

OTHER OUTREACH PROGRAMS THROUGH FAITH

~MISSION PARTNERS~

African Mission Outreach - Faith has a very special relationship with the Masama Mboreny Lutheran parish in Moshi, Tanzania. The Family's financial support built their church and school buildings. We have provided supplies of non-prescription drugs, eyeglasses, and school supplies. Family members visited with them in 2000, and many people from the parish there have visited here.

Mission Partners – Faith is also blessed to have Grace St. Stephan's Community Church as our Mission Partner in the Ironbound section of Newark. We share resources and work in mutual ministry to further God's work here in New Jersey.

~FAITH NURSERY SCHOOL~

Faith Nursery School is presently entering its 22nd year and serves as an arm of the church's ministry and witness. Over 50 children ages 2 ½ - 5 attend this Christian-based school. All monies in excess of operating expense support the many outreach ministries of Faith Lutheran Church.

~ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)~

Faith serves as a home base to an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Group which meets at the church 6 days a week.

~ JUSTICE IN JANUARY ~

A group of "twentysomethings" from the family will travel to America's poorest city, Camden, New Jersey to share in servant ministry and to reflect on God's Word as an agent of change.

~FINANCIAL OUTREACH SUPPORT~

As a servant community, the Family of Faith continually seeks to share its financial gifts with those in need. Each year, the Family disperses over a third of its annual income to support outreach ministries in the local community, the State, and around the world. In the last year, we provided over \$367,000 of support for outreach ministries.

*The Family of Faith is blessed to have this wonderful time of
"New Beginnings"
to share the Gospel in our local community
and throughout the world.*



MINISTRY IN ACTION 2009-2010

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“The Family of Faith.” Yes, that is how we as God’s servants in New Providence describe ourselves. As a family we realize that in today’s world, too many of God’s children are often cut off, alone and neglected. Recognizing how we have been so richly blessed, we want to share our blessings with others in our community and beyond. To that end, we work as intentionally as we can to affirm our oneness in Christ and then seek to translate that message into ministry in action.

- **APPALACHIAN MINISTRY**

Each summer, a multigenerational group of family members heads south to Cosby, Tennessee to a place called Sunset Gap. During this week-long visit, the Family brings hope to those less fortunate through aid with housing projects and bringing the message to the children in the community through a full day Bible School and nutrition program.

Dates for the Next Trip: July 4 – 10, 2010

- **ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS (ARC)**

In 2003, the Family in conjunction with the ARC of Union County remodeled a local, residential home for a group of developmentally disabled individuals. The Family continues to provide regular support to the residents through assistance with lawn and maintenance projects as well as social visits and game nights.

- **BROADWAY HOUSE**

Members of the Family provide support to AIDS patients living at Broadway House in Newark, NJ. The Family’s volunteers provide support through visitation and participation in recreational activities. All family members can provide support by sending greeting cards to patients and through various item collections.

Visits are usually on Tuesday mornings, twice a month.

- **BACK TO BASICS BACKPACK DRIVE**

Members of the Family collect backpacks filled with necessary school supplies for those in need. They are distributed to children in the Plainfield school system and the local area through the Community Service Association of New Providence as well as through our urban mission partner in Newark.

June 6 – September 5, 2010

- **CHRISTMAS SHARING TREE**

This is an opportunity for the family to share gifts with those less fortunate. Each year we receive over 150 requests from a variety of organizations ranging from local chapters of the ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens), to those with physical disabilities at the Cheshire Home in Florham Park, and to intercity schools and other churches. A tree is trimmed at the church with tags for each individual indicating the individual’s age and gift preferences. Family members purchase and wrap the gifts for distribution to these worthy organizations.

Dates for the Sharing Tree: November 8 – December 6, 2009

- **COAT DRIVE**

Each fall, the family collects coats for the Market Street Mission in Morristown, New Jersey. The coats are distributed to homeless and needy men, women, and children. Each year we collect approximately 200 coats.

Dates for the Coat Collection: September 6—October 25, 2009

- **CROP WALK**

CROP Walks are the main fund-raising effort of the Church World Service (CWS), a relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry. CROP Walks take place in over 2,000 communities across the United States. The funds raised help to stop hunger around the world. One quarter of all funds raised go to St. John’s Soup Kitchen in Newark, New Jersey.

Date for the CROP Walk: October 18, 2009

- **FOOD DRIVES**

Each year the Family oversees a major community food drive in the fall. Partnering with the area Boy Scouts, the Community Association of New Providence, and over 150 volunteers from Faith and other community groups, more than \$40,000 in non-perishable food is sorted, packed, and transported. The food is distributed to those in need through the Starfish Interfaith Pantry in Plainfield and through the Community Service Association of New Providence. A Spring Food Drive is conducted to support St. John’s Newark Soup Kitchen needs during the summer months.

Dates for Fall Food Drive are: Food Collection – October 25 - November 21, 2009

Pack & Sort – November 21, 2009 and Food Transport – November 28, 2009

Dates for the Spring Food Drive are: April 25 – June 6, 2010

- **GREEN TEAM**

Share in our environmental ministry as we work at the Fanwood/Scotch Plains Recycling Center and various other projects.

Recycling dates: Fall 2009 and Spring 2010

- **HOMELESS HOSPITALITY**

For 20 years, the Family of Faith in conjunction with the Interfaith Homeless Hospitality Program has provided shelter for folks who have lost their housing. Our church facilities serve as home to those in need for one week, four times a year. The family volunteers to prepare meals for our guests, stay overnight, shop, bake, set up and clean up. We offer our guests clothing as needed and provide those who are moving into more permanent living facilities with household staples/groceries and furnishings.

Dates for Hospitality Ministry: August 23-30 October 18-25, 2009
January 10-17, 2010

- **HOUSING MINISTRY**

The Family responds to housing needs through participation in the national Habitat for Humanity program. A number of houses have been built, refurbished, and painted through this ministry. Additionally, the Family remodeled an ARC Group Home in the community for those with developmental disabilities.

Dates: Most Fridays

- **INFANT CAR SEAT INSPECTION**

Safety inspections for infant car seats are conducted at Faith by members of the Union County Police Department.

Date: November 6, 2009

- **KNIT, PURL & PRAY**

Family members meet informally during the year to knit and/or crochet items for those in need. Most recently, the group made lap blankets for the residents of Broadway House and items for distribution at St. John’s Soup Kitchen.

On-going

- **PEDALS FOR PROGRESS**

Each year, the Family collects and ships approximately 100 used bicycles and sporting equipment to third world countries.

Date: May 2010

- **SOUP KITCHEN**

For the past 20+ years, Faith has been a lead provider of food, cooks, and servers to St. John’s Roman Catholic Church Soup Kitchen in Newark, New Jersey. Each month a crew from the Family goes on site to prepare and serve approximately 400-450 meals to those in need.

Dates for Soup Kitchen: The Second Saturday of each Month