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Hello GUMC Disciple,

I've witnessed a true outpouring of love in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. God is surely at work. God's work continues and never ceases. This is truly a time to be the church beyond the building. I want to highlight a few things happening. I want to invite you into the efforts of missional ministry and outreach!

Spirit Snacks for Tiger Tummys- REVISED

In 2019 GUMC launched a weekend backpack snack program called, "Spirit Snacks for Tiger Tummys." Every week we have been ensuring that every child on the free/reduced meal program at IB has food to help them through the weekend. If you are not aware, IB has a high ratio of students who are on the free/reduced meal program. That awareness broke our hearts. Our goal/prayer at GUMC is that no child goes hungry in our community. So, we did something! However, with the COVID-19 pandemic, families are under greater financial, emotional, spiritual, and mental stress.

This week GUMC decided to expand our program. Every week the school delivers meals to the students who are on the free/reduced meal program. The current total number of families is 62. In addition, we will be serving these 62 families with 'weekend snack sacks.' We are asking you to participate in this effort with us. We're now partnering with other churches in the Illini Bluffs School district to help. We expect to continue this partnership-program for as long as the COVID-19 school closures continue. GUMC, we can't do this without you. Ask yourself, **What Would Jesus Do!** Let's live our mission, "to be the church with a servant's heart." In this time of scarcity, remember that in Christ we have abundance. Jesus will provide.

Consider this an opportunity to 'adopt a family'. Talk with your family about what it means to help someone without getting a thank you, without a award, without recognition, or without the need to know who that family is. After all, isn't that a life like Christ looks like? I have attached a flyer with the shopping list and process for you below.

Here's how it works.

1. Start week: March 29.
2. We need snack sacks for 62 families.
3. 1 family/person from the church shops for 1 family snack sack.
 - a. The snack-sack list is below. Please use this list and don't add extra. We want to be fair to every family.
 - b. A sack is estimated to cost \$10.00 per family.
 - c. A church family/ individual is welcome to shop for more than one IB family.
4. Deliver your snack-sacks to Glasford UMC by 12 pm on Fridays. If the church is locked, a designated tote will be set out. A member will put the sacks in the church every night.
5. GUMC will deliver the 62 sacks to IB on Fridays at 2 pm.
6. IB bus drivers will deliver the sacks with the lunches on Mondays with their routes.
7. Repeat each week.

Sack list:

1. 1 box of spaghetti noodles
2. 1 jar of spaghetti sauce
3. 4 cans of soup
4. 6-10 ct granola bars (1 box)
5. 1 cereal box

Reporting your numbers

Please let our coordinator, Jacque, or I know how many IB snack sacks you and/or your family is willing to make each week.

In Christ,

Jacque Young, Certified Lay Servant

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