

What has Mission and Social Concerns been up to?

We have been a very busy team this summer and fall...

Good Neighbor Fund is up and running. In conjunction with the Clergy Council and other churches, we have interviewers! We have some funds to get us started and have applied for a grant and possibly another one. The Advent Choral Concert's loose offering will be benefitting the GNF. We have had one interview to date and anticipate more now that the message has been changed on the recorder and word is spreading again. **John Cook is chairing this project.**

The **Weekend Wellness** (Backpack Program) is up and running at the Primary School with 45 students benefitting to date. With Session's approval, we are using the cupboards in the basement kitchen to store the food and bags. Thank you to the Property Committee for installing locks for us.

So the last day of the school week the teachers will put the bags into the students backpacks for the weekend. We give the children 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, snacks and drinks with 1 family dinner. This program became too much for the Primary School to handle on their own, so we are becoming the people-power behind it.

The Weekend Wellness is funded by local business in the community, so we are just doing the shopping, bagging and delivery to school. Do you like to shop or are you willing to help with the bagging and delivery? We will need assistance and it will take only about 1 to 1-1/2 hours to do. **Contact Jan Taylor 597- 4293, as she is the coordinator for this program.**

Library Snack Program: We have provided snacks to the library for this fall for 2 days a week, as many children come in after school very hungry and always ask for food. Would you like to donate? Granola bars and juice boxes? **Sally Chase is chairing this program.**

If you are interested in helping with any of the above programs, we would love your help. There are so many different ways to help....

- shopping
- donations of food
- bagging w/delivery of food
- we need the plastic grocery bags

..... Just ask anyone on Mission & Social Concerns.

73 boxes of cereal for the Food Pantry..... THANK YOU SO MUCH, keep it up WPC!!!!