



Families Serving Others with Joy!
We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19



In our homes...

- Helping with chores without being asked
- Praying for one another
- Asking for forgiveness from one another
- Little blessing gifts, not just on birthdays or holidays!
- Thank You God letters 😊

In our church...

[K-Station](#) One of the very best ways to serve others is telling them about Jesus! There are always opportunities for families to teach Sunday school together as well as these other ideas!

- Pray for the ministry as a whole!
- Playdough (homemade) for departments (1xmonth)
- Provide snacks to the Resource Room (as needed)
- Serve in the Nursery (when 100 is put up!) if kids are older.
- Craft prep in the Resource Room as needed (contact Kelley Pinzon)
- Vacation Bible School service.

Contact britton@ibc.church

[Immanuel's Hope](#) IBC's on-campus charitable mission is reopening to the community. Donations of seasonal clothing, bedding, towels, and small household items are needed and may be dropped off at Immanuel's Hope on Wednesdays from 12-4 pm, or anytime in the bin in the IBC Atrium. The Immanuel's Hope team is coming up with ways for families to serve! Contact hope@ibc.church

In our community...

[Blessing Envelopes for Homeless You See on the Street](#)

Using evangelism tracts, a gift card for food, and a note of encouragement...prepare envelopes that you keep in your car to give to those the Lord leads you to bless on the streets in our community.

[Blessing Your Neighbors](#)

- Do things that demonstrate your faith
- Cards/hand-made gifts of encouragement to neighbors
- Ask if you can do anything to help them – gardening, carrying groceries, taking out trash, etc.

[Visiting Seniors \(They Love Kids!!!\)](#)

Immanuel has partnered with Leewood Healthcare Center for years ministering to their community. Pat McCloughry, has led this effort for us and shared how much the residents LOVE seeing families and children in particular. Given COVID restrictions visits need to be outside right now. Pat would love to see some of our IBC families adopt a senior, many of them have no family in our immediate area. For more information, Pat asks that you call her at 703-765-4408.

In our community...

[Lamb Center of Fairfax \(www.thelambcenter.org\)](http://www.thelambcenter.org)

Families enjoy serving this daytime homeless center in some creative ways both onsite and through donations. Serving onsite is somewhat limited due to the pandemic but things will be opening up! Some of their suggestions for families to consider:

- Having families or groups of families purchase items off of our needs list and deliver them to the center. Here's the link to that page: <https://www.thelambcenter.org/get-involved/donate-supplies-clothing/>
- There are openings to sign up for Tuesday morning breakfasts.
- We love the idea of kids making drawings or sending encouraging cards to the guests.

[Central Union Mission \(www.missiondc.org\)](http://www.missiondc.org)

[MissionPAKS](#) There are a lot of creative ways to pull together gift packs for those served by the Mission every day at the shelter and Family Ministry Center – toiletry, stay at home, spiritual nourishment, nutrition are a few. You can collect these packs, label them and deliver them to the Shelter or Family Ministry Center or take a field trip with deede to meet the team there ([serving@ibc.church](mailto:-serving@ibc.church)) Visit the CUM web site and check out the volunteer page for more details.

[Sheets & Towels](#) The shelter overnight guest population is growing once again. There is an immediate need for white twin sheet sets, standard pillowcases and bath towels. You can drop your donations in the CUM Bin in the Atrium.

[Bless Kids This Summer @ Camp Bennett](#) The Mission hosts inner-city at-risk youth every summer at our camp in Brookeville, Maryland. You can bless them with hygiene or snack bags or both! Donations can be delivered to the Family Ministry Center Deliver or mail gift cards to the Family Ministry Resource Center, attn: Tracy Duncan, 3194 Bladensburg Rd., Ste. B, Washington DC 20018. or join deede ([serving@ibc.church](mailto:-serving@ibc.church)) for a field trip to visit the Camp if you want!

Hygiene gift bag – body wash, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush/paste, wet wipes, lotion, lip blam, sunscreen and bug spray. Put a scripture or word of encouragement inside!

Snack gift bag – fruit cup, fruit roll-up, pop-tart, granola bar, crackers, pretzels, hard candy (no chocolate), drink box, and a water bottle. Put a scripture or word of encouragement inside!

[Family Ministry Center – Non-perishable Food & Gift Card Donations](#) FMC is serving twice as many families since the start of the pandemic. Please drop non-perishable food items in the Mission bin in the Atrium any Sunday. Gift cards for Amazon and Giant are given to elderly and single parent households with children attending school virtually. It allows them to order their food online to be delivered. Deliver or mail gift cards to the Family Ministry Resource Center, attn: Tracy Duncan, 3194 Bladensburg Rd., Ste. B, Washington DC 20018.

[Volunteer @ the Family Ministry Center of Central Union Mission](#) Volunteers, to include families, are always needed for assisting with food bags or working in the clothing room. The center is located at 3194 Bladensburg Rd. NE, Suite B, WDC 20018. TDuncan@missiondc.org

[Bible Verse Writing Rally for Central Union Mission](#) Organize a verse writing rally with your family or any group to encourage those less fortunate. Bible verse cards are a great encouragement to the low-income neighbors who receive food from the Mission and will be placed in the bags of groceries they receive. All you have to do - Write out Bible verses of encouragement on 3x5 index cards, one verse per card. Do not list any personal information. Send the stack of cards to Central Union Mission, P.O. Box 96763, Washington, DC 20090