The Servant’s Heart  
Missions at First Presbyterian Church

SPRING 2023 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Be doers of the word and not merely hearers. Doers who act. James 1:22, 25

BARBARA FORD MEMORIAL WORKDAY
APRIL 22, 2023

On April 22nd, from 9:30 until early afternoon, members and friends of FPC are invited to participate in a special project at Untamed Spirit’s Forward Motion Farm in Pungo in memory of Barbara Ford. Throughout her life, Barbara was an exemplar of service to others. We will honor her memory by assisting her daughter Barb, executive director of Untamed Spirit, in spring cleaning. This nonprofit serves special needs children and adults through equine assisted and psychological programs. We will lunch together in fellowship and learn more about Untamed Spirit from Barb. This non-profit was dear to Barbara. Details about registration and the schedule will follow via Realm. For now, save the date.

EASTERN SHORE CHAPEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Six days every week, Eastern Shore Chapel conducts Food Pantry operations during afternoons at the church on Laskin Road. This is the largest Food Pantry operation in the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia system. Volunteer opportunities include sorting food, shelving food, packing food and assisting people who arrive to “shop” for food that is displayed grocery store style. Since the beginning of the pandemic the Food Pantry has been serving more than 300 families every week. Food distribution occurs Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Food Bank and local grocery store deliveries occur Monday, Wednesday and Friday, when food is sorted, shelved, packed, etc. To learn more about this project or sign up to volunteer, click the link or cut and paste it into your browser https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1137020005516782045/false#/invitation.

CALLING ALL GARDNERS!
SPRING AND SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

The Nimmo Community Garden is a ministry of Nimmo United Methodist Church on Princess Anne Road south of the Oceanfront. They grow and harvest over 2,000 pounds of organic vegetables and fruit for the food insecure in our community annually. The garden has been in existence since 2009. Volunteers are the driving force in accomplishing the mission to share God’s love by growing and distributing fresh, organic fruits and vegetables to community members and by providing an opportunity for discipleship through service, education, and community.

The Garden is gearing up for the start of the growing season, which will culminate on Planting Day, May 6th. Most of the plants are grown from seedlings started in the greenhouse. Presently, the Garden has only one work group, which works on Friday mornings from 9:30–11:00am, weather permitting.

Visit the website www.nimmogarden.com to find a link to the volunteer information form and for more information.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER UPDATE

The 12,096 meals from our Rise Against Hunger food packing event on February 11, 2023 have been shipped. They have been aggregated with a container full of 285,120 meals from Rise’s Richmond warehouse. The meals will be received by its in-country partner, Salesian Missions, in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, the eastern half of the Pacific island of Timor.

JUST A THOUGHT

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” Elizabeth Andrew

For information about any of the ministries with whom we partner, contact Randy DuVall missions@firstpresvb.org