

# **“SIXTY FOR SIXTY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE”**

## **MISSION PROJECT**

### **CELEBRATING ST. ANDREW’S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Beginning with Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, there are six weeks. The idea behind this project is for everyone to choose to do “60 for 60”. There are any number of ways to achieve your goal. Below are 50 ideas and keeping with the theme, 10 lines have been left for you to fill in with some of your own ideas. You may choose any one of them (or more, if you are so inclined) – or – you may come up with your own version to complete our “60 for 60 OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE”. Finally, if you are willing, share what you do with Julianne Princinsky, Mission Chair, so that we can write an Anniversary Report on all that is done.

#### **IDEAS:**

1. Collect 10 canned goods each week; put in the MISSION BOX on May 20.
2. Collect 10 pairs of socks each week; put in the MISSION BOX on May 20.
3. Write 60 thank you cards over the 6 weeks – thanking those “servants” you see who are at work in the church sharing God’s WORD in action.
4. Pray for 10 people – every day – for all 6 weeks: Pray for their growth in Christ and that they be inspired to do some form of mission work every week in the name of Jesus Christ.
5. Bring 10 cookies to at least one person/couple/family each week – as a “sweet surprise” (Idea: focus on those who are alone or ill or discouraged).
6. Bring 10 fruits to at least one person/couple/family each week – as a “sweet surprise” (Idea: focus on those who are alone or ill or discouraged).
7. Read the Bible every day for 6 weeks for at least 10 minutes per day; ask God to inspire you as to where you can serve in His Name.
8. Memorize 10 Bible verses over the next six weeks. (Idea: find verses that speak to “serving others”); apply what you learn at least once each week.
9. Visit your local school and volunteer to help in a classroom.

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10. Take 10 pictures each week of people you see serving in Christ's name (with their permission, of course) – and then make a poster with the pictures, titled "Ways to Serve Others" that we can post on the Local Mission Board.
11. Offer free childcare to a stay at home Mom for 10 hours each of 6 weeks.
12. Call a local agency that serves others (ex., Flint Eastside Mission) and ask what they need: find 60 items that you could give (all the same or different). Put in the Mission Box labeled for the agency. We will deliver for you.
13. Invite 10 people to your home for fellowship and prayer over the next six weeks (all at once or in smaller groups). (Idea: Invite those you have never invited before and get to know them better). Share your faith stories.
14. Call 10 people each week just to "see how they are doing." (Idea: Offer to pray with them before you say goodbye)
15. Write 10 encouraging cards each of the six weeks to those homebound.
16. Pray for the church and its Mission – for 10 minutes every day – and do so each of the six weeks; ask God to guide you and those you pray for as to how you can better serve in His Name. (You probably figured out that adds up to 420 minutes – but imagine what God can do with those sincere prayers).
17. Purchase \$10 worth of food items or general supplies and give them to a neighbor or shut-in each of the six weeks.
18. Contact a local volunteer agency; give 10 hours for each of six weeks.
19. Contact your local school and see if they could use your help in a classroom (reading, perhaps) helping students who need a "Little Extra". Give 60 hours.
20. Take walks in your neighborhood for 10 minutes each day for six days and repeat that for the six weeks picking up any trash you find. (Idea: If someone asks you what you are doing – invite them to join you in this mission project).
21. Take a walk in your local park for 100 minutes each week, picking up trash and do so for six weeks. (Idea: See #19)
22. Call Outreach East and volunteer to help them out for 60 hours (these you can spread out beyond the six weeks, if needed).

23. Call your local Library and volunteer to serve for 60 hours (again – these you can spread out beyond the six weeks, if necessary).
24. Knit or crochet 60 hats. Put in MISSION BOX. We will distribute.
25. Knit or crochet 60 washcloths. Put in MISSION BOX. We will distribute.

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26. Over the next six weeks, find BOGO opportunities (Buy One, Get One) and give 60 of the free items; place in the MISSION BOX. We will distribute.
27. Purchase 60 skeins of yarn; donate to KNITTERS GROUP by end of six weeks.
28. Ask when your elementary schools are doing Book Sales: then offer to donate \$60 worth of books to the school or to a teacher's classroom.
29. Pray for St. Andrew's Missionaries/families for ten minutes daily for 6 weeks.
30. Contact a local hospital; see if they need volunteers: Then schedule yourself for 60 hours of volunteering. (This may carry over beyond the six weeks.)
31. Commit to provide at least one part of the meal for six Family Promise dates scheduled for St. Andrew's. See Julianne Princinsky, if you choose to do so.
32. Volunteer to teach Sunday School for ten Sundays (60 minutes each) – over the rest of the year. See Wanda Smithingell, if you choose to do so. (Yes – that's 600 minutes but stretching for Mission is a good thing.)
33. Help a Sunday School teacher for ten weeks. (See #34).
34. Visit a nursing home – for 10 minutes each of six weeks. (Yes, I know that is 600 minutes, but, again, we can stretch for Mission).
35. Visit and bring a floral bouquet to 10 shut-ins over the six weeks.
36. Offer to drive someone to a weekly appointment for the next six weeks.
37. Make a dessert for 10 families over the next six weeks.
38. Volunteer for a local cleanup day – at least 60 minutes.
39. Give up one "eating out meal and save the average total cost for six weeks; donate total saved to St. Andrew's; put "LOCAL MISSION" in the memo line.
40. Share a scripture verse/card with a co-worker every day for sixty days.

- 41. Ten times a week for the next six weeks, do something to anonymously “pay forward” for someone else (Buy a cup of coffee; pay for their dinner; leave a surprise sweet on their desk).
- 42. Sew or knit a quilt over the next six weeks and give it to St. Andrew’s Knitters to distribute – or take it to a nursing home on your own.
- 43. Find out from your local school whether there is a child who can’t afford to pay the sports fee, needs new shoes, or.... Donate \$60 for a least one child.
- 44. Offer to grocery shop for at least one person for six weeks ... or longer.
- 45. Work on a community mission project for at least 600 minutes in six weeks.

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- 46. Sit with someone so the caregiver can take an hour or two for themselves; do so at least once for each of the next six weeks.
- 47. Volunteer to tutor a child for six weeks at your local school.
- 48. Volunteer to serve at a Senior Center for six weeks.
- 49. Help build a ramp or do “fix-it” jobs for senior citizens so they won’t have to pay to have it done. Do at least one job for each of the next six weeks.
- 50. Set aside \$10.00 for each week; May 20, write a check to St. Andrew’s; put “LOCAL MISSION” in the memo line and place in the collection plate.

**ADD YOUR IDEAS FOR WHAT YOU DO**

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**LET US CELEBRATE ST. ANDREW’S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN BEST POSSIBLE WAY:**

**SHARE OUR FAITH IN WORD AND DEED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.**