Giving thanks and helping others are holiday priorities

St. John UMC

St. John's Methodist Women's luncheon is November 25.

Helping Hands meets every Monday at 3 p.m. to distribute lunch bags to the community. And, every other month at 4 p.m. they meet to provide pizza dinner to the community. The next pizza dinner is Sunday, November 26.

The next Wednesday evening meal is November 29. The menu is meatballs, rice and lemon pepper green beans.

The November food drive item is cereal for Hunger Free Holidays at the Caring Place. Look for the blue barrel in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Team Meeting at the Horizon House is 9:30 a.m., Monday, 216 East Tenth Street.

The church is located at 311 East University. Call 512-863-5886 for more information.

First Baptist

Dessert and a book review is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, November 28.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill

Collection boxes at the church entrance are for non-perishable food for the Jarrell Community Food Pantry.

The church is located at 8626 FM 1105 in Jarrell. Call 512-863-3020 for more information.

Antioch

Advent 2023 Bible Class is November 26 in small groups.

Thanksgiving Family Dinner is 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., November 26 at the Georgetown Community Center. The meal is potluck style. Drinks, turkey, ham and brisket will be provided. Email jess@ antiochgt.com or call 520-203-2857 for more information.

PALS Nursing Home Care at Park Place Health Care Center is 10:30-11:30 a.m., November 28.



By ELLEN GREENEY

Unity Georgetown

Tuesday, November 28 at 10 a.m. is the Book Club meeting at Lark and Owl, 205 West Sixth Street to discuss Conscious Dreaming by Robert Moss.

Faith Lutheran

The Poinsettia Sale is 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., November 26 in the Ministry Center.

The church is located at 4010 Williams Drive. Call 512-863-7332 for more information.

San Gabriel Presbyterian

A presentation by The Reverend Dr. Andy Dearman will provide historical and cultural data on the Gaza Strip, its Palestinian inhabitants and its connections to Israel. The church bulletin described the presentation thusly, while the names Gaza, Palestine and Israel have millennia of historical usage, this presentation will concentrate on more recent events. He is a recognized and celebrated expert on ancient Israel's culture and religion and has taught extensively on the history, past and current, of Israel, the Palestinians, Gaza, the West Bank, Hamas and Hezbollah.

The presentation is from 10 a.m. to noon, November 29 at 5404 Williams Drive. Call 512-868-0902 for more information.

The Worship Place

To help the Texas Baptist Children's Home, bring an unwrapped gift to either campus, 811 Sun City Boulevard or 375 County Road 245 prior to December 10.

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Anne Marshall

arlier this year, WHO helped raise over \$52,000 for Opportunities.

Williamson & Burnet Counties. Meals on Wheels at its annual WHO/Sun City fundraiser. Funds

benefit the Madella Hilliard Senior Center in Georgetown.

Dori Yeager — director of development for Opportunities, Williamson & Burnet Counties — called WHO this month to share good news.

The St. David's Foundation was so impressed with WHO's fundraising efforts that the organization decided to match the full amount raised. St. David initially planned a match up to \$45,000. This increase brings the combined total of funds from the event to \$105,000.

St. David's has contributed matching funds for this fundraiser since 2012.

The Madella Hilliard Senior Center kitchen serves Sun City and Georgetown clients. It is estimated that over 73,000 meals will be served from this kitchen by the end of 2023.

WHO sponsors ROCK

Several months ago, WHO volunteered to be the Raffle Basket Sponsor for Ride on Center for Kids' annual Cowgirl Bruncheon. which took place November 4. WHO's goal was to create 20 raffle baskets and generate \$10,000 from their sales.

Judy Blakely coordinated this effort and WHO's overachievers came through again. Twenty-five raffle baskets were created and approximately \$20,000 was raised for the event, which will go to support local nonprofits and projects.

Margaret McNinch's table, representing Sun City Neighborhood 56, was awarded one of the three best centerpieces for the event. The theme for the table centerpiece was "The American Woman" and was created by Elizabeth Brooks, Sandra Sumerlin, Margaret McNinch, WHO's Vice President Maria Tolleson, Barbara Smith, Regina Ide and Diane Smith.

Holiday Meals Delivered fundraising

As reported in WHO's October column in the *Sun*, the group has been planning and starting its fundraiser for Holiday Meals Delivered. The fundraisers are donating toiletries, cookie bakWHO members pack toiletries for holiday aift baas.

ing and packaging and gift cards for senior families.

WHO's initial goal for these fundraisers was to package 325 gallon bags with ample toiletries leftover for The Caring Place and Helping Hands: bake and package 700 dozen cookies; and 400 \$25 gift cards donated for the seniors.

At WHO's November meeting, the toiletries were packaged. WHO members had gathered toiletries throughout Sun City and brought them to the meeting to sort and put in gallon bags. It is amazing how much can be achieved when we work together.

Pat Scheuer and her amazing team were able to package 385 gallon bags; gave 380 pounds of toiletries to The Caring Place; and 69 pounds to Helping Hands. Again, the WHO Ladies exceeded their goal. Toiletries may seem like an unlikely item to give at Christmas, but the reality for some folks is that there may not be enough money to purchase these necessities.

On December 23 at the Atrium in Sun City, WHO is sponsoring its annual cookie baking and packaging event. WHO will showcase this event in their next article for the Sun. Donations are appreciated, please go to holidaymealsdeliveredinc.com.

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