

Not Good Works, But God's Work

John Wesley

The 18th century English theologian, Arthur P. Stanley said, "the true calling of a Christian is not to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way. On Sunday, March 13, our Service and Outreach Day, we did indeed act in an extraordinary way – we closed our Church's doors for regular morning Service, formed teams and went about doing ordinary things.

Approximately 80 members (adults and children) formed 6 teams. The teams went to the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen where they prepared and served a meal to the homeless, St. Vincent DePaul Shelter to hold a Service with instrumental music, singing and prayer with the homeless (we also brought diapers, clothing and toiletries), Naugatuck Food Bank where foods collected from neighborhoods were stocked (we collected over 180 bags of groceries), Local Nursing Homes and Shut-Ins, where our members visited and brought joy and hand made greetings from our Sunday School children, Home Care and repair for elderly and shut-in members and a team prepared and served church lunch to community disadvantaged families.

At the end of our day of service, we shared a potluck meal, our excitement and our thoughts from the days' events. We agreed that we surly felt the Spirit of God in the places we visited and in the people we met. It was a rewarding and heart-warming day. We pray that we brought aid and comfort to our neighbors in need. If you missed the Outreach this time, please plan on joining us for the next one.

A special thank you to Kurt Johansen's Boy Scouts for helping out with the neighborhood food collections. They were focused and willing workers and did a terrific job.

Thank you to our team leaders who did a super job of planning activities for their teams and for working as a team: Linnea Behlman, Chris Herb, Jeff Hunt, Kurt

Johansen, Ruth Lilback, Elma Solomon and Marion Zirolli.

And most of all thank you to Pastor Steven for his leadership and spiritual guidance, and to all of you for your dedication to Jesus' teachings and faith in our mission. Well done....

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's loves abide in him?"

Peace and Blessings,
Missions and Outreach
Ethel Grant, Chairperson

Thoughts and Thanks from One Member

On March 13th Mission and Outreach Day

On this special day, the whole church was involved in some way. I was one of the lucky people who received the benefits of this day...My mother and I had an air conditioner taken out of her bedroom window and taken away...Jeff Hunt fixed my front door handle, which was loose, and he was able to make it tighter. He also fixed and replaced parts on both storm doors. Then Bill Carrington put my showerhead back up with a bi-valve, so that I could use the hand held shower hose. Rob Petro, who with Bill's help moved my TV stand, giving me more room in my living room. Tom Garrison took my older TV out of my house. (It had been sitting on my living room floor for a year.) Rob also took out an old air purifier that need to be junked.

I feel that a simple thank you is not nearly enough. I am really thankful for the way "God's Angels" do things for those of us who are in need. God Bless all of you who gave your services to others on that special day. Peace be with you always.

Karen Monaco