

249 AND HOPE

The Coordinators of 249 & Hope are Pat Barth, Betty Christian and Brandy Hertsenberg.

249 and Hope is an ongoing ministry with other churches in our area to feed the homeless on Saturday mornings. Lakewood will be responsible for the first Saturday of every month, beginning August 1. Below are the items we will need each month:

- Each Saturday we need **3 9x12 casseroles**, hot and ready to serve on Saturday morning at 9am. (We have suggested recipes). We also need homemade cookies or brownies (no nuts) packaged 3-4 in a baggie, 25 baggies.
- **Team leader & 6 other people to deliver lunches.** Meet here at 9 am to pack up & there are 10 specific lunch stops on 249 between Spring Cypress & the Beltway.
- New white tube socks, new underwear (L & XL), baseball caps, used blue jeans, shorts, T-shirts, tennis shoes of all sizes. The majority that we see are men but we have seen several women each week lately so any clothes or tennis shoes for women also.
- Travel size soap, deodorant, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, no mouthwash with alcohol in it.
- Bug spray, gallon & sandwich size zip lock bags, blankets, sleeping bags, small tents
- Bottled water & Dr. Pepper
- Please do not bring items not listed above...these are the items that we really need.

If you are willing to help with this vital ministry please look at the list above and your calendar. **Email Betty Christian at betty.christian@lakewoodumc.org** to let her know which Saturday you would like to help by delivering lunches, donating casseroles (which will be one of our most needed items), homemade cookies, bring water or Dr Pepper, toiletries or clothing items or any of the above list.

Donated items can be placed on one of the tables in the Commons and please mark "249 & Hope." Email Betty with any questions you might have.

Consider making this a family or group project (such as a Sunday school class or a UMW Circle) and explain to your children the importance of answering the call of Jesus to feed & clothe those in need.