



Planting Day in the Community Garden



Upcoming Events

- Every Tues - Sort donations for Furnish a Future, 9:00-11:00 am
- Every Tues - Sort clothing donations at the ARC, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- 2nd Monday- Historical Society Mtg, 6:00 pm
Mundy House Annex
- New hours for Hills Chapel Food Pantry:
Sunday & Tues, 6 pm-8pm, Thursday 2pm-4pm
- 3rd Saturday, Music in the Park sponsored by Denver, RotaryClub, Rescue Park 6 pm
- May 12, 19-20 Ramp Builds, 9:00 am
Click Building and Repair box for info
- May 7 First Thursday Lunch, 11am-1pm
DUMC, Family Life Center
- May 9 Caregiver Support Group, 10-12:00
Pursuit Church, St James Rd
- May 15 Foster Parent Appreciation, Betty G Ross Park, Lincoln, 6:00-7:30 pm
- May 15-16 Knights of Columbus will collect donations outside the Denver Walmart to support the needs of teachers of challenged students
- May 16 Missional Network Community Fun Day, Tuckers Grove Campground
11 am - 2 pm, Volunteers needed: outreach@denverumc.org
- May 16 ARC Sunrise Shopping Day, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
- May 16 Historical Society Community Yard Sale, Mundy House Annex, 8:00 am
- May 29 ARC Community Shopping Day, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
- June 1 Helping Hands Meeting 10:30 am
- June 4 Sunrise Community Cookout and Wellness Fair, 5pm-7pm

Volunteer Opportunities and Ministry Updates

Click on the text box for details and contact information about each ministry.

The Advocate Mission will join DSS, in supporting foster parents at Betty G Ross Park on May 15th. [Click here](#) for more about the Advocate Mission.

Amy's Closet sells like-new clothing to support Amy's House. They are open Tues-Sat, 10:00 am with stores in Denver and Lincoln. Volunteer applications are available in the stores.

Amy's House Domestic Violence Shelter is looking for Volunteers. Contact Crystal, 828-301-5247 to volunteer. [Click here](#) for additional information about Amy's House.

The Asbury Resource Center (ARC) has been blessed with recent donations and a volunteer who will provide leadership at the West Lincoln location! Additional volunteers are needed during Community Shopping Days, May 16th and 19th from 9:00 - 2:30.

Backpacks for Kids supports 41 students. Their last packing day of the school year was yesterday. They will be offering food boxes for pick up monthly at Denver UMC over the summer to all families currently in the program. The needs often increase when school is out, so see the list of needs at the end of the newsletter.

LCS social workers, aka "Birdies", continue to identify opportunities to support families in the Lincoln County area affected by the rising cost of living.

Bridge of Love provides support to minorities facing social, economic, and cultural challenges. This new ministry has likely found a space from which to work and meet and with the Costa Rican Culture Corporation. They are looking to further engage with the Lincoln County Community, connecting needs with resources.

The Building and Repair Team completed a handicap ramp last month and are building 3 more in May, all large projects. To help with these ramps or to receive emails about future projects, [click here](#) to email Wally.

The Denver Community Garden is planted and produce will be given to food-insecure neighbors. It would be a pleasure to schedule your group to join us in the garden at your convenience. Contact outreach@denverumc.org.

Lincoln County Foster Care Program currently has 76 children in care and 32 foster homes. A Foster Care Appreciation event will take place May 15th. Volunteers are needed to entertain the children. Activities will be provided. Door prizes and raffle items are needed. Email amber.mayo@lincolncountync.gov for details. [Click this box](#) for more information about Fostering.

The Lake Norman Lions Club reminds us that they are available to provide vision screening to children 6 months through 7 years. Lazy Eye must be caught by 3 years old to be treatable. Contact Denzilbell@gmail.com for more info.

The final First Thursday Lunch of this school year will be May 7th. Volunteers are welcome, as are diners! All proceeds support local children. [Click here](#) for more information.

Fostering Grace provides essential supplies, encouragement, and support to foster families and are in need of size 4 and 5 diapers, Freezer Meals, gift cards and a location to meet. [Click this box](#) for details and how to help.



Last Backpacks for Kids Food Packing of the Season!

For where two or more are gathered in My name, there I am among you.
Matthew 18:20

Volunteer Opportunities and Ministry Updates (continued)

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Furnish a Future has logged 370 volunteer hours in 2026, receiving donations from 46 households, assisting 29 families, and distributing 42 beds, 14 in April! Volunteers are needed to pick up donations and to deliver them to struggling families and to assist in the depot. The Mission Depot is open Tues 9:00-11:00 am. Click this box for contact information.

Matthew 25 Ministry is taking a break. Please hold pill bottles for now! The ministry is still seeking donations to ship current bottles.

You could make all the difference to a struggling child. Children unable to read by the end of 2nd grade are likely to not complete high school. Those unable to read by the end of 3rd grade may be on the path toward incarceration as adults. Opportunities to mentor are available at many local schools. Click [here](#) to email Mary Repko to mentor a student at Rock Springs and [here](#), to email Bob Smith for Battleground's opportunities.

Gaston Community Action helps clients connect to local resources to help them gain or maintain employment. Volunteers can help by answering the phone and welcoming potential clients. Click [here](#) to email Cynthia for details.

Harbour Health supports families experiencing unexpected pregnancies. If you have an idea of a place the Mobile unit needs to be, click this box to contact them as they are open to suggestions. The Baby Bottle campaign is under way.

The Mission Response Center (MRC) in Terrell receives and distributes humanitarian aid items, serves as a depot for UMCOR, and offers staging for Disaster Response. Reed Thomas, its Director, wants to expand their mission to support local families/communities experiencing disasters like flooding and house fires. Volunteers are welcome! Click this box for details and Reed's contact information.

Hesed House of Hope Homeless Shelter will soon break ground on much anticipated transitional housing where residents will transition from temporary housing to a permanent place in the community. 160 volunteers logged 188 hours of service in April. Residents continue to look for service projects.

Moms & Munchkins and Sunrise Resource Center are gearing up for summer and need volunteers to help with tutoring, summer camps, and more! You are invited to the Community Cookout and Wellness fair on June 4th from 5pm- 7pm. All are welcome to join us at 118 Deaton Ave, Lincolnton. Bring food items to replenish the local food pantry if you are able to help. Click [here](#) to contact Lea for details.

Hill's Chapel's Free-Choice Food Pantry provides food for struggling neighbors every two weeks. They are open Sunday and Tuesday 6pm-8pm and Thursday 2-4pm. Donation needs are listed below.

The Lincoln County Room in the Inn ministry is making preparations for the late summer season. If you and/or your church are interested in being a part of this, click [here](#) to contact Denise for details.

Journey of Hope is a Christian non-profit ministry assisting the homeless with supplies, resources and advocacy. Click this box for Melissa's contact information.

Sipe's Orchard Home provides a home for 16-21 year old unhoused youth and guides them into becoming self-sufficient, contributing adults. Registration for summer camps is open. [Click here](#) for more information.

Lake Norman Food Mission at Denver Wesleyan is looking for volunteers on-site Sat mornings 8:30-noon and daily, 7:00-9:00 am, to pick up food, vehicle provided. Must be 18 and licensed to drive. Click this box for details.

Soul to Soul Outreach distributed 20 bikes during the Hope in Motion bicycle program. A small bike repair kit is given to each participant to keep. Donations for the Reading is Life! Mobile Library can be dropped off at the Cabella's Coffee shop. They are offering GED classes, as well. Click this box for contact information.

The Lakewood TV Project provides TV's and service to residents of Lakewood Care Center who are able to use the remote control but unable to afford this service on their own. Service for each TV is about \$190/year. Click this box for sponsorship information.

Current Donation Requests

Current Needs

Most items may be brought to DUMC
Monday-Thursday, 10:00am-3:00pm.

ASBURY RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

Funds for new socks and underwear

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Jelly in plastic jar/bottle
Vegetables
Small cereals and grits and oatmeal packets
Applesauce- cups or squeeze
Fruit cups
Snacks

BRIDGE OF LOVE

Latino foods - Long Grain White rice
Pueblo Lindo (dry) black beans
Instant corn masa
Corn and flour tortillas
Chili beans and black beans, canned

DSS FOSTER CARE

Gift baskets and other items \$25 or more for foster parents to receive during the Foster Care Appreciation Event

FOSTERING GRACE

Diapers size 4 & 5. Fast food and Walmart gift cards

FURNISH A FUTURE

Washers and Dryers
Lamps with white/off-white lamp shades
Chairs needed for small tables
Queen and full and twin mattresses

HESED HOUSE OF HOPE HOMELESS SHELTER

Always need snacks for check-in

HILL'S CHAPEL FREE-CHOICE FOOD PANTRY

Shelf stable food items

JOURNEY OF HOPE

Tuna and Chicken Salad Kits
Peanut butter crackers
Pudding cups
Cases of water

SOUL TO SOUL OUTREACH

Books for Mobile Library- drop box at Cabella's Coffee
Bicycles

Opportunities for Ministry Support

through Amazon or
Walmart Wish Lists

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Provides food for local children on weekends and school breaks, click [here](#).

DSS FOSTER CARE

Supports foster families with needed supplies - click [here](#).

FURNISH A FUTURE

Provides furniture and household goods for families starting over - For the Walmart list, click [here](#).

HARBOUR HEALTH (HEARTBEATS) WOMEN'S CENTER

Provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, and needed supplies for women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. For needed items, click [here](#).

HESED HOUSE OF HOPE HOMELESS SHELTER

The only homeless shelter in Lincoln County provides food, shelter, laundry, education, and more to otherwise unsheltered neighbors - click [here](#).

JOURNEY OF HOPE

Provides outreach, food/meals, blessing bags, financial assistance and budgeting guidance for unsheltered and others near homeless - click [here](#).

SOUL TO SOUL OUTREACH

Support Lincoln County's unhoused neighbors by providing blankets, laundry ministry, sleeping bags, toiletries and more - click [here](#).



Thank you to all the volunteers serving at the
Charlie Blackburn Memorial Golf Tournament!