

Outreach Ministries

Angel Food Ministry

Description of ministry: Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order.

Angel Food boxes have been referred to as "Blessings by the Box". It is both a bargain and a blessing. Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$31 per box. Each month's menu is different and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60. Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing from between \$42 and \$78. There are also specialty boxes offered such as steaks, chicken and pork.

Everyone Qualifies - There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions or applications.

Orders can be placed through the St. John's church office or by mail:

St. John's United Methodist Church
Attn: Angel Food Ministries
1432 16th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas 77590
Ways to Volunteer:

Orders are picked up at Gleanings from the Harvest - 624 4th Avenue North, Texas City, Texas

Helpful information: The menus are available in the newsletter and in the front of the church. The St. John's United Methodist Men group has offered to pick up and deliver food boxes for our elderly members who may be sick or shut in.

Contact person: Ingrid Clark (church office) 409-948-2466

Angel Tree Ministry

Description of ministry: During the Christmas season, we obtain names from local schools for children who are in need. We put stars on a Christmas tree with names and ages and what specific toy or article of clothing is needed. Members of the congregation take a star and purchase the gift.

Ways to Volunteer:

Contribute Cash

Take one of two stars from the tree and furnish gifts

****Volunteer to lead this project****

Volunteer to Deliver Gifts to the school district

Special skills or talents needed: None

Time commitment: Names are obtained early in November. Gift information needs to be placed on stars and set up the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Gifts are delivered in December before school vacation.

Contact person: Vicky Mills / (409) 771-6567 / kmills003@comcast.net

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Animal Alliance Ministry

Description of ministry: Provide assistance to the Animal Alliance - 608 Bayou Road, La Marque, TX 77568 (409) 933-1600.

WAYS TO HELP:

CONTRIBUTE:

Cash

Blankets

Towels

Paper Towels

Newspapers

VOLUNTEER:

Cuddle/Comfort Animals after surgery

Wash/Fold Laundry

Clean Cages

Special skills or talents needed: None

Time commitment: Whenever you have time

Contact person: Andy Lailhengue / (832) 309-9397 / ALailhengue@maximcrane.com

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Ashton Parke Care Assisted Living Bible Study and Sing-A-Long

Description of ministry: We provide a Bible study and sing-a-long at Ashton Parke Care Assisted Living at 210 Gulf Freeway in Texas City at the following times:

3rd Wednesday of the month starting September 15th

Ways to Volunteer:

Call Edna or Joyce to see where you can help

Special skills or talents needed: None

Time commitment: 3rd Wednesday of every month

Helpful information: There is a sign up sheet in the front of the church.

Contact person: Edna Day (409) 948-3673 or Joyce Shanks (409) 945-9172

Coat Drive Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Description of ministry: Each Thanksgiving, the churches in Texas City combine their efforts to serve Thanksgiving dinner for the community. In addition to offering a delicious dinner, coats and jackets are offered without cost to those persons who need them. Persons interested in this ministry understand that clean, warm clothes are necessary for those in our community who cannot afford them. The Men's group collects the coats, cleans them, and makes them available for the community during the dinner.

Special skills or talents needed: None

Time commitment: Flexible. Coats need to be sorted and cleaned.

Contact person: Andy Lailhengue / (832) 309-9397/ ALailhengue@maximcrane.com

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Description of ministry: Each Thanksgiving, the churches in Texas City combine their efforts to serve Thanksgiving dinner for the community. Even though we could not host the dinner last year, St. John's helped to organize and offer the dinner at the Fatima cafeteria. Persons interested in this ministry want to make a difference in their community by offering a delicious dinner for anyone who needs a great meal and warm fellowship. Persons interested in helping can do any or all of the following:

- Donate non-perishable food.
- Donate a frozen turkey.
- Help prepare food ahead of the dinner.
- Serve food, clean up, assist guests on Thursday.
- Deliver dinners to homebound.

Special skills or talents needed: None

Time commitment: Flexible. Time commitment depends on activity. On the day of the dinner, people work in shifts.

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Peggy Blizzard / 409-948-1192 / pegblizzard@yahoo.com

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Crisis Pregnancy Center

Description of ministry: Provide assistance to the ladies at the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Texas City.

Ways to Volunteer:

Contribute Cash

Contribute Diapers and Baby Wipes

Time commitment: Whenever you have time

Helpful information: Plastic Baby Bottles will be available at the front of the church for collecting coins. Even young children could take a baby bottle and start filling it with coins.

Contact person: Dianne Ho-Gland / (409) 945-4309 /d.hogland@yahoo.com

Hearthstone Assisted Living Worship Service

Description of ministry: We provide two worship services at Hearthstone Assisted Living at 1901 Amburn Lane in Texas City at the following times:

2nd Wednesday of every month 2:00 pm -3:00 pm

4th Wednesday of every month 10:00 am-11:30 am

Ways to Volunteer:

Call Edna or Joyce to see where you can help

Just show up on one of these days to sing, worship & fellowship

Time commitment: 2nd Wednesday every month - 1 hour

4th Wednesday of every month - 1 ½ hours

Helpful information: There is a sign up sheet in the front of the church.

Contact person: Edna Day (409) 948-3673 or Joyce Shanks (409) 945-9172

Laundry Ministry

Description of ministry: There are many reasons why a person might be washing and drying their clothes at a public laundry. Perhaps they live in apartments, perhaps they are far from home working in Texas City, or perhaps they don't have a working washer and dryer. Laundromats can be lonely, monotonous places. Persons interested in this ministry have a love for other people want to reach out to others with a small gift of love. Persons in this ministry distribute 3-in-1 Laundry Sheets and Quarters at local Laundromats.

Other ways to volunteer:

- Donate Purex 3-in-1 Laundry Sheets
- Donate Cash (especially quarters)

Time commitment: Whenever you have time

Contact person: Andy Lailhengue/832- 309-9397/ALailhengue@maximcrane.com

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Mainland Ministries

Description of ministry: Four different churches make up Mainland Ministries. Each church is responsible for serving a meal once a month to those that are in need of a good, hot meal and some Christian fellowship. Some are not as needy financially as others, but are lonely for someone to talk to. God told us to feed the spirit as well as the body. We truly feel we are making a difference in our community by sharing God's love with those less fortunate. We distribute an average of 120 sacks of food each month. Each sack contains staples such as rice, beans, canned vegetables and meat. Your generosity is what makes it possible for us to continue our service to God's people. There are several ways you can help with this ministry:

- Donate canned meat products each month when you come to communion.
- Volunteer to help prepare soup
- Volunteer to help serve
- Volunteer to present a devotional
- Pray daily for those less fortunate in our community

Special skills or talents needed: a generous heart

Time commitment:

- St. John's serves on the *first Saturday of every month.*
- The grocery bags are handed out on the *last Saturday of each month* and the ladies at First Presbyterian could always use help on that day, too.

Contact persons: Jan Viglini (409-945-3980/ JVIG2@aol.com)

Vicky Mills (409-771-6567/kmills003@comcast.net)

Sandwich Ministry

Description of ministry: Our sandwich ministry has not been active since Hurricane Ike. We are making plans to get it started again. Our church delivers sandwiches to those patients waiting to see doctors at UTMB. If they leave to go eat, they lose their place in line, so having a sack lunch makes it easier and faster for them to see a doctor. In each lunch, there is a sandwich, fruit or cookies and chips.

Ways you can participate:

- **Make 10 sandwiches on the First Tuesday of each month.**
- **Volunteer to deliver sandwiches to UTMB in Galveston** (This has been the biggest challenge finding people who are willing to drive to Galveston to take the lunches. You do not take them inside, someone from the clinic comes and loads them onto a cart and takes them inside for you.

Time commitment: First Tuesday of every month.

Contact persons: Jan Viglini (409-945-3980/ JVIIG2@aol.com)

Vicky Mills (409-771-6567/kmills003@comcast.net)

School Supply Ministry

Description of ministry: At the beginning of the school year, every child wants to start the year with new supplies. However, some families cannot afford to buy all the supplies necessary for their children. Persons involved in this ministry want to enable every child to start school with the supplies they need. School supplies collected are delivered to Texas City Schools.

Ways to Volunteer:

- Contribute Cash
- Collect school supplies (this can be done all year long but especially in August)
- Purchase Backpacks (watch for sales and purchase backpacks all year long)
- Help gather and distribute school supplies and backpacks in August

Special skills or talents needed: None

Time commitment: Whenever you have time

Contact person: Dianne Ho-Gland / (409) 945-4309 / d.hogland@yahoo.com