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NEWSLETTER

# SOLANCO NEIGHBORHOOD Ministries

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# **BACKPACK DAY**

Backpack Day 2023 was a great success! 257 students, grades K-12, received backpacks and school supplies this year. Thank you to Quarryville Elementary for allowing us to use their school to set up Backpack Day. And a special thanks to our volunteers for assisting!

# PASTOR'S HOURS



Starting in September, we are expanding Pastor's Hours. Pastors will be available at SNM on the 1st-4th Wednesdays of each month from 1-4 PM. Stop in or give a call if you need prayer, guidance or encouragement. All are welcome!

Thank you for spending your time at SNM:

- Deacon Chad Riegel St. Catherine of Siena
- Andy Pickens Faith Church
- Tom Milligan Little Britain Presbyterian
- Jeremy Peterson Union Presbyterian



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# **SWEEP**

This summer, SNM provided 5,460 meals for SWEEP families and for local campers at Black Rock Retreat.

Comments from Summer SWEEP:

- "Summer SWEEP bags help my family get through the summer months and I am so grateful for them".
- "When I come to SNM, no one judges me and I really appreciate that. Everyone is so nice to me".

Throughout the school year, SNM provided nearly 54,000 meals for students in grades K-8. The average cost per SWEEP bag is \$8.60, which includes 6 meals for the weekend. The SWEEP program uses approximately 30 bundles of bags each school year, for a total cost of \$2700. If you would like to Buy a Bundle, please reach out to us.

We will begin sending home weekend meals the week of September 18th.



# SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES

#### Food on a Budget

September 12th 6-7PM

We will review how to save money when we buy and cook food. Learn how to make that food stretch by creating menus and meal planning for a week or more. Come with your ideas to share with the group and leave with new ideas to try.



All summer workshops will be held at Huffnagle Park pavilion weather permitting. Let your children play outside in the park while you learn helpful tips for you and your family! Meals/light refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is required as class sizes are limited. Register today at programs@snministries.org At the end of the workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to leave with select items such as fresh produce, gas cards, or toiletry items.





Thank you to the Cul-de-sac kids for your delicious lemonade and for your thoughtfulness and generosity to the ministry!

### **CROP WALK**

Your local Solanco Crop Walk Committee invites you to fight hunger in our community by participating in the 2023 Solanco Crop Walk on Saturday, October 14th, at Muddy Run Park, 172 Bethesda Church Road, Holtwood, PA.

Participants in the 2023 Solanco Crop Walk should arrive at Muddy Run at 8:30AM. The walk will start at 9AM. The walking trail is approximately 5 miles long, winding along the trails and roads of the park. An alternate shorter "family friendly" route over easier terrain will be available for those who wish to participate. Refreshments will be served after the walk. Our steps symbolize the daily journey others must make for food and clean water.

S.N.M. receives 25% of the funds raised by the Solanco CROP Walk.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information or to register for the walk!



# SEE YOU AT THE FAIR

Visit us at the Solanco Fair! September 20th - 22nd.



# **COMING IN OCTOBER**

#### **DoMORR Month**

For the entire month of October, Morr Range in Willow Street will be collecting non-perishable food items for the food bank. At the end of the food drive, participants will have the chance to win a variety of prizes for donating! Check their website and social pages for more information!

#### **Second Saturdays**

There is a lot happening the second Saturday of each month, starting October 14th:

- Additional food will be available to families in need from 9-11AM.
   Meals will include non-perishable items, as well as dairy, produce and more. Limited quantities available and pre-registration is required at programs@snministries.org
- Food Drives are back at Giant in Townsedge Shopping Center on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8AM-1PM.

#### **Britain Hill at the Livery**

On October 20th at Britain Hill in Lampeter, Neff Physical Therapy will be guest bartending. They have chosen SNM as the recipients of the proceeds!

#### **NEW Cooking Classes**

We have invited Community Action Partnership to come and teach cooking and nutrition classes this fall. The first dates are Tuesday, 10/10 and 10/24(6PM) and Wednesday, 10/11 and 10/25(11AM). Registration is required and space is limited.