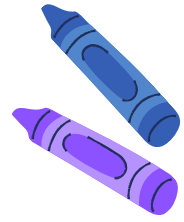


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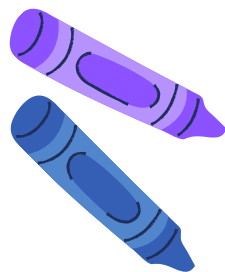
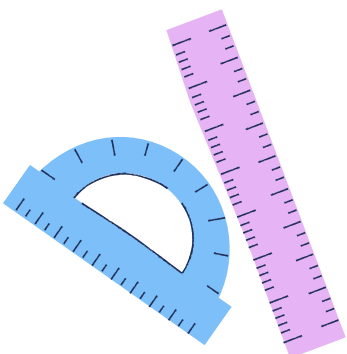
August - already? I am just getting my bones thawed out from winter! With August come the time to prepare for the start of another school year. This will be the first time in almost 3 years that the children will go back to school in person, no question. Many may still wear masks, and many are vaccinated which is the best thing they can do for their friends. Being able to attend school while still being safe from Covid is a truly wonderful thing. However, there is still danger surrounding schools, and our role as a church is to hold our children and teens in prayer.

It would be wonderful for us to take a bigger part of reaching out to Barnum Elementary. Barnum ranks 46 out of 108 Elementary Schools in Denver County, and 444th out of 1745 in the State of Colorado. About 95% of their students are low income, minorities. The school is proud of their language immersion program. Gelmarie Ortiz-Nieves is the principal, and Bethany Gensrich is the vice-principal. Their themes are Creativity, Love and Learn, Respect, Hospitality, Kindness.

This is important information as we reach out. There is a list of general supplies that they need in this newsletter. Let's see if we can't help our the children in our Barnum Community. Much like Martha and Mary; we worship and we work.

This is just one opportunity we have to show our Christian commitment.

Love, Pastor Denise



BACK TO SCHOOL



Extreme Community Makeover

ECM Work Day - Multiple Neighborhoods Mission

Extreme Community Makeover coordinates volunteer teams to partner with Denver residents to improve their own homes and neighborhoods. These projects build safer environments; cultivate community among residents, neighborhoods, and networks of local resource providers; and connect residents to a permanent path towards healthy, hopeful, and stable lives.

We Build Community Through Neighbors Like You.



Lectionary Readings

August 21, 2022

- Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Psalm 71:1-6
- Isaiah 58:9b-14
- Psalm 103:1-8
- Hebrews 12:18-29
- Luke 13:10-17

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- Jeremiah 2:4-13
- Psalm 81:1, 10-16
- Sirach 10:12-18
- Proverbs 25:6-7
- Psalm 112
- Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
- Luke 14:1, 7-14

August 7, 2022

- Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
- Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
- Genesis 15:1-6
- Psalm 33:12-22
- Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
- Luke 12:32-40

August 14, 2022

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
- Jeremiah 23:23-29
- Psalm 82
- Hebrews 11:29-12:2
- Luke 12:49-56

Liturgists

August 7, 2022

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August 14, 2022

Mary

August 21, 2022

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August 28, 2022

Lataine

An update on Community Ministry

This is who they are:

Mission

To meet the basic needs of individuals who are experiencing economic hardships and related problems.

Who we serve

The Food Pantry of Community Ministry is providing services to everyone. However, special programs are reserved for residents living in the 80204, 80219, 80223, 80236 and 80227 (Denver County) zip codes. Clients living outside these zip codes may be referred to other agencies in their area. The Clothing Bank has no boundary restrictions.

Hours

The Food Bank is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., and Wednesday evening 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. The Clothing Bank will have distributions on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the afternoon 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to closing to receive services.

Volunteer

Stocking, shopping, transporting, filing, marketing, listening, accounting, sorting, cleaning, writing, organizing, ... the list of opportunities is long. You are sure to be needed.

Host a Drive

Organize or help to host a food or clothing drive event at your organization or event in support of Community Ministry.

Food and Clothing Donations

Canned and boxed foods are always welcome during our regular hours, as well as clean children's clothing (please, no adult clothing, toys, or household items!). Want to start a food drive at your job? Ask us how we can help.

The Delores Project

The Delores Project partners with individuals experiencing barriers to housing to identify their path to stability. By providing shelter, housing, and supportive services, The Delores Project works alongside individuals as they overcome barriers and challenges.

In addition, The Delores Project community collaborates with other community leaders to ensure those who have experienced barriers to housing are represented on issues of public policy and community development.

HOSPITALITY AND WELCOME

The Delores Project believes in extending true hospitality to everyone who walks through our doors, helping them believe they are worthy of care and respect. Services are provided with as few requirements and barriers as possible. For example, guests at The

Delores Shelter are not required to present identification or immediately commit to a long term program. The Delores Project welcomes each individual as they are, with no immediate expectations that they must “fix” their lives as quickly as possible; people are not broken.

HOPE AND SELF-DETERMINATION

At the Delores Project, hope is held for people who have temporarily lost their capacity for confidence. Change comes differently for each person, and our guests and residents deserve a choice in planning for their future. The Delores Project programs work in

partnership with guests and residents as they identify their individual needs and goals. An individualized path to stability is then developed with each guest or resident and the staff provides the necessary support for the guest or resident to meet the milestones on their path. There is value in recognizing mistakes or poor choices as places to learn from and to move forward. Everyone deserves second, third and more chances to recover and reclaim their lives.

OUR PROGRAMS

Each year, The Delores Project serves nearly 450 individuals experiencing barriers to housing and provides 20,000 nights of shelter through the Emergency and Extended Stay shelter programs. To learn more about The Delores Project’s welcoming shelter programs and permanent supportive housing, please visit the programs page or download the 2021 Program Report.



Back To School Prayers

A prayer for children going to school.

Dear Jesus, you who promise to be with me always, I pray that you would be with me today as I go to school. Bless my going and my coming. Bless my learning and my playing. Please protect my heart from fear. Please keep me safe. Please give me good friends. Give me joy this day, and thank you for loving me from head to toe. In your name. Amen.

A prayer for high school and college students.

O Lord, you who promise to be with me always, be with me this day as I begin my schoolwork. Keep me in health, I pray, and keep me from harm. In all that I do and say, may I love you with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength, and may I love my neighbor as myself, so that I might fulfill your purposes for me and your calling on my life as a student. In Christ's name. Amen.

A prayer for parents.

O Lord, you who promise to guide us through the wilderness and to protect us through the storm, we ask that you would make us wise when we cannot clearly see the way forward, make us brave when we feel afraid, make us strong in the face of our weakness, and make possible what to us seems impossible, so that we might joyfully entrust ourselves and our children into your tender care in these trying and troubling times. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A prayer for teachers.

O Lord, you who are the Good Teacher, I ask that you would help me to love my students well this day and to be patient with things that don't go according to plan. May I help my students to feel afresh the wonder of our subject matter, to be humble in the face of ignorance, to be gracious with themselves in the light of mistakes that they may make, to delight in things newly discovered, and to love the truth with all their hearts and minds, so that they might be wise and compassionate citizens of this world that you so love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A prayer on behalf of teachers.

O Lord, you who have called and equipped the teachers in our community, we pray for them today. Watch over them, provide for them, guide them, sustain them. May you be their sun and shield, so that they might do the work that you have entrusted to them and sense your care in these uncertain times. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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