

Making “Blessing Bags”

by Mindy Smith UMW President

At our last UMW Indiana Annual Celebration they offered a Hands on Mission Opportunity of Making “Blessing Bags”. These are gallon baggies filled with a variety of items. The Circle of Friendship decided we should create some Blessing Bags to send along to the Annual Celebration. So at our October Meeting we brought the items and filled the Bags and changed our minds!

Why send them to Indianapolis? We go to Richmond, we see the Homeless with their hands out. We go to Indianapolis and see them there too. Maybe you’ve seen them in Dayton or Cincinnati. Anywhere you might travel, so why not share our bags right at Hagerstown United Methodist. So next time you’re in the Big City, you don’t have to pray for the light to stay green longer enough for you to get by the Homeless person with their hand out. Or keep looking the other way when you didn’t make it through that light. You’re Ready, You’re Equipped! You’ve got that Blessing Bag from Church to put in that outstretched Hand! That’s the Back Story for “Blessing Bags. The Circle of Friendship will be passing out Sunday November 10th at the end of worship. Really like the idea! Want to copy it! Here’s the recipe!

Blessing Bags

- Toothbrush
- Small tube of toothpaste
 - Soap
 - Deodorant
- Travel size shampoo
 - Qtips
 - Comb
 - Razor
- Travel size of facial tissue
 - Bottle of Water
 - Granola bar
 - Beef jerky
- Small package of peanut butter crackers
 - Note of encouragement

Place these items in a gallon Baggie and you’re Ready to Bless someone.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Reports

Upon the recommendation of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Leadership Table at their September 24, 2019 meeting have approved the following:

- Family Ministry Director paid staff position will not be filled at this time.
- A voluntary Christian Ministry Coordinator position is being created and will be filled by Certified Lay Minister, Scott Sharp.
- Children, Tween and Teens programming will be as follows:
 - Nursery will be staffed by Sophie Foust with Stacy Herr's oversight
 - 3 year olds to 3rd grade during Sunday School facilitated by Carol Meyer, Lorna Peelle and Mindy Smith
 - K.I.D.S. during worship service facilitated by Stacy Herr
 - Tween Sunday School facilitated by Mark & Dreu Doerstler and Brad and Felicia Beeson
 - Teens Sunday School facilitated by Mark and Jen Linderman, Amy Zetzl and Erin Doerstler
 - Monthly Teen Youth Group facilitated by Mark Linderman with help from Jen Linderman, Erin Doerstler and Amy Zetzl.

Feel free to contact any of the SPRC committee members: Pastor John, Don Sturgeon, Jean Dilley, Amy Zetzl, Donna Winters and Steve Cox SPRC Chair.



80+ & 90+

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The Hagerstown Fellowship of Christian Athletes is joining with the Christian Church to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and we would like our church to be part of it as well. Sunday, November 10th at 3 p.m. in the Christian Church. See You There!

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