

Outreach Ministry

“And he said to them, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

– Matthew 22: 37-38

At the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, we are prayerfully seeking for ways that our parish can love our neighbors and share the truth of God’s love with our community in outreach.

Our outreach ministry is growing.

Beans and Rice

As we are thankful for the food we eat, we believe that our neighbors, whom we love, should also be able to give thanks.

The recent economic difficulties have left many people jobless and struggling to keep food on the table for their families. Once a month, our Parish is able to give a grocery bag of food, with beans, rice, and assorted donated foods to as many families in our community as we are able. Currently, we are able to provide for around 30 to 40 families each month.

All of the food we provide to families in need is provided by the generous donations food and money from of our members and from our “Beans and Rice” partners around the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama.

Please find our “Basket of Thanks” in the Narthex each Sunday for your food donations; and please join us on the Third Sunday of each month, as we meet our neighbors – and provide our gifts to them in love.

Our Beans and Rice ministry meets every 3rd Saturday of each month to give food and gather in fellowship.

Angel Tree Ministry

As we are thankful for gifts to share with our family and children, we believe that our neighbors, whom we love, should also be able to give thanks.

As the Advent season arrives, keep watch for our Christmas tree and the white angel ornaments on its branches. These ornaments include the names of children, who have incarcerated parents, and a small list of gifts which they have wished for this Christmas. These names and lists are provided to our church by the greater Angel Tree Ministry.

The ‘angel’ in this ministry is you. Once we receive the Angel Tree children assigned for our church, it is our members that lovingly donate gifts of toys and clothing, to make sure that the light of Christian love is not lost from a child’s Christmas morning.

School Supplies

As we are thankful for opportunity our children have to learn and prepare for their future; we believe that our neighbors, whom we love, should also be able to give thanks.

In our local public schools, many children go to school every day without the supplies they need to participate fully in their education. Common supplies such as pencils, notebooks, folders, among others; cannot be afforded for children whose parents are struggling to keep their family fed, and in a home.

Our church collects these supplies, and provides them to teachers at local schools to give to their students.

Although this ministry primarily takes place in August, we continue to provide these gifts to our local partners as they are provided to the Outreach Ministry at Holy Spirit.

Please bring your gifts on a Sunday morning, and place them in the “Basket of Thanks”.

How you can love your neighbor:

- Remember families in need and donate food each Sunday morning
- Remember children without supplies and donate school supplies for local schools
- Be an angel this Christmas and supply gifts for a child in the Angel Tree Ministry
- Turn in your aluminum and tin cans to help raise funds to support Holy Spirit Outreach
- Get involved with the Outreach Ministry at Holy Spirit by contacting one of our Ministry leaders.

Holy Spirit Outreach Ministry leaders:

- Linda Wade (bee747@bellsouth.net)
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- Pam Leonard (pamk1974@gmail.com)

Support Holy Spirit Outreach at our Silent Auction and Cabaret! Friday, October 7th

**Silent Auction Bidding starts at 6:30pm
Musical Entertainment in the Nave at 7:30pm
We are requesting all guests to bring a Canned
Good donation to support our food pantry.**