

Church & Society - Missions Update

Primavera Men's Shelter – We have a cooking team for our February 22nd and April 26th outreach dinners, but we really need help filling the **March 22nd** date. If you are willing, able, and available to volunteer for our March 22nd date from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, 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 gloved, and over the age of 12 are welcome. Who can help us out on **March 22nd** ?

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen – We served our special chicken and vegetable soup to about 300 cold and hungry neighbors on January 11th. Our next assigned outreach will be on **March 8th**. Would you like to join a small team of volunteers, who will be cooking and serving our excellent chicken-vegetable soup to our homeless and hungry neighbors? 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 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 your generous donations.

Lotsa Pasta Food Drive – Throughout the month of February, the Interfaith Community Services (ICS) Food Bank is conducting a citywide food drive to collect 5000 packages of pasta, 5000 cans or plastic containers of pasta sauce, and 5000 boxes of mac & cheese. (No glass containers please). We have collection tubs in the Sanctuary Narthex and in the Sanctuary Welcome Center for you to deposit your donations. We also have a new basket in the Sanctuary Narthex to collect other nonperishable food for ICS. Let's make this February food drive a big success.