



Little Falls Presbyterian Church
 Local and World Missions Calendar
 October 2016-2017

DATE	EVENT	POINT OF CONTACT	Details
October 13, 2016	Provide Children's Activity at Doorways' "Food with Friends"	Alison Burwell	Doorways for Women and Families periodically hosts a dinner for families housed in its two shelters – the Family Home (for homeless families, usually with children) and the Safehouse (for survivors of domestic violence). At the dinner on October 13, Little Falls will supply an activity for the children in attendance. The dinner will take place at a church in Clarendon. We need 6-8 volunteers age 18 or older.
November 2016	Thanksgiving gift cards for Arlington Bridge	Rachel Brand/[Seeking volunteer to organize]	Little Falls will collect gift cards to enable the families served by Arlington Bridge Builders to enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving.

	Builders		
October- November 2016	Operation Christmas Child	Jennifer Greenleaf and Kelly Pulsifer	“Operation Christmas Child,” operated by Samaritan’s Purse, distributes shoeboxes full of small items to needy children around the world every Christmas. Little Falls will provide empty shoe boxes at the services on Sundays in October. Members of the congregation are invited to take a box and fill it with toiletries and small toys. Shoe boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, November 13, so they can be distributed around the world by Christmas.
December 2016	Christmas tree	Rachel Brand/Donna and Alan MacEwen	For several Sundays before Christmas, the Christmas tree in the church narthex will be decorated with “ornaments” listing items needed by families served by A-SPAN and Doorways. Members of the congregation will have the opportunity to select ornaments, purchase the listed items, and return them to the church before Christmas.
January 2017	Children and youth outing to AFAC to sort food donations	Jennifer Greenleaf	The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) is Arlington’s only food bank and serves thousands of family every week. Volunteers are needed to sort nonperishable food items

			<p>donated by the community and check expiration dates. This takes place at AFAC's facility near Fairlington (south Arlington) and is a great hands-on volunteer opportunity for kids. Jennifer Greenleaf will lead a group of children and youth ages third grade and older to volunteer at AFAC on a date TBD in January. We will also need some parents to drive and chaperone.</p>
<p>January 12, 2017, 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Tour of Doorways Family Home</p>	<p>Rachel Brand</p>	<p>One of the two shelters operated by Doorways for Women and Families is the "Family Home," which provides temporary shelter for homeless families, including children. Doorways schedules periodic tours of the home, which is located in a residential neighborhood near Clarendon. This is an excellent way to learn more about Doorways and the work it is doing to help homeless families in Arlington achieve independence. Little Falls will organize a group to attend the tour on January 12.</p>
<p>February 5, 2017</p>	<p>Bulk produce bagging for AFAC</p>	<p>Rachel Brand</p>	<p>AFAC will deliver tons (literally) of bulk produce to the church basement, and Little Falls volunteers will transfer it to bags sized for distribution to needy families. The event will take place between services.</p>

			This is a great opportunity for all ages to participate in a service project. Many hands make quick work!
March 14, 2017	Tour of A-SPAN shelter	Rachel Brand	A-SPAN operates Arlington County's shelter for homeless adults. The county recently built a more modern, larger shelter facility near Arlington Courthouse. Every month, A-SPAN offers a tour of the facility to individuals interested in learning more about A-SPAN's work and volunteer opportunities. Little Falls will organize a group to attend the tour on March 14.
April 2017 (before Easter)	Easter baskets for children housed in Doorways shelters	Julie Verry	Little Falls provides Easter baskets and Bibles for each child currently housed in Doorways' family shelter and domestic violence safehouse, as well as stuffed Easter eggs for an Easter egg hunt. Volunteers are needed to provide Easter baskets and to stuff Easter eggs. This is a good project for kids.
May 2017	"Be Rich" offering	Matt Merrill	On one Sunday in May every year, Little Falls collects a special offering to provide a high-impact financial blessing to two or three organizations and/or missionaries.
May 7, 2017	Serve dinner at the A-	Rachel Brand	On Sunday evenings, groups of volunteers serve dinner at the A-

	SPAN shelter		SPAN shelter for homeless adults. A group from Little Falls will serve dinner on the evening of May 7. We need 3 or 4 volunteers. One could be a responsible child if accompanied by a parent. We will make this a more frequent volunteer opportunity if there is interest in the congregation.
July 2017	Vacation Bible School service opportunity	Jennifer Greenleaf	During Vacation Bible Camp, campers will have an opportunity to contribute goods to support a charitable organization. The recipient varies from year to year. In 2016, for example, campers contributed non-perishable food items to the Arlington Food Assistance Center.
July or August 2017	Mission trip to the Dominican Republic	Kelly Pulsifer	Little Falls will organize a week-long mission trip to the DR for adults and high school youth (age 15+). We will meet our mission partners at International Justice Mission (IJM) and learn about their efforts to rescue teens who are victims of sex trafficking. Because the work they do is specialized and they are not seeking short-term mission support, we will, in the months leading up this trip, identify a program to whom we can provide such support. Possible partners include Lily House,

			Compassion International, Food for the Hungry, or a local church. Our goal in this mission is to support our partner in ministry to meet a specific need, while at the same time growing our relationship with them and with IJM. Members interested in taking this trip are asked to commit to a small group study about short-term mission work leading up to and following the trip.
August 2017	Backpack Drive for Doorways	Rachel Brand/[seeking volunteer to organize]	Children who live in the Doorways shelters and are served by Doorways' other programs often need assistance with back-to-school supplies. Little Falls will provide backpacks for the children in one of the families served by Doorways. We will post the list of supplies after receiving it from Doorways in late July. Volunteers will sign up to supply specific items and return them to the church by late August.
Throughout the year	Homeless Bagged Meals Prep	Val Kuehn	Throughout the year, a group of volunteers meets in the church basement to assemble bagged meals to be distributed to homeless individuals living on the streets of Arlington. Volunteers also deliver the meals to the distribution locations.

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With questions about Little Falls' local missions program, please contact Rachel Brand.

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