

Missions Update

Primavera Men's Shelter – Our work team for the November 23rd meal was led by Michael Guymon. We schedule this important mission outreach on the 4th Saturday of each month. We still need at least 2 more volunteers for our December 28th meal. Are you available to help during this busy holiday time? If you would like to volunteer for our December Primavera mission outreach event, 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 greatly 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.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Making – We held our final sandwich making event of the year on Friday afternoon, November 15th. We had 26 volunteers show up to make 570 sandwiches in less than 2 hours. The sandwiches were delivered to the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen, where they were added to sack lunches for those living with hunger. We plan to do at least four of these sandwich making marathons throughout 2025.



Casa Maria Soup Kitchen – Our final mission outreach of the year at Casa Maria was held on Saturday morning, November 16th. Scott and Laurie Campbell cooked and served our excellent chicken-vegetable soup to more than 320 homeless and hungry neighbors. We don't have our work schedule for 2025, so stand by for future dates if you are interested in volunteering for this important outreach to our community. The 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 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 hope to fund this important mission effort in 2025 through our operating budget.

Catalina’s Annual Cash Donations – Paperwork has been submitted to make the annual cash donations to The Wesley Foundation, TMM Family Services, Interfaith Community Services, Arizona Justice For Our Neighbors, and the Fuente de Vida UMC. These donations are part of the Church & Society-Missions Committee approved budget for 2024.

Angel Tree – Please read the various articles and notices in the church newsletter and online church news regarding the needs and timing of the upcoming Angel Tree project. This year, Catalina’s generous volunteers will be making Christmas a little brighter for 50 children in 27 different caregiver families. This outreach offers a little Christmas Joy to families by giving gifts to children on behalf of parents who are incarcerated in the prison system.