

## Celebration of Ministries July 28, 2024 **Putting Love First!**



**Fair Booth Plea!** There is a desperate need for Fair Food Booth volunteers August 6th - 11th. **109 open shifts need to be filled!**

Every worker gets a free meal and piece of pie. Do you have family members, friends, or know of a group that would like to get involved? **Groups that need to fundraise are eligible for a portion of the profits if a certain number of shifts are filled.** Contact **Cara Lightfield** at **880-4891** or email [lightfieldc@gmail.com](mailto:lightfieldc@gmail.com) to sign up today!

### **Wanted: Socks & Underwear!!**

The *Gary Turbak Memorial* Back to School Clothing Project has been held at St. Paul Lutheran Church since 1987! Social agencies in Missoula are contacted for the names of needy families in the valley who have children ages 4-12. The families are invited to the church basement to the "store" where **new** clothes are arranged by size and gender. **Several churches including ours are collecting new socks and underwear during July. Drop items off at the cart found outside the office. Thanks!**

### **We have lots of fun making Sack Lunches! Join us!!**

Do you have a Saturday or two this summer to make sack lunches for the POV? To join the team, please contact: Carole Addis at [cjeanaddis51@gmail.com](mailto:cjeanaddis51@gmail.com) or Lorraine Carlson at [madamecarlson@gmail.com](mailto:madamecarlson@gmail.com)



### **Just One Week Until Your Fun-Night at the Fair!**

Be sure to sign up after church or call or email the church office **this week**. Tell us the night you plan to enjoy the sights and sounds (and food!) at the Western Montana Fair - **And** select your night to help clean the Methodist Burger (and homemade pie!) Booth at the conclusion of your Fun-Night. It's just an hour or so of clean up, starting about 10 pm, and you will go home knowing you've provided some welcome rest and relief for those hardworking booth workers who cook and serve during the long hot days.



The Fair starts on Tuesday, August 6 and goes through Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>. If you can't take a 10 pm cleaning shift one of those nights, you could sign up to be part of the Monday Morning After Clean up Crew on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Just find the sign up sheet in the Narthex after church or call the office, 9 to Noon, Mon - Thurs. (406-549-6118) or email: [fumcmissoula@gmail.com](mailto:fumcmissoula@gmail.com), and let us know which time slot you want to fill.

### ***New to FUMC? In July you can:***

- ✓ Take a shift at the fair booth in August - call Cara at 406-880-4891 or sign up in the Narthex.
- ✓ Sign up to be a volunteer for the Nursery - please call the office at 406-549-5118 to volunteer!

## Tzedakah Pocket Offers Hope

This month brought us a wide variety of requests for assistance. Help with storage unit costs was needed by some who are housed but can't stretch their current income far enough to cover storage unit costs and help was needed by those who have been recently non-renewed and need to put their belongings in storage while they search for new housing. We had a request for temporary lodging for a couple waiting for their new rental unit to be ready for them to move in and we have had quite a few requests for help with utility bills as financial assistance available during the fall and winter ends and renters face the need to pay more.

As you enjoy all the wonderful things summer has to offer, we just ask that you remember the Tzedakah Pocket when you can as well as all those who come to us for assistance. All who seek our help are grateful for your help and generosity. We can't predict when we will get assistance requests or how much will be needed to satisfy each request but we are here to help and, as always, we do as much as we can with what we have.

A recap of assistance provided by our church's Tzedakah Pocket ministry is shown below.



## *Tzedakah* Summary

2024 Donations: \$4,952.99

Assistance Paid	June 2024			Year - To - Date 2024		
	Amount	Fam.	Child.	Amount	Fam.	Child.
<i>Lodging</i>	\$ 118.00	1	0	\$ 2,606.23	12	7
<i>Rent/ Sec. Dep.</i>	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 1,510.00	7	10
<i>Other</i>	\$ 521.41	4	6	\$ 3,102.52	29	27
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>\$ 639.41</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$ 7,218.75</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>

We are getting so very close to completing our Congregational three year commitment in joining with St. Francis In the Foothills UMC to support Arizona Immigration Law and Justice Network in providing legal assistance to immigrants seeking asylum! Our recent figures show that we are only \$400 short of reaching our \$2,000 goal! Thank you so very much to all of you who have been able to help! In doing so, you may actually have helped to save lives of some very desperate and vulnerable people. I hope we are able to send a check very soon to our friends in Tucson who are assisting in the provision of Immigration Attorneys . If anyone is able to help towards this final \$400, it is much appreciated! Thank you to our wonderful Congregation! Gail Gilman

# Prayer List for July 28, 2024



- ◆ Prayers that Emily, who went missing while paddleboarding on Hungry Horse Reservoir will be located, and comfort for her family and friends in the meantime.
- ◆ Prayers for Julia T. and her husband who has been diagnosed with cancer as they navigate the process of applying to use new cancer treatments.
- ◆ Prayers that Project 2025 and the harm it would do to federal & union workers, civil & LGBTQ+ rights, education, balance of powers between the 3 branches of federal government, reproductive rights, climate change, and science will not be implemented.
- ◆ Prayers of joy that John T. traveled safely to Illinois and back despite cruise control issues and dense smoke obscuring the roadway at times.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Rev. Jim Dickinson, retired UMC pastor, who passed away.
- ◆ Prayers for everyone to stay healthy in this extreme heat.
- ◆ Prayers for a successful transition for Sue's sister Peggy as she moves to her new home in a care facility.
- ◆ Continued prayers that our District Superintendent Lynn's

husband Mark, is found unharmed.

- ◆ Prayers of peace for the war-torn regions of our world.
- ◆ Prayers for the safety of all those who don't have a way to be out of the heat and smoke.
- ◆ Quick containment of the Miller Peak Fire and other wildfires burning across Montana and in other states. Prayers for the protection and safety of all the wildland firefighting resources (on the ground and in the air) involved with management of these incidents.
- ◆ Prayers that all those who will be guiding and voting in the political races this fall will put aside ambition and listen to God's guidance and His wish that we do right by all people and the world He has given us.



*Lord in your Mercy...Hear our Prayers...*

**Please send your prayer requests in!** E-mail Kathie Snodgrass at [kathiewearsgreen@yahoo.com](mailto:kathiewearsgreen@yahoo.com) with your prayer requests. You can also email or call the office at 549-6118.