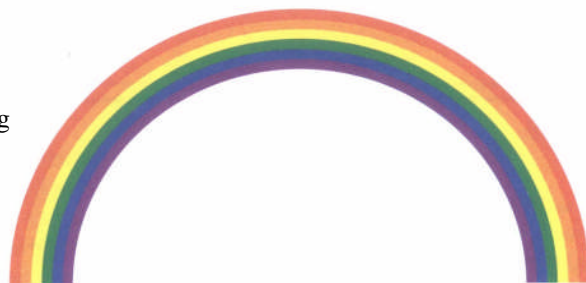


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The Good News



Christian Service prepares for Fund Raisers 2011



From the Desk of the Executive Director

Greetings,
Dear Friends of Christian Service,

2011 Poor Man's Supper and Annual Members Meeting

First United Methodist Church of Shreveport will host the 2011 Christian Service Program's Poor Man's Supper. The event will begin at 5:30 pm on **Sunday, November 20, 2011** and end at 6:30 pm.



Tom Pace
Chairman of the Board

This annual event is a fundraiser and a conscience raiser for concerned citizens regarding the plight of local people who are chronically hungry and homeless. The Poor Man's Supper is also the venue in which we present the annual Sister **Margaret McCaffrey Award**. This year two awards will be presented to both **Telesa Mitchell** and **First United Methodist Church Shreveport** for their significant contribution to the poor in our area.

This year's event will feature prayer, music and celebrity servers. The meal will consist of soup, bread and water.

Admission is \$5 per person. You can remove your ticket from this newsletter and present at the door. You can also pay at the door, You can get more details by calling the Christian Service Program at (318) 221-4857. For more information www.christianserviceprogram.org

On behalf of The Christian Service Program I would like to thank you for your generous support this pass year. Your commitment to helping the needy and underserved in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Each year Christian Service continues to advance its mission of housing the homeless and feeding the hungry. Through our programs Direct Care; Homeless Prevention, Herbert House, Mother Stewart House and Hospitality House we have seen many lives changed for the better.

In particular the Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-housing Program has enjoyed great success in the past year. Many families have been saved the hardship of eviction. We have had residents graduate from our transitional housing program and moved into independent living with savings, furniture and 3 months head start on their rent. We are really blessed this year because without you all this would not be possible.

The goal of the Christian Service Program is to continue to help make a difference to the persons who need us. With the help of donations from supporters such as you we will continue to see improvements in our endeavors.

Thanks again for your generous support in of our efforts, may God bless your giving.

Bro. Giovanni Reid, ofm



JoAnn Powell Enrolls in the Senior Employment Program

Jo Ann M. Powell was hired to work in the clothing store at *Christian Service Program* in September 2011. She says she found out about *Christian Service* through talking to another employee and friend of Christian Service, Freddie Dotson. From there, Jo Ann found our internet site, made a phone call and dropped by to inquire about how she could get involved.

Originally from Shreveport, Jo Ann, married at 18 and moved to Michigan with her husband. They lived there for 46 years. Ms Powell worked in retail sales and later for the charitable nonprofit organization *St Vincent de Paul*. She worked at the *St Vincent de Paul* clothing store and says she enjoyed that a lot.

Now Ms Powell is back in Shreveport. She rides the bus to work each day. She says she enjoys the company of her co-workers and likes the work she is doing at our *Christian Service* clothing store. There she assists with the intake and display of clothes which our program makes available to low income families at no cost.

Ms Powell says there is not one person with whom she does not get along well these days. She says now she is ready to put more of her ideas into action. We at *Christian Service* are happy to have her as a member of our clothing store staff.

Meet Ted Penn, a new addition to the Christian Service Team


Ted Penn, from Iowa, joined Christian Service Program as the Herbert House and Mother Stewart House supervisor in February 2011. Most recently, Ted has spent several years at an elementary school in western New Mexico as a religion teacher there. Ted had been to Christian Service in the mid 1990's and worked with Sister Margaret at that time. Now he is back here with us to share his insight and ideas.



Ted Penn

Ted likes to juggle as a hobby and he's quite skilled at it. You can see Ted on a reality show in the Spring of 2012. The Millennium Studios did a set with him this summer teaching a school age boy who dreams of juggling; the proper way to juggle.


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Texas Youth Group Paints Hospitality House



Peoples State Bank Donates Food to Hospitality House

On August 9, Peoples State Bank in Greenwood, Louisiana at 8360 West 70th St called us with a donation of freshly processed and frozen pork from a hunting expedition in Central Louisiana. James Tyler gratefully accepted the donation from Assistant Vice President **Jana R Freeman** on behalf of the Hospitality House.



Duncanville group travel to Shreveport for Service Project

Josh Fitzpatrick, of the First United Methodist Church in Duncanville, Texas, led a group of junior high school students in painting the Christian Service Hospitality House in July 2011. They were here for four days and completed the project on time. With them, they brought all the supplies necessary and even had enough man power and expertise to help Julia Austin our long time head cook at the Hospitality House, to fix the steps of her own house.

Julia Austin’s stairway in the front of her house, which is built on a hill and very much in need of repair, has been troublesome to her for many months. Being 81 years old she says it becomes a problem trying to manage. When the crew from Duncanville arrived they were able to not only paint the soup kitchen where Ms Julia works, but they also sent some carpentry experts over to construct for her a new stairway in the front of her residence. What a great blessing for Christian Service that youth group from Duncanville First United Methodist Church was to us over this last summer.



The Hospitality House

The honeycomb-yellow paint they used outside looks fantastic and is highlighted by a light blue on the railings outside. The color combination rightly gives the outside of the Hospitality House the appearance of freshness. Inside they used sea foam blue to enhance the feeling of the cool area since that space is a refuge from the elements and the heat during the hot summer months and is a cool place to enjoy a hot meal for those that would not otherwise be able to afford it.

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday	Saturday - Sunday
8:00a – 10:30a – Breakfast	8:00a – 10:30a - Breakfast
2:00p – 4:00p – Lunch	12:00p – 2:00p - Lunch



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REMINDER: The Christian Service Program Telethon will be broadcast on Sunday, December 11, 2011 from noon until 6 pm. Comcast Cable Channel 6 will air and sponsor this annual fundraiser for fighting hunger and homelessness in Shreveport and Bossier City.

Charitable Giving

You can help Christian Service in many ways with your support.

Leave a Legacy, through your will, life insurance, retirement plan charitable remainder trust, and other vehicles.

Gifts of stocks, bonds and mutual funds that have increased in value are good gifts. You can deduct the entire value from your taxable income to avoid capital gains tax.

Gifts in cash or by check are the most popular ways of making charitable gifts.

Movable property; a car or truck to help a family in need of transportation.

A charitable gift of annuity is a gift of cash, stock or some other security. In return for the gift, Christian Service pays you a fixed annual amount of money for the remainder of your life.

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I would like my money to be used for: Mother Stewart House ___ Hospitality House ___:
 Herbert House ___: Samaritan Homes ___: Direct Service to families ___.
 Learning Center ___.

I cannot give money at this time, but I will support the ministry with prayers ___.

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