

SOCIAL CONCERNS – SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS 2010



- ◆ **February 23 – Thanksgiving in February** – Help the Hungry by Dining Out. Proceeds from participating restaurants go to local food banks (Damascus Help) see web site for listings.
- ◆ **March 13 & 14 – “Share in Hope”** - Food Drive to benefit the Capital Area Food Bank.
- ◆ **March 28 - Red Cross Blood Drive “Give the Gift of Life”** – To make an appt go on-line to <https://www.membersforlife.org/rccm/bdc/login.php> and provide your email address, date of birth, and sponsor code 15502. Contact: Kathleen Hughes 301-253-9541
- ◆ **April 9 – Damascus Senior Center Birthday Party** - Volunteers, especially home school youth are invited to help with the celebration. Contact: Sherrie Wade 301-253-2027
- ◆ **April 18 - Charity in Truth *Caritas in Veritate*** encyclical letter Benedict XVI, presented by Msgr. Ralph Kuehner 2 pm in the Church
- ◆ **April 24 - Rebuilding Together** - This year our home is in the Damascus community. Volunteering is a great opportunity to come together to help someone in need. Contact: Sherrie Wade 301-253-2027
- ◆ **May 8 – Relay for Life® Event at Damascus High School** - Participation honors cancer survivors, pays tribute to lives lost, and raises money to help fight cancer. Contact: RelayForLife.org or Claudia@damascusrelay.org
- ◆ **May 7 & 8 - Good As New Sale (Collection/Preparation May 2 thru 6)** - Donate clean usable clothes, household items & paper grocery bags. Weekday help needed to sort items, cashier help for Fri. & Sat. and cleanup help Sat. Also, please let us put a sign in your yard. Contact: Jane Thorne 301-831-7980
- ◆ **June – Babysitting Class** - For ages 11-16, will be held if eight boys/girls pre-register by June 1. A certificate of completion will be given. Class taught by Adventist Health Care Systems. Contact: Rectory 301-253-2027
- ◆ **Summer - Honduras Clinic Mission Trip** - Medical/lay persons are welcomed. Passport and immunizations required. Contact: Barbara Snyder 301-865- 5823
- ◆ **Volunteer for Faith Connections Inc.** - Free after-school program welcomes gently used games, puzzles, elementary age appropriate toys, and crafts to challenge the children and provide learning opportunities. Volunteers are most welcome. Contact: Jill Ochs jill@Faith-Connections.org or 240-994-8979.
- ◆ **Volunteer at the Marian Assisted Living** - Entertain residents and/or provide small gifts for bingo prizes. Contact: Sherrie Wade 301-253-2027
- ◆ **Cook a meal for the Dorothy Day Shelter** - Great opportunity for ministry or faith sharing groups to sign-up for one day a year. Dinners are needed for 20 ladies the 4th Tues. monthly. Contact: Sherrie Wade 301-253-2027
- ◆ **Volunteer with HOPE Ministry (Healing, Opportunity, Peace and Encouragement)** - Assist at funerals, send cards, phone or visit those who have experienced a loss. Kathy Grapski 301-253-5509
- ◆ **Volunteer at Saint Martin Soup Kitchen** - Saint Paul is responsible for the soup kitchen the 2nd Tuesday every month Oct thru June to cook, serve, cleanup and have lots of fun. Contact: Patti Hinkle 301-414-2359

Be sure to mark these days on your calendar....Support Saint Paul and the Damascus Community

“Effective social ministry helps the parish not only do more, but be more - more of a reflection of the gospel, more of a faithful community. It is an essential part of parish life.” (U.S. Catholic Bishops, Communities of Salt and Light)