

## **MLK Day of Service – Hosted by St. Paul’s Baptist**

We learned this week of the opportunity to partner with St. Paul’s Baptist Church, the largest historically African-American congregation in West Chester, in their MLK Day of service. Opportunities listed below:

**Chester County Food Bank** distributes food to 120 member agencies across Chester County. Support is needed now, more than ever. Chester County Food Bank has created a safe way to donate much needed items. On Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm, anyone can safely give food donations. Chester County Food Bank, 650 Pennsylvania Drive, Exton, PA. 19341, will set up a tent in their front upper parking lot. **Most needed items include: Tomato products (no glass containers), pasta (all types), and canned proteins (tuna, chicken, salmon, ham and beans.)**

Please deposit your donation in the tent, you may pick up a donation receipt. Please consider taking a selfie post on social media or send to Lynn George (lgeorge@westminsterpc.org). **Remember to practice safety measures: face masks, social distancing and hand sanitizer in the event that other volunteers are arriving or leaving the area near the tent.**

**Good Samaritan Services of Chester and Lancaster County** is a transitional housing program for individuals and families throughout Chester and Lancaster County. Good Samaritan Services has served over 400 individuals this past year. The pandemic has added additional challenges for the families and staff of Good Samaritan Services. The office is located at 1516 Olive Street Coatesville, PA. Good Samaritan Services has created a way to safely donate much needed items on Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 9a-12p. When you arrive at Good Samaritan Services, staff will meet you and remove items from the trunk of your vehicle. You can also leave food donations on the front porch of the office. **Much needed items for Good Samaritan include: milk, eggs, yogurt and cheese, as well as diapers in assorted sizes and gift cards.**

In addition to these two projects, St. Paul’s will be hosting a **Children’s Story Hour** featuring two new books: [A New Alphabet for Humanity](#) by Leesa McGregor and [I Dream for You a World: A Covenant for Our Children](#) by Charisse Carney-Nunes. The children’s story hour will be on St. Paul’s Facebook page.

Finally, at noon St. Paul’s will host an **Interfaith Service** with community partners Beth Chaim Reform Congregation, The Islamic Society of Chester County, Kesher Israel Congregation and St. Paul’s Baptist Church. The interfaith service is via zoom. Anyone interested in attending the service via Zoom, please email Barb Drain in the office at [bdrain@westminsterpc.org](mailto:bdrain@westminsterpc.org).