

Neighbor to Neighbor

I am Committing to:

_____ Welcome baby baskets

The Nursery Department of Pantano is starting a ministry for new moms. This ministry will be specially designed for moms who have no other connections (like MOPS or a Life Group) to offer them support.

- We are collecting small items for these baskets – receiving blankets, rattles, small stuffed animals, baby bottles, sippy cups, socks, etc. Please bring these items on **Sunday, May 15th**.
- We are also in need of the actual baskets to put these items in – please bring on **Sunday, May 15th**.

_____ Welcome to the neighborhood baskets

We are starting a new ministry to make “Welcome to the Neighborhood” baskets available for members to pick up and deliver when a new family moves into their neighborhood or apartment building. This will be a great way for members to “break the ice” with a new neighbor and invite them to Pantano at the same time!

- We are collecting baskets, small boxes of snacks, water bottles, paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, etc. – things that are helpful to a new family just moving in! Please bring these items on **Sunday, May 15th**.

_____ Mother’s Day refugee baskets

We are collecting items for Mother’s Day baskets for the refugee moms assisted by PCC. Items are needed such as bath towels & wash cloths, bath scrubbies, shower gels, lotions, slippers, note pads, pens, candles, small plaques, note cards, manicure/pedicure items, chocolate, larger baskets.

- Please deliver all items to the PCC office no later than **Thursday, May 5th** at 5:00pm (Attn: Terri).
- If you would like to join our Refugee Life Group to deliver the baskets and meet the moms, we will be going on Saturday morning, May 7th from 10:00-11:30am. Contact Terri at 298-5395 for more info.

_____ Inviting my neighbor over

Most of us do not really spend much time with our neighbors – getting to know them, encouraging them, being a support to them in times of need.

- In the next 2 weeks, invite 1 or more neighbor/family to your house for coffee, dessert, dinner, a BBQ, pancake breakfast, etc. Simply say – “Hey, we have been wanting to have you over and get to know you better...”

_____ National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

- Commit to joining us for 1 hour on Thursday, May 5th for prayer in Towne Hall. The building will be open from 7:00am-6:00pm for prayer, with prayer services at 7:00am, 12:00pm and 5:30pm.

I can/will DO more in the next few weeks... to reach out to my neighbors

- Invite a friend to join you for the National Day of Prayer.
- Consider fasting on the National Day of Prayer for the needs of our nation and community.
- Commit to prayer walking in your neighborhood, place of work, child's school, etc for at least 30 minutes 2-3 times this week or next.
- Invite your boss or co-workers and their families to dinner or dessert.
- Walk the neighborhood (have your family join you) and pick up trash or pull weeds.
- Offer to watch a single parent's children for a night so that they can enjoy a needed break.
- Do a free car wash for your neighbors.
- Or - _____

I can/will DO even more in the coming months...

- Consider signing up to bring a meal to a new mom – call Robin Blumenthal at 298-5395 to be added to our call list.
- Consider starting a monthly dinner or dessert night for your neighbors to join you in your home – and begin to build some bridges, relationships, and perhaps start some spiritual conversations with them.
- Call Terri Ferrara at Pantano – 298-5395 to see about being involved in the Refugee Ministry.
- Consider starting a Life Group, BUNKO night or other group in your neighborhood.
- Put together a “surprise” bag or basket of goodies and useful household items and then secretly place it on a neighbors doorstep (ring the bell and run and hide if you are really up for fun!).
- Clean up your yard, paint your house, and fix your landscaping so you will have a better witness in your neighborhood.
- Sign up with Robin Blumenthal to help organize and run the “Welcome to the Neighborhood” ministry outreach.
- Or - _____