

## Church & Society - Missions Update

**Primavera Men's Shelter** – If you would like to volunteer for any of our 2025 Primavera mission outreach events, 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 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. Our next Primavera outreach will be on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to approximately 6:00 pm.

**Angel Tree** – Once again, our holiday Angel Tree event was a big success. This annual event brought a little Christmas joy to 50 children of parents incarcerated in the prison system. Our volunteers chose “angel tags” from the Christmas tree, purchased clothing and toys, and helped with wrapping and bagging those gifts. The gifts are then delivered to caregivers just prior to Christmas. Each gift included a written note of love and holiday wishes from the incarcerated parent to each child. Thank you, Judy Wingert, for coordinating this outreach, and thank you to the many volunteers, who shopped, wrapped, and delivered gifts.

**Casa Maria Soup Kitchen** – We will plan for at least six or seven early Saturday mornings serving soup at the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen throughout 2025. Would you like to join a small team of volunteers, who will be cooking and serving our excellent chicken-vegetable soup to more than 320 homeless and hungry neighbors? Stand by for our 2025 schedule, 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](mailto: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.

**Market on the Move** – We are sad to report that due to a low amount of traffic generated for this wonderful outreach, Market on the Move for 2025 has been cancelled. We are asking them to re-evaluate this decision and hopefully will be able to restart in 2026. Stay tuned!