

Seasonal

Operation Shoebox, October 2009

Contact: Harvey & Sami Blanchard (803) 732-3398

Chuck Haselden, Deacon

As a family, Sunday School, Small Group or Prayer walk group, you can put together a shoebox of small gifts to be sent around the world. Look for information around the church campus the week of October 25th.

www.samaritanspurse.org

Operation Turkey, November 25 –26, 2009

Contact: Craig Lemrow (803) 960-3572

Byron Reams, Deacon

Operation Turkey uses over 200 cooked turkeys to feed 2000+ people in Lexington County on Thanksgiving Day. Can you cook a turkey? We also need volunteers to help **prepare food** and **drivers** to **deliver** the prepared meals. For those of us without a GPS, volunteers are also needed with the **mapping process**. Look for sign up sheets in our weekly newsletter.

Love a Family, December 2009

Contact: Kathy Seymour at (803) 920-7385 or kathyseymour@sc.rr.com

We provide two new Christmas gifts to approx. 25 local, needy families through Mission of Hope Ministry (Pastor Pele and wife Eve) – look for the decorated tree in the Narthex. Save gently used riding toys and bikes. Mission of Hope Ministry is always in needs of almost everything: household goods, toiletries, furniture and food, toys your children no longer play with.

Angel Tree, December 2009

Need Volunteer Coordinator!

Byron Reams, Deacon

Angel Tree is a national program sponsored by Prison Ministries. Each Christmas the Saxe Gotha Angel Tree is filled with names of children of prisoners. Through the generosity of Saxe Gotha members, each child is adopted and gifts bought. These gifts are delivered to the children. Without Angel Tree, these children would not receive gifts on Christmas morning. Volunteer to adopt a child so that they can have a Christmas gift from their jailed parent (we give them in their parents names) and help with the distribution of these gifts. Look for the Christmas tree in the Narthex after Thanksgiving. www.angeltree.org

Migrant Ministry (in the summer)

Under the leadership of intern, Alma Puente-Ruiz, we served over 60 migrant workers in the Batesburg-Leesville/ Moneta areas of SC every Tuesday evening throughout the summer involving volunteers from SGPC and other churches from the Presbytery. CDL Bus drivers are always needed during this time. Spanish not required.

Offerings Serving Others

*Souper Bowl of Caring Offering
(LICS) Every February*

*One Great Hour of Sharing
Every April*

*Mother's Day Offering
(Presbyterian Communities)
Every May*

*Father's Day Offering (Migrant
Ministry)
Every June*

*Jesus Birthday Offering (Sudan
and Habitat for Humanity)
Every December*



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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Missions Ministry

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church



Master, what are you talking about?

**When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink?
And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?**

Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth:

Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me. Matthew 25:37-40 (The Message)

Local Missions—On-going

The Bill Green Initiative Fund

Contact: Troy Simpson (803) 359-7770 ext. 41 or tsimpson@saxegotha.org

Chuck Haselden, Deacon

This fund will remain a separate entity as a giving opportunity to support ongoing mission needs. This initiative, set up by Session, will continue to meet the needs of individuals on the mission field; mission projects or ministries that help spread the Gospel. To date, \$4,582 has been contributed.

Cents for Sudan

Contact: Bill Andress (803) 951-3025 or bandress@ureach.net

Tammy Pearson, Deacon

Bring your collected change and help feed the children of Sudan. Persecution Project Foundation provides physical relief such as food, clothing, medicine, blankets, etc. while it spreads the gospel through Cents for Sudan to the Darfur refugees who have fled to northern parts of Southern Sudan. Buckets are placed in the Narthex and the reception area at the back of the church several Sundays throughout the year. www.persecutionproject.org

Friendship Dinners

Contact: Kathy Seymour (803) 920-7385 or kathyseymour@sc.rr.com

6 dinners per year (or bi-monthly)

Did you know ... 1 in 5 Americans suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year? Our church has been entertaining and serving a great meal, bi-monthly, to a large group of local mentally ill clients of the Lexington County Community Mental Health Department. The dinners are held in the Gym and we have between 80 and 100 folks who attend. Along with dinner, we provide a Christian message in the form of music, a devotional and fun activity. Volunteers are needed from 4-6:00 pm or 6-8:00 pm to set and decorate tables, serve drinks, cook and serve food, clean up dishes and clear tables when dinner is over. Volunteers are also encouraged to socialize and talk with our guests. Contact: Sylvia Howell to volunteer at 803-359-4929

Habitat for Humanity

Look for more information on the upcoming spring 2010 build in Lexington County.

Lexington Interfaith Community Services (LICS)

Contact: Ethelyn Dunovant (803) 892-4564

Kathy Seymour, Deacon

LICS, which is supported by churches of Lexington County, offers assistance to the needy with food, clothing, and finance. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. OR to have someone from LICS come to your class or small group, contact Jenny at 957-6656. LICS new location is located at 216 Harmon St. in Lexington. www.licssc.com

LICS Thrift Store: Saxe Gotha is scheduled to work in the Thrift Store at the sales desk on the first Friday every month. A team works for three hours either from 9-12 or 12-3. *Thrift Shop Needs:* Towels, Sheets, Kitchen Items, Baby Items, Furniture, Sporting Goods, Shoes, Large-sized Clothing, Men and Boy's Clothing.

LICS Food Pantry Donations: Donate food to help restock the shelves at LICS: Canned Soup, Canned Meat, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Peas, Pork & Beans, Fruit, Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Oatmeal, and Canned Pasta. You may drop off your donations at the 2 boxes located in the Narthex or the box located next to the Dining Area/Kitchen.

Meals on Wheels

Contact: Mary Knobeloch (803) 359-7770 x48 or (803) 957-0857 (h)

Paul Reeves, Deacon

Meals on Wheels is a service of the Lexington County Aging Commission. Well-balanced meals are delivered to the sick and elderly throughout the Lexington area at midday on Mondays through Fridays between 11 am – 12:30 pm. Delivery takes approximately 30 minutes per route. Volunteers can choose to deliver meals weekly or monthly.

ServeGrow

Local Missions—On-going

Samaritan's Well Shelter

Contact: Jane Buell (803) 808-4303 or janehbuell@yahoo.com

Bev Denny, Deacon

Would you be willing to run your errands and do ministry at the same time? The women of Samaritan's Well shelter are in need of transportation to and from their places of employment and could really use your help as they get back on their feet and rebuild their lives. A great ministry for women on the go or perhaps retirees who can lend a hand in helping those in need reach their destination.

www.christcentral.info

SisterCare

Contact: Stacey Rowlette, RN, BHA (803) 951-3834 or srowlette@sc.rr.com

The SisterCare Ministry at Saxe Gotha started with five women providing a meal to the West Columbia shelter every third Thursday of the month. The number of volunteers has since grown to over 80 volunteers. The women of Saxe Gotha provide hot meals every Monday and Thursday evening, special dinners on Mother's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meals are prepared in each member's home and delivered to the shelter by the group leader. Can you commit to providing one dish per month? www.sistercare.com

Scouting

Boy Scouts Troop #307

Contact: George Cannon (803) 359-3308

Todd Watson, Deacon

There have been 24 Eagles earned since the troop was originally chartered. Boys scout conduct an annual BBQ fundraiser to raise money for the troop along with popcorn sales.

Girl Scouts Troop #2228

Contact: Katrina Walker (803) 957-8048

Kathy Seymour, Deacon

The troop is lead by five Registered Girl Scout Leaders who have had at least 8 hours of training, sled check, CPR/first certified & background checks.

The groups consists of over 11 Daisy's (Kindergarten/1st grade); 14 Brownies (2nd/3rd grade); 9 Juniors (4th/5th grade); and Cadettes (6th/7th grade).

World Missions

Annual Missions Dinner

Held in March, we cleared over \$22,000.00 for use in foreign mission trips for youth and adults, supporting both Lacey Stanfield who leaves for Argentina this Sunday and our soon-to-depart Heather & Jeff Ladine to Sudan in January 2010.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Mission Trip: Houma, Louisiana

Join us on a cooperative venture with Forest Lake Presbyterian, Sept 27 - Oct 3, 2009 and then an additional opportunity hosted by Saxe Gotha Presbyterian, November 8 – 14, 2009. Both trips still have room for others to join! Cost is \$120.00 plus transportation costs. On June 21-27, SGPC sent a team of 6 adults to help continue hurricane relief efforts. **Contact Jeff Smith (803) 957-6980**

In 2009 we have sent mission teams to **Guatemala** where we served the children & residents at New Life Children's Home in Villa Nueva and our Youth served in **New Orleans, LA** helping with hurricane relief efforts.

2009 Mission Trip Opportunities to be announced soon!

Sudan Ministry of PCUSA

Do you have a desire to work for a just and lasting peace in Sudan? Work is done through the Trinity Sudan Ministry where we manage the Sudan advocacy operation of the PCUSA as we work for a just and lasting peace in Sudan. **Contact Bill Andress (803) 951-3025.**