

Ministry Opportunities 2010-2011

August

Summer Feeding Program

August 2-6, 9-13, 11:00-1:00

"I was hungry and you fed me!" Do God's will by volunteering for the Summer Children's Feeding Program. Three volunteers are needed each day to supervise children during lunch from at Wiley Middle School. Many of these students will be participants in Kids' Café at St. Paul's this fall. The children and the Outreach Program appreciate your support and participation.

Kids' Café

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 5:00-6:30

Volunteers are needed for St. Paul's Kids Café to serve dinner and assist children with homework in grades kindergarten through high school. The Kids' Café Program operates from August 25th—June 9th.

ESL Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45-7:00

On Tuesday, August 31, St. Paul's will begin its second year of offering English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Our students are primarily parents of children enrolled in Kid's Cafe. Volunteers are needed to help teach. Teaching material is provided and no prior experience or knowledge of Spanish is required. ESL classes are offered from August 31st—June 7th.

Crisis Ministry

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:00-12:00

The Outreach Center needs volunteers to assist with the Crisis Ministry here at St. Paul's. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday mornings to help screen crisis calls, and on Wednesday mornings for crisis interviews. Our Crisis Ministry operates year round.

September

Crisis Ministry, Kids' Café and ESL Classes continue.

October

Blood Drive

Friday, October 29, 9:00-3:00

Now it's more convenient than ever to save lives by donating blood right in your own church. Six volunteers are needed in 2 hour shifts between 9am and 3pm to assist with registration and snacks during the Annual All Saints' Day Blood Drive. Many blood donors are also needed! Sign up to "Give the Gift of Life."

Crisis Ministry, Kids' Café and ESL Classes continue.

November

Samaritan Ministries

November 1-7, 6:15 pm-7:30 am

St. Paul's is committed to providing 6 volunteers a night to assist with serving dinner, socialization, monitoring in two hour shifts during the night, and serving breakfast at the homeless shelter on Patterson Avenue.

Christmas Toy Event

November 30, 5:30-7:45

We are collecting toys and donations to provide gifts for children whose fathers are incarcerated in the Forsyth Detention Center. A Gift Wrapping/Decorating Party will be start with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the Wrapping Party will be from 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Call the church at 723-4391 to make reservations for dinner. Please put gifts in the collection barrels in the West entrance. To make a financial gift, please give your designated gifts to "Prison Toy Drive" by noon on Friday, November 26.

Crisis Ministry, Kids' Café and ESL Classes continue.

December

Alternative Giving

Need a small gift for that friend or neighbor? Please consider making a donation through St. Paul's Alternative Gift Giving. For every \$5.00 donation, you will receive a card for sending holiday greetings.

White Gifts

December 24, 3:00

At our 3:00 Christmas Eve service, families are invited to bring a "white gift" to be placed in the basket near the Nativity Scene. The gifts will be given to the 550 residents at the Murdoch Center, a center for people with developmental disabilities. Please wrap your gift in white tissue paper and mark "For Male" or "For Female." If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, bring your gift to the Outreach Center.

A variety of items are appropriate: balls, books, dolls, coloring books, crayons, art supplies, puzzles, trucks, inexpensive CD players, CDs, musical toys, toiletries, handkerchiefs, hat/glove sets, socks.

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January

Second Harvest Food Bank Drive

January 2-23

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina provides access to food to those people who cannot afford to feed their families thus allowing them to survive and in many cases, get back on their feet. Food is distributed to over 40 non-profit partner agencies, including St. Paul's Kids' Café, and helps to serve people from Boone to Burlington. St. Paul's is participating in a concentrated food drive this month. We hope that each of St. Paul's households may be able to buy a bag of groceries that consists of the items listed below. On Sunday, January 23rd, after each service, please help the Social Action committee carry all the donated goods to the SHFB truck.

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1 can of chili
1 pound of rice
1 can of tuna fish
1 can of beef stew
1 pound of dry beans
2 boxes of mac and cheese
1 box of powdered milk
1 jar of peanut butter
1 can of pasta sauce
2 cans of vegetables
2 cans of tomatoes
1 pound of pasta
1 box of oatmeal
1 box of cereal
2 cans of fruit
healthy snacks
Coffee
Cake mix
toiletries welcome

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February

Habitat Wall Build

February 12, 9:00-12:00

St. Paul's is seeking volunteers to support our Habitat Wall Build. We need 30-40 volunteers to assemble wall frames at the main Habitat warehouse at 339 Witt Street. Volunteers must be 16 and older. Skill levels range from novice to expert. Activities include hammering frames of interiors and exterior walls. House construction begins March 5th.

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March

Habitat House Build

March 5

We are seeking volunteers to support our Habitat House Build. We need 15 to 20 volunteers each day that first week to put the house under roof. Then we will need volunteers every Saturday for 10 weeks. Volunteers must be 16 years old with a skill level of novice to expert. Activities will vary from week to week. We also need volunteer groups to prepare lunches for both the wall build and the house build.

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April

Stop Hunger Now

April 9, 9:00-12:00

Parish families and friends are invited to come to the church to help package easy-to-assemble dried meals for delivery around the world where survivors of tragic ordeals need free, easy-to-prepare food and other emergency supplies to handle the crisis situations that have befallen them. St. Paul's participants will work in an assembly-line fashion mixing, weighing, and bagging a dehydrated flavoring mix consisting of 21 essential vitamins with fortified rice-soy-vegetable products for nutritious meals so that adults and children will not go hungry. This event will take place on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.

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May

Crisis Ministry, Kids' Café, ESL Classes and Habitat Build continue

June

Crisis Ministry, Kids' Café and ESL Classes continue

July

Summer Enrichment

Weekdays in July, 9:00-3:00

For more than 35 years, St. Paul's has sponsored a Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) for children in first through ninth grades who live in the Thurmond Street neighborhood or who are connected to St. Paul's through Kids' Café. The primary objective of the program is to provide participants with opportunities that build self-esteem and encourage positive life choices in a spiritual setting in which they can recognize God's gifts and share them with others.

The Summer Enrichment Program offers several volunteer opportunities for parish members of all ages including: leading activities, making lunches, providing a field trip experience, or working with children along with the SEP staff. Contact any board member if you'd like to get involved.

Crisis Ministry continues

Costa Rica Mission Partnership Trip

Date TBA

The Diocese of North Carolina has long enjoyed a strong relationship with the Diocese of Costa Rica. In December of 2005, our Diocese entered its second five-year commitment with the people and parishes of this lovely and hospitable country. Since 2007, over 100 St. Paul's parishioners have traveled to Costa Rica to join in the on-going service and friendship with Costa Rica's Bishop Hector Monterroso, his clergy, staff and welcoming people. Together NC parishes are actively helping to build the Episcopal Church in Costa Rica by addressing health care needs, daycare and education needs, church maintenance and new church planting.

The above are short-term volunteer opportunities for the coming year. The Outreach Center can assist you or your small group, circle etc. in identifying other opportunities. Please contact:

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