in southern Arizona. Thank you, Catalina, for your generosity.

**Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Making** – We will be scheduling our final sandwich making event of the year in early November. Again, we will attempt to make 500 or more sandwiches in just a few hours. These sandwiches will be delivered to the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen, where they will be added to sack lunches for those living with hunger. Stand by for further information.

**Primavera Men's Shelter** – The shelter is going through a remodeling project, so we were told that only 16 residents were attending our monthly dinner on Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. But when our cooking team arrived, we were told the number had grown to 40 men expecting dinner. After a bit of last-minute shopping, our team cooked and served our special 5 course dinner to the 40 hungry men, plus food for second servings and some leftovers. It's always a good idea to have a "Plan B." Here is a pic of the August Primavera cooking team.



We shop, cook, serve, and fellowship with the residents at the Shelter on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month from 2:00 pm to about 6:00 pm.. If you would like to volunteer for any of our Primavera mission outreach events, September through December, please notify Doug Wingert at [dougwingert@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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 vaccinated, gloved, and over the age of 12 are welcome. Who would like to help on September 28<sup>th</sup>?

**Casa Maria Soup Kitchen** – Our next mission outreach at Casa Maria will be early on Saturday morning, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We need 3 or 4 volunteers who will cook and serve our excellent chicken-vegetable soup. This is an early morning mission outreach where we shop, 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. Our volunteers must be vaccinated, gloved, and over the age of 12. Interested? Please notify Doug Wingert, at [dougwingert@gmail.com](mailto: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 and displays set up outside the narthex, featuring representatives from the various nonprofit groups that Catalina supports. This event would include Catalina’s need for volunteers in all aspects of helping our church run smoothly. Nothing is firm at this time, but we would welcome suggestions for including everyone in this effort.