PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC
APPROVED CIRCLE SERVICE PROJECTS 2025 - 2026

Below is a list of previously approved and supported service projects for your consideration. Please **select one to three projects for our 2025-2026 year** and report your chosen project by October 15th on Form # 33.

The projects are grouped by their affiliation with First Presbyterian Church and the community. If your circle members wish to support a project that is not already supported by our church or not listed below, please bring your request to a PW Coordinating Team meeting. Thank you for your support.

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Circles have supported the following projects in recent years:

First Presbyterian Church Community Outreach Programs

For more information, contact Kathy Johnson at (919) 821-5750 ext.1001 or kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org.

Friendship Fund provides financial aid to those in the community who are in need of help with rent, utilities, work-related items, child care, food and other emergencies that arise for those living from paycheck to paycheck. This ministry is funded primarily through donations. *Circle can support with financial contributions.*

JobStart is a Dept. of Public Safety program that teaches job and life skills to incarcerated women preparing for their release from the Raleigh Correctional Center. This 16 week program is offered at First Presbyterian Church twice a year. It is one of five JobStart programs in the state, the only female program and the only one offered off a prison campus. *Circle members can support this program through mentoring these women, either during JobStart as JobStart graduates out in the community. Financial contributions will be used to support educational, housing and other critical needs. Please contact Jennifer Jackson at 919-448-4084 if you are interested in mentoring opportunities.*

Miriam's Basket provides scholarships for children in our FPC Child Development Center. *Circles can support with financial contributions.*

Fellowship of the Least Coin (Formerly Pennies for Hunger) is a program which provides meals for needy children at home and abroad. *Circles can collect change to support the program.*

Family Promise formerly Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN) is a housing ministry to homeless families. *Located at 903 Method Road, Raleigh 27606, Phone is 919-832-6024. Donations and/or providing a meal that is delivered to the families at their Method Road location.*

First Presbyterian Church, other Mission Projects

Bolivian Mission actively supports a school in Santa Cruz, the Eden School, through scholarships and other financial support, holiday gifts, and yearly trips by skilled professionals to provide medical services. *In addition, adult and children eyeglasses are being collected for their Vision Clinic. There is a special need for children's eyeglasses. A collection box is located in the first floor of the Stock Building. For more information, contact FPC member Bill Miller, (919) 325-1557.*

***Designed for Joy** is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization that provides women emerging from crisis situations with part time transitional employment and support. For more information go to learnmore@designedforjoy.com. Studio & Retail Shop location is 517 W. Cabarrus St. Ste. A, Raleigh, NC 27603. Phone is 919-977-0052.*

The Green Chair Project is a non-profit created to be a donation receptacle for your gently-used household furnishings that can be reused by those in need throughout our community. *The program needs donations of clean, gently-used household goods, financial contributions and volunteers. For more information contact us at 919-322-0474. Located at 1853 Capital Blvd, Raleigh.27604.*

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness. Habitat invites people to build houses together in partnership with families in need. *Volunteers from First Presbyterian may donate their time or talents. Volunteers may provide lunch (cold cuts/ drinks and dessert) for about 25 workers on a Saturday by contacting Kathy Johnson at (919) 821-5750 ext.1001 or kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org.*

Healing Transitions for Men and Women of Wake County is a rescue, recovery and rehabilitation facility for homeless women and men with alcohol and drug addictions. *Financial support and donations of personal items are appreciated. During the Christmas season church members knit warm hats and gloves for all residents, and donations of note books for journaling are needed as well.*

FPC Shares is a program that collects weekly food items to alleviate hunger by developing systems to recover, prepare and distribute wholesome, perishable food for the area's poor, hungry, undernourished and homeless. First church partners with 3 organizations to accomplish this.

Wake Relief- Volunteer opportunities to help carry food into building and help stock shelves. Address, 616 Tucker Street, Raleigh, 919-833-6400, ext. 225. Info@wakerelief.org.

Urban Ministries- Food, nutrition, healthcare, medicine, counseling, and a path home. Volunteer opportunities available, call 919-836-1642, 1390 Capital Boulevard, info@urbanmin.org.

Catholic Parrish Outreach -Volunteer opportunities available. Contact Terri Foley at 919-873-0245, 2013 Raleigh Boulevard, 10-1 P.M., Monday to Saturday. Their website is cporaleigh.org.

Loaves and Fishes is an after-school program for at-risk K-12 grade children at The New Hope Collaborative (St. Mark's Church on N. New Hope Road in Raleigh). *Circles have the opportunity to provide one meal for approximately 25 middle school students for one of their monthly dinner meetings. Also individuals can volunteer to be tutors, help children with daily home work, and when weather permits supervise outside activities It is a comprehensive after school program. Contact Loaves & Fishes for more information – (919) 332-8720, or their website lafchildren.org.*

Meals on Wheels is an organization that delivers mid-day meals to homebound. *Program needs financial support and volunteers to serve in a variety of ways. Many volunteer the same day once a month about 1.5 to 2 hours-pick up is at main location on Blair Drive or at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Kathy Johnson at (919) 821-5750 ext.1001 or kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org.*

Missionaries, Dan and Elizabeth Turk, serve in Madagascar through the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar's (FJKM) development branch as advisors to the environment and health departments. The FJKM believes Christian witness includes ministry to the physical and spiritual needs of people and care for all of God's creation. *Financial support is appreciated. For more information, contact Kathy Johnson at (919) 821-5750 ext.1001 or kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org.*

SAFEchild helps adults and children create nurturing environments free from abuse and neglect. *Program needs financial support and volunteers to serve in a variety of ways, such as mentoring new mothers, leading children's groups while parents attend classes or present Funny Tummy Feelings program to first-grade students in Wake Co. Schools. If you are interested in more information about volunteering please contact volunteer coordinator, Gina Bustle at 919-292-5661 or gbustle@safechild.org. Address is 864 W. Morgan Street, Raleigh.*

Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen serves a nourishing hot mid-day meal five days a week at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The food used comes from donations; community volunteers prepare and serve the meals. *Financial support and donations of needed items are appreciated.*

Diaper Train - The only diaper bank exclusively serving Wake County. 1812 Tillery Place , Suite 100, Raleigh 27604. Phone is 919-833-6400. Volunteer opportunities available. The diapers come for donations through church and civic groups. *Financial support and donation of diapers are appreciated.*

Inter-faith Food Shuttle Backpack Buddies collects monetary donations as well as individual-sized healthy food items to provide much needed nutrition for needy children. *For more information, please contact Abbey Riesett at (919) 250-0043.*

A Place at the Table is a downtown restaurant with a mission to provide restaurant meals to people at a price that they can afford. They also allow the poor to work in the restaurant to pay for the meal.

First Presbyterian Church, funds and other programs

Martha's Ministry Jan and Ray Denny conduct an amazing ministry keeping all in the congregation informed about all those in our congregation who are in need of prayers and our support with letters and cards. Every Friday they post new and updated information via email.

Arise Collectively (formerly Interfaith Prison Ministries) assists incarcerated women in their growth, particularly spiritually. *Financial support is appreciated as well as volunteer opportunities to mentor women. Please contact Jennifer Jackson at 919-448-4084. See more information on back addendum.*

New Baby Visitation Ministry – Volunteers are needed to visit families of new babies in the FPC congregation taking them a small gift/blanket provided by the church. This is an opportunity to make connections with church members.

Knot Just Knitting (formerly Prayer Shawl Ministry) - Prayer shawls knitted by FPC members can be shared with family and/or loved ones at times of bereavement, hospitalizations or surgery, and for special occasions such as marriage or birth of a child. Shawls are available through the church office or the Pastor's Assistant for Visitation**.** *Financial contributions, contributions of yarn and /or contributions of time/talent are much appreciated. For more information, contact FPC member, Edna Hensey 919-832-2739.*

Pride for Parents Store – *Each Christmas FPC participates in the Pride for Parents Store where families facing financial hardships can buy affordable toys, etc. for their children. Many times it is held in the FPC Outreach Center and volunteers are needed to help run the store. PW has also contributed to the store by purchasing new toys for the families. If you are interested in volunteering or purchasing toys for donation, please contact Kathy Johnson at (919) 821-5750 ext.1001 or kjohnson@fpcraleigh.org.*

Other Community Organizations *(financial support appreciated)*

The Women's Center of Wake County addresses the growing issues of homelessness for women with children and single women. 2200 New Bern Ave. Raleigh 27610. Phone 919-829-3711.

UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, Patient and Family Resource Center collects items to enhance the program assisting and supporting families. *Please contact Tina Shaban, RN, (919) 966-3097 or FPC member, Ginger Finley, (919) 834-9222 for more information about the programs and a wish list of needed items.*