

# "The Servant's Heart"

MISSIONS AT FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

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Jesus said "for I was hungry and you gave me food...just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:35,40



## Blood Drive First Presbyterian Church

Stanton Hall  
300 - 36th Street  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Thursday, October 15, 2020  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



For an appointment visit: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
**Use sponsor code: FPVB NEW!** All blood donations are now tested for COVID-19 antibodies. The test results will be available within 7 to 10 days through our Red Cross Blood Donor App or on our donor portal at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Please sign-up today to help FPC to help the Red Cross save lives.

### YOU CAN HELP DURING TRYING TIMES

Unemployment benefits have been reduced or even run out for many people. The Coronavirus pandemic continues to afflict us. This has put extraordinary stress to feed themselves on many families. You can help in many ways but I highlight only two. First, our food pantry has been serving more people per week than we have fed in many years as we instituted our new partnership with Gethsemane Community Fellowship, a predominantly black congregation in downtown Norfolk. We need your donations of food items to keep sufficient inventory to meet this weekly need. We are also responding to requests from First Colonial H.S. and Virginia Beach Middle. The grocery shopping list was published in the last edition of this newsletter. Second, our neighbors at Eastern Shore Chapel have been serving up to 275 families every week with grocery items and fresh produce from the Farmers to Families program of the USDA. It needs volunteers to unload, pack and distribute this abundance of food. It is worthwhile work. I have worked two Saturdays; other members of FPC have also worked.

Editor

### FOOD PANTRY

We continue our partnership with Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church on Brambleton Ave. in Norfolk to feed hungry people. On September 3<sup>rd</sup> we made our fifth delivery of groceries to the church for delivery the same day to needy families with food insecurity issues. We have now reached fifty (50) families. Recipients are vetted by Gethsemane. If sufficient donations by members to our Food Pantry continue, we intend to continue this ministry.

Special thanks to Robin Branch who secured fresh meat and chicken from Kingdom Investing Outreach Center and Juaneé Hicklin who secured fresh produce and bread from Scott Memorial UMC for Gethsemane this week. A wonderful example of synergy among churches as we work together across denominations.



Director of Missions at Gethsemane church.

### OPEN LETTER TO FPC MEMBERS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTERN SHORE CHAPEL FOOD PANTRY FROM DIRECTOR KAY

I hope you're doing well! Things remain extremely busy here, and have gotten even busier over the last month with extra unemployment benefits running out. I am hoping you can put the word out to any of your folks who can spare a few hours. We haven't seen anyone from First Presbyterian recently. Maybe we wore everyone out!

The hours most needed are:

Thursdays from 11-4

Fridays from 10-5

Saturdays from 11-3 or 12-3.

Volunteers can stay the whole shift or just help for an hour or two. We've been at this for 22 weeks now and some of our folks have not had a break at all, so any help is welcome. My cell number is 757-323-7495 and my email is [koreilly@easternshorechapel.org](mailto:koreilly@easternshorechapel.org) for more information or to sign up to help.