



"I will bless you...and you will be a blessing." *Genesis 12:2*

**JANUARY 2025**



# Roots & Rays

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

2025

### Count your blessings...

Many of us can remember sitting in a Sunday school classroom, singing with a teacher leading us in the familiar words: "Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings, see what God has done!" Maybe you were in a circle of folding chairs, clutching a construction paper craft, or sneaking a look at the snacks for later. Those simple lyrics taught us something profound: when we pause to notice the blessings in our lives, our hearts begin to change.

Through our third annual Service Challenge, we'll live out the call to bless others by taking part in service activities such as packing meals for the hungry, volunteering at local non-profits, offering friendship through a hot meal, preparing handmade items and tokens of love for those who need a lift, and much more. We hope you'll join us in taking the challenge!

## January

### 11 FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE 10am - 12pm, Newark Campus

Morning volunteer session at the Food Bank. Confirmation Class invited!

### 1pm - 3pm, Newark Campus

Afternoon volunteer session at the Food Bank. All are welcome.

### 13 FAITH, HOPE & LOVE QUILTERS 10am - 3pm, Fellowship Hall



The FH&L Quilters will be making pillowcases every Monday in January aided by the First Monday Quilters. Everyone with sewing skills is welcome and encouraged to join in the effort!

### EPIPHANY HOUSE DINNER

#### 5pm, Union St. Transitional House

Tag along with an experienced Friendship House volunteer to bring a meal to women in their transitional housing program.

## The Blessing of Friendship

### 12 SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10AM Sermon Series, Count Your Blessings

We welcome Kim Eppehimer from Friendship House of Delaware.

### BAGGED LUNCH ASSEMBLY FOR FH Following worship, Founders Hall

Help us assemble bagged lunches for Friendship House of Delaware to be distributed at their Empowerment Centers.



### COATS & COFFEE DRIVE KICKOFF Drop off, Founders Hall

Bring in new or gently used winter coats & coffee (sugar & powdered creamer welcome) for donation to FH Clothing Bank & Empowerment Centers.

### 14 CARE CHOIR 2pm, Brackenville Complete Care

Our Care Choir visits Brackenville residents to spread the joy of music.

### 15 FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE 1pm - 3pm, Newark Campus

Volunteer at the Food Bank with Red Clay at their Newark location.



# The Blessing of Family

## 19 SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10AM Sermon Series, *Count Your Blessings*

Blessed to be a Blessing, Genesis 12:1-3

Coffee from CDCA in Founders!

## BLOOD DRIVE 8am - 1pm, Founders Hall

Blood drive for Blood Bank of Delmarva. Appointments necessary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT

Children in Sunday school will be creating appreciation cards for their family.



## BOOK CLUB WITH PASTOR NATE 11:30am - 12:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Read along and discuss our Service Challenge book *Surprise the World* by Michael Frost.

## 20 MLK YOUTH SERVICE DAY 12:30pm - 2pm, Founders Hall

Youth are invited to a service day with packing Go Bags for Friendship House, games, & snacks. Grades 6-12 welcome!

## EPIPHANY HOUSE DINNER 5pm, Union St. Transitional House

Tag along with an experienced Friendship House volunteer to bring a meal to women in their transitional housing program.



## 22 BABY CARE PACKAGE ASSEMBLY 1pm, Fellowship Hall

Assemble & wrap items for our community baby care packages. 5-8 volunteers.

## MUSIC AT CADIA 2:30pm, Cadia Healthcare Pike Creek

Ben Andrews visits & performs for residents at Cadia to bring care through music.

## EPIPHANY HOUSE DINNER 5pm, Union St. Transitional House

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## 23 HOT LUNCH FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE 10am, FH Downtown Empowerment Center

Provide a hot lunch for Friendship House clients at the downtown Empowerment Center.

## 25 HUMANE ANIMAL PARTNERS 9:30am - 12pm, HAP Wilmington

Volunteer at HAP's Wilmington Campus to help our furry friends. 12 volunteers needed, kids welcome.

# The Blessing of Church

## 26 SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10AM Sermon Series, *Count Your Blessings*

Remember What God Has Done, Deuteronomy 6:1-12  
Join us for the **Annual Meeting** immediately following worship.

## MEETING GROUND CHILI 11:30am, Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Make chili to be brought to Meeting Ground the following day for those experiencing homelessness.

## VISIT COOKIE PROJECT After worship, Founders Hall

Brighten someone's day by delivering a pack of cookies along with a heartfelt card for someone on our Keep in Touch list.

## 28 STAFF SERVICE PROJECT- EDR 8am, Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Help prepare, deliver, & serve chili to Ministry of Caring's Emmanuel Dining Room.

# February



## 1 ABIGAIL FLOWERS CONCERT 7pm, Sanctuary

Renowned jazz vocalist Abigail Flowers is flying in from Music City, USA (Nashville, TN) to provide a breathtaking live music experience. She was recently voted "Best Jazz Vocalist" by the Nashville Industry Music Awards, and will be performing with jazz pianist extraordinaire Bill Alexson. Ben and Deena Andrews will also perform. Free admission- don't miss it!



# The Blessing of Abundance

**2 WORSHIP AT 10AM**  
**Sermon Series, The Blessing of Provision**  
The Blessing of Provision, 1 Kings 17:8-16  
Scout Sunday



**RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING**  
**After worship, Founders Hall**

Join us for our annual meal packing event where we'll pack close to 15,000 meals for people in need around the world. Kids, Scouts, & families welcome!

**8 FRIENDSHIP HOUSE CLOTHING BANK**  
**9am - 12pm, Clothing Bank, Jessup St.**  
Teens and Scouts welcome. Service hours will be provided.

## Donation CHECKLIST

♥ Winter coat (New or gently used)

♥ Coffee, sugar & creamer

♥ Baby Wipes

♥ Diapers (Sizes N & 1)

👉 For additional donation opportunities for Meeting Ground, Go Bags, Visit with Cookies & more, check out our Signup Genius sign-ups at [www.rccpc.org/serve](http://www.rccpc.org/serve)

## Take the CHALLENGE!



visit [www.rccpc.org/serve](http://www.rccpc.org/serve)

For details & sign-up links for all events visit our website.



Visit our Tree of Life mural in Founders Hall & hang your Service Challenge cards on the tree!



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