

DESERT CHAPEL United Methodist Church
Apache Junction, Arizona

OUTREACH & MISSIONS UPDATE NOVEMBER 2020

Where do we stand in the age of Covid-19?

A Request for Volunteers – A Call to Disciples

Requests for volunteers are made by someone who needs help with something.

This is just such a list of requests for help with Desert Chapel's missions!

But remember volunteering should not be a burden; it should be a joy that enriches your life.

So, if anything listed here interests you, please call me!



United Methodists are called to be disciples and to make disciples.

This calling is both personal and persistent! It will return again and again until it is heeded.

Do any of these requests reach out and grab your heart, and just will not let go?

Are they God's call to you? If so, call me!

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Together, at Desert Chapel, we will follow Jesus; we will be His disciples making disciples.

OUTREACH

One

We will make our declaration: Desert Chapel is an "Open and Welcoming" Congregation.

We will develop and print **Open & Welcoming** brochures and posters for:

- A Our tenants and campus visitors
- B Our Community Feast meals and Clothing Closet shopping bags.
- C The Chamber of Commerce

Two

We will transform our courtyard into a welcoming Community Gathering Place

- A We will develop a **Courtyard Landscape Plan**
- B We will produce a **Courtyard Memorials Catalog.** All items needed to complete the transformation will be listed, with prices, for members and friends to buy as memorials
- C We will create regular gatherings in the transformed courtyard

ALL MISSIONS

Three

We will prepare a Missions Plan for 2021

- A Lead and/or participate in a 1-time Missions Focus Group
- B Lead and/or participate in periodic Mission's Strategies Group

Four

We will develop a Missions Financial Report

- A Prepare a monthly report that identifies income and expenditures (by whom, for what), and balance-on-hand for each Designated Fund

Five

We will install a Missions Information Board in the sanctuary

- A Prepare, print and stock a flyer for each mission on the Information Board

MISSIONS: JUST OUTSIDE OUR DOORS (JOOD)

Six

QUILTERS

The Desert Chapel Quilters are welcoming new members now!

Welcomed Donations
Quilting materials

Seven

THE BLESSING BOX

We welcome food donations and we replenish The Blessing Box every day.

Welcomed Donations
Non-perishable food

Eight

THE CLOTHING CLOSET

Clothing Closet needs people to welcome and assist our 'shoppers' in our 3-room (Men, Women, Children) Clothing Closet: **Saturdays 1 pm-3 pm**

Welcomed Donations
Men & Women's Clothing
Children's Clothing & Toys
Personal Care Products
First Aid & Hygiene Products
Laundry Soap
Toilet Paper

Nine

COMMUNITY FEAST

Community Feast needs people to:

- A Prepare publicity materials
- B Recruit, schedule and organize volunteers from the congregation and from the participants
- C Pick up food donations **Wednesdays & Fridays**
- D Prepare and serve the Community Feast

Saturdays

10 am - 12 noon – food preparation

2 pm – 5 pm – food preparation and serving

4 pm – 6 pm – clean up

Welcomed donations

Food for large-quantity cooking

MISSIONS: IN OUR COMMUNITY

Ten

AVALON SCHOOL THANKSGIVING DINNERS

This year we will collect and assemble all the traditional 'fixings' for 50 Thanksgiving dinners for families of Avalon School students.

- A** We will **solicit food donations** from 20 food stores in Apache Junction for the Thanksgiving dinner 'fixings'
- B** We will **update the congregation** every week on our progress
- C** November 21, 22 and 23 we will **assemble and deliver** Thanksgiving dinner boxes to Avalon School

Welcomed Donations

'Fixings' for 50 Thanksgiving Dinners

MISSIONS INTERRUPTED BY COVID-19

Twelve

APACHE JUNCTION HEALTH CTR

This is a nursing home on Southern Avenue. Desert Chapel members conducted a service there once a month until the Covid-19 shutdown.

Is there anyone in our congregation who would like to join this ministry when the AJ Health Center re-opens?

Thirteen

SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR OLDER GAY MEN OF APACHE JUNCTION AND EAST MESA

The start-up of this mission was delayed by Covid-19

Is there anyone in our congregation who has an interest in developing or participating in this mission for Desert Chapel?

Eleven

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CAAFA CHILDREN

For our December mission, we will purchase Christmas gifts especially desired by and requested for children who are sheltered at Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAAFA) over the holiday season

Welcomed Donations

Christmas gifts to fulfill the wishes of children sheltered at CAAFA

Fourteen

GRIEF COUNSELING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

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Fifteen

WINTER RESIDENTS OF APACHE JUNCTION

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MISSIONS: INTO ALL THE WORLD

Sixteen

COUPONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES SERVING OVERSEAS

We clip, save and deliver shopping coupons to the VFW. The VFW arranges for them to be transported overseas where they are distributed to military families for discount shopping at their base exchanges

Welcomed Donations
Shopping Coupons

Seventeen

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

<https://www.umcmmission.org/umcor>

is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The UMC. It assists United Methodists and churches to directly minister to people in need around the world.

Eighteen

Heifer Project International

<https://www.heifer.org/>

initially gave heifers to farmers around the world; now works in 21 countries to help farmers to improve the quantity and quality of the goods they produce and to increase sales and incomes.

Nineteen

United Methodist Outreach Ministries (UMOM)

<https://umom.org/history/>

This is a Phoenix-based, Arizona non-profit incorporated urban ministry focusing on people without homes.

Is there anyone or any group in our congregation interested in exploring our mission opportunities with these organizations?

WE ARE DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



JUST OUTSIDE OUR DOORS



INTO OUR COMMUNITY



INTO ALL THE WORLD

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