

Social Ministry

The Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree will once again be in the narthex at the end of this month. We are highlighting three ministries again this year: Toys for Tri-Valley Haven, Open Heart Kitchen, and New packages of socks for the Youth Emergency Assistance Hostel (YEAH) in Berkeley.



Paper tags on the tree will designate each of the ministries by color. Directions will be available by the tree. Unwrapped new toys for the Tri-Valley Haven need to be in the Narthex by Sunday, December 7th so that they can be delivered by Santa on time. Toys may also be brought until December 16th... to be used for last minute requests.

If you would like to donate meals for Open Heart Kitchen (meals cost \$1.50) there will be designated tags on the tree. A basket will be by the tree for your gift. Open Heart Kitchen has a tradition of helping our Tri-Valley neighbors in need throughout the year by providing nutritious meals. Supported by hundreds of volunteers and financial contributions from the community, they are able to distribute 3,500 meals every week. Most of the guests are seniors and families with children struggling to make ends meet. You may, if you like, donate a paper bag with personal care items for Open Heart Kitchen guests. Suggestions for the gift bags will be by the tree.

New packages of socks for distribution to the YEAH ministry and others in need can be placed by the tree. Any type of socks are fine, but White Athletic socks have the most utilitarian usage.

The Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry also serves the working poor in our valley. Non-perishable food items are always needed.... Canned fruits and vegetables, Cereals, Canned meat, Macaroni and Cheese, Crackers, Pasta and Noodles, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Juice, Beans, and Jello. Please leave your donations in the Narthex.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank You to all who prepared shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Margaret Crabill, Roy Francies, John and Sheila Sanchaz, packed 198 boxes in cartons and delivered them to the Dublin collection site. Sonshine Enrichment Center Preschool also collected shoeboxes with us and turned in 55 themselves. This made the grand total of 253 shoe boxes from Trinity and Sonshine. The shoe boxes will be delivered to needy children around the world. Again thank you for your generosity.



Blanket and Warm Clothing Drive

A big **Thank You** to Ed Heuer and Tony Schuler who delivered the warm coats, clothes and blankets this year to *Casa de la Dignidad* in Livingston. This is a ministry to migrant farm workers in the community of Livingston, located in the Central Valley. Your donations are much appreciated by the people who receive them.

Food Pantry

Also **Many Thanks** to all who have so generously donated food for the Food Pantry. Your donations make it possible for us to have food to give to those who stop by the church and also take food to the Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry in Livermore. Thanks to George and Carol Withers who deliver the food to Livermore. Your donations are very much appreciated.