

Mission Committee Update!

It is the vision of the Mission Committee to provide opportunities to all congregation members to reach beyond the doors of the church, to go into the streets to be a healing and reconciling follower of Christ, the Son of God. We are one body with many gifts, talents, and skills. No one of us can participate in all these opportunities; but the call is to each of us to keep alert to needs we see, to be strong and courageous in seeking solutions, doing all in love and with the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Family Promise Team: It is a joy to report that the first tentative date for hosting families in our church are May 8-15! **We need another volunteer coordinator; it is hard to fill Kathy White's shoes and heart!** A National Director is providing a required training on Monday, February 28, 6pm-9pm at United Lutheran Church in Manteca and Tuesday, March 1, 6pm-9pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church at 4910 Claremont Avenue, Stockton, CA 95207.



If you would like to be on the team to get ready, please contact Cheryl Hunt.



Food Pantry Team: This is an awesome team! We are now distributing healthy food, appropriate for different lifestyles to many neighborhood friends. You can help distribute food on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:00. If you have a vehicle and can help transport food, call the church office. We receive food from His Raft, Emergency Food Bank, Save Mart at Quail Lakes, Bread for Life, and the community.

If you would like to join the team, please contact Tola Eley.

Hospitality Team: We all want to welcome all to our church. However, it has become an overwhelming task to maintain our beautiful building and grounds. We are forming a team. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Hunt.

G2G Working Group: In January, Session approved partnering with other churches and non-profits in our community to endorse a Guns to Gardens event. These events help provide healing for the family and friends of victims of gun violence and provide a place to turn unwanted guns into garden tools



The next step is to invite more churches and individuals from our community to join the G2G Working Group to make an event happen. We have talked with two organizations and many individuals. Congregation members can help by recommending people who may be interested in transforming unwanted guns to tools.

The intention is to start with a small event. There are two ways that congregation members can help. **We need unwanted guns to dismantle.** It may be an inherited gun, or one used in suicide. It may be an unused gun where children, grandchildren, or elderly people are in the home. These guns can lead to unintentional shootings, or can be stolen and later used to harm others. **We are also looking for a person knowledgeable, comfortable, and experienced with guns to ensure a safe transfer of the guns.** Please give any ideas to Doug Hunt.