

JANUARY

- Small group fellowship
- Collect Winter Items
- "Soup"er Bowl collection

 **Budgeting Workshops**

 **Cooking Classes**

FEBRUARY

- Small group fellowship
- Collect Winter Items

 **Dinner with a Doc**

 **"Navigating Medical Services/ Expenses"**

MARCH

- Small group fellowship
- Business Food "Fight"
- Collect Easter Items

 **Cooking Classes**

 **"Tax Refund. Now what?"**

APRIL

- Small group fellowship
- Host a food drive for Summer SWEEP

Spring Banquet

MAY

- Small group fellowship
- Make birthday gift bags
- Church "Food"raising event

 **Dinner with a Doc**

 **Cooking Class**

 **Budgeting Workshop**

JUNE

- Make toiletry/ laundry kits
- Host a food drive for Summer SWEEP

 **Cooking Classes**

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

JULY

- Assemble snack bags for SWEEP
- Host a food drive for Summer SWEEP

"Do You Know Your Neighbor" fundraiser & silent auction

AUGUST

- Collect school supplies
- Assemble snack bags for SWEEP

 **Buy a Bundle of SWEEP bags**

 **Budgeting Workshop**

SEPTEMBER

- Small group fellowship
- Make birthday gift bags
- Assemble snack bags for SWEEP

 **Dinner with a Doc**

"Empty Bowls" fundraiser & hunger awareness event

OCTOBER

- Small group fellowship
- Solanco Crop Walk
- Faithful Give

 **Cooking Classes**

Bridges Out of Poverty educational event

NOVEMBER

- Small group fellowship
- Collect items for Thanksgiving meals

 **Dinner with a Doc**

 **Cooking Class**

 **Budgeting Workshop**

DECEMBER

- Small group fellowship
- Host a "mitten tree"
- 12 Days of Christmas

 **Dinner with a Doc**

Special Events:

Empty Bowls: This event in September aims to raise awareness about food insecurity in our community. Guests experience various foods and tickets purchased support the ministry and our local neighbors.

Solanco CROP Walk: You are invited to fight hunger in our community by participating in the 2024 Solanco Crop Walk in October. SNM receives 25% of the proceeds.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon: Take time to honor the many individuals who support SNM all year round.

Faithful Give: This is a new, local fundraising event happening over three days in October 2024. We are helping to connect people who desire to love like Jesus, give in joy, and share one another's burdens.

Bridges Out of Poverty Educational Event: Learn how to support/understand your "Neighbor" no matter who they are.

Spring Banquet- "Do You Know Your Neighbor?": Learn what the Ministry is doing in the community while walking a few miles in your neighbors' shoes. Come for the food and fellowship and leave with a better understanding of the needs in the southern end and how you can help.

Silent Auction Fundraiser- Do You Know Your Neighbor?": Enjoy an evening out at Britain Hill, bid on fun and unique items, and support SNM at the same time.

Classes & Collection Events:

Intro to Spending, Saving, & Credit: We spend time reviewing how credit works, why it is important, how to save, and how to plan expenses each month. **Each of these topics can also be individual classes*

Navigating Medical Expenses: Review local medical assistance programs & learn how to apply for assistance.

Identity Theft: A discussion of current scams affecting individuals in our community.

Tax Refund, Now What? Explore tips and ideas on what to do with your tax refund and provide resources that could make filing your taxes FREE.

Loans: Learn to search safely for common loans (auto, mortgage, etc.) and how to find a reputable lender.

Vehicle Purchase Basics: Understand the car-buying process and feel empowered in your next car search.

Higher Education with Less Debt: Learn your student loan and financial aid options before taking on debt.

Cooking Classes: You will prepare, cook, taste, and bring home some food from these events.

Food on a Budget: We review how to save money when buying and cooking, and how to make food stretch by meal planning and creating menus for one week or longer.

Christmas on a Budget: This helps people make a smart money plan for the holidays, all year round.

Small Group Fellowship: Groups focused on discipleship/fellowship & sharing Jesus' message of love & hope.

***Mitten Tree/ Collect Winter Items:** Host a drive to collect new/lightly used coats, hats, gloves, etc.

"Souper" Bowl: Cheer on your team and support our neighbors by collecting soup for the ministry.

Dinner with a Doc: A special dinner and presentation by health providers on important health topics.

Business "Food Fight": A food fight where everyone wins. Various businesses collect food and monetary donations to support SNM. Each participating business will compete for bragging rights and a trophy while supporting our food insecure neighbors.

Church Foodraising: Churches encourage their congregation to "Foodraise" during the month of May.

***Host a SWEEP Food Drive:** Collect food items so children have weekend meals throughout the school year.

***Host a Summer SWEEP Food Drive:** Collect food items so local students have meals over the summer months.

***Collect School Supplies:** Collect school supply items for SNM's Backpack Giveaway Day in August.

Help with Holiday Meals: Host a drive to collect food/monetary donations for our Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. *Look for our special Advent Calendar and 12 Days of Christmas list*

***Make Birthday Bags:** Collect and bag cake, icing, candles, etc. so SNM clients can celebrate their special day.

***Make Toiletry/Laundry Bags:** Collect detergent pods, dryer sheets, toiletries, etc. for SNM's homeless neighbors.

***Make Toiletry Bags for students:** Collect deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, and other toiletries, etc. for SNM's school students in need. These are distributed by school nurses and aides as needed.

We can also discuss: How to Rent, How to Buy a Home, interviewing for a Job, How to Establish Credit, How to Find Local Resources, Car Insurance, Renters Insurance, Homeowners Insurance, Medical Insurance, Retirement (401K), Starting a Job, and Changing Jobs. *We are open to new ideas too!*

***If you would like to do a collection for one of the ideas listed above, please contact us first for a current list of needs. ***