"God's work. Our hands."



LMLC Social Ministry Newsletter

April 2024



Who We Are & What We Do

Luther Memorial's Social Ministry Committee oversees the Benevolence Budget, organizes Change for Change, approves requests for the Good Shepherd Fund, and informs the congregation of ways to minister to those in need in our community.

Change for Change

Northside Presbyterian Free Meals Program

March's total was \$375 plus (not everything has been accounted for)

Stock the Pantries!!!

Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry

Peanut Butter / Jelly



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Always good comfort food.

Micah's Mini Pantry

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Deodorant, Shampoo, Liquid Hand Soap



These products are important to good health.

Donate!

You can donate to Change for Change or any Social Ministry charities LMLC supports by scanning one of the codes with your smart phone and designating where you want your money to go.



PayPal Scan Code



Venmo Scan Code

Change for Change for April - NRV Cares

NRV CARES is dedicated to protecting children and strengthening families. Services are available to all citizens living in the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, and the City of Radford. With the help of the New River Valley community, they strive to improve the lives of the smallest and most defenseless members of our society, while helping to support an environment where families can thrive.

There are three main program areas at NRV CARES:

- 1. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the New River Valley recruits and trains volunteers to provide advocacy for children who are involved in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court proceedings due to court-founded cases of abuse and/or neglect.
- 2. Our Parent Education program provides education and support for parents and caregivers throughout the New River Valley. Working with trained class facilitators, we offer programs such as Circle of Parents, Parenting through Separation and Divorce, and Parenting Young Children.
- 3. With our Community Education programs, NRV CARES aims to educate the community about the existence of child abuse and its traumatic effects, as well as to support children and families in the community.

Micah's Closet Update



Shopping for spring clothing for Eastern
Montgomery Elementary recipients was
conducted before Easter Sunday. We were able to
provide a week's worth of clothing for 28 children.
Thank you to all who contributed financial support

and all who shopped for the clothes. We couldn't do this without you. Thank you for your generosity for this project.

Halal Meat

Volunteers working at the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry concerned about the lack of Halal meat available for our Muslim Refugee families have contacted area churches asking for donations to fund this purchase. Luther Memorial will be donating \$600 to this fund. Meat is a huge expense for the food pantry so adding additional specialty meat was a concern; however, the Blacksburg Community recognized the need and has stepped up to help. For an easy description of Halal meat, checkout the following link: https://emirhalal.com/halal-meat/.