

Outreach Catalog

2017



Our call to love and serve:

Matthew 22:37 tells us to love God with our all and that our neighbor should have the same care and attention that we give to ourselves. Here at Eastpoint, we believe the love of Jesus starts *across the table* as we love those in our homes. From there, it expands to our neighbors as we share *across the fence*. As we engage at work, sharing *across the cubicle* we continue to serve. Our recreation offers an opportunity as we share perhaps *across the treadmill*. We may even venture *across the tracks* where we can demonstrate the love of Jesus we wouldn't normally cross paths with or even feel comfortable doing so. We want to help your engagement in these five areas as you present a tasty appetizer of God's Kingdom to Greater Portland and beyond.

Glance through this catalog to get some ideas of how you can get connected in our outreach opportunities.

Please contact us if you have further questions or ideas at kurt@eastpoint.church

Apartment Pals

Schedule varies based on needs that arise |

Be in on the ground floor as we seek to impact the problem of family homelessness in Greater Portland. Make the investment in the Kingdom to become a friend, mediator, and mentor to a family that finds themselves at risk of homelessness and help change their life trajectory. *Contact Kurt Holmgren at kurt@eastpoint.church to find out how you can partner with this organization.*

Assisted Living

Schedule varies based on needs that arise | Multiple Locations |

Come share a treasure trove of experience and stories with those who would love to have conversation, play games, or create a work of art. Just be a friend to those who aren't able to get out and make their own. Below are just three facilities that have plenty of volunteer opportunities. *Contact Lisa Holmgren at holmgrenlisa@gmail.com or call 207.831.9877 for more guidance.*

Portland Center for Assisted Living, 68 Devonshire Street, Portland

Gorham House, 50 New Portland Rd, Gorham

Seventy-Five State Street, 75 State Street, Portland, ME

Backpack Payback

Saturday in August (date will be announced) | Eastpoint & Redbank | 11:00am-2:00pm |

This is an opportunity to share a Saturday morning distributing backpacks and school supplies that have been earned by the children of the Redbank community. Come and share in a fun day with a barbecue, free haircuts for kids, a kickball game, and a chance to connect with this fun community! There is also the opportunity to support this event financially. *Contact Chris Albert by calling 207.541.9992 for more information (specific dates will be announced in late July).*

Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine

Schedule Dependant on School Calendar | Multiple Locations Available | After School |

For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine has provided youth development programs for young people, especially those who need us most. Our Clubhouses are safe places to learn, have fun, and develop skills and interests that last a lifetime. Whether it's academic help, learning to swim, or a much needed healthy meal or snack, young people can go to their Clubhouse for the support they need to grow into great adults. You can be a part of this whether it be tutoring, helping out in a program, playing ping pong, or assisting with operations. *Email info@bcggmaine.com or call 207.874.1069 for more information on how you can get involved.*

Cancer Community Center

Schedule varies based on volunteer roles |

The mission of the Cancer Community Center is to support and promote the wellbeing of people living with cancer, their families and friends. Come be a part of this community by coming alongside individuals and their families helping them to navigate this difficult time. *Contact Erin Witham at ewitham@cancercommunitycenter.org for more information.*

Center for Grieving Children

Schedule varies based on volunteer roles |

The Center for Grieving Children, based in Portland, Maine, serves more than 4,000 grieving children, teens, families, and young adults annually through peer support, outreach, and education. Please register for one of our 1-hour Volunteer Orientation meetings *by emailing Beth at beth@cgcmaine.org or calling her at 207.775.5216, ext 115.*

Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)

Schedule varies based on volunteer roles |

Community Partnerships for Protecting Children is a network of people who live, work, and serve in our communities. We know that life is complex and that life's challenges can get in the way of being the best parents we can be. We partner to support families who are experiencing the highest levels of stress, before things get out of control. And when life has already gotten complicated, we are here to walk beside each family member, to help them get back on their feet. *Go to cppcmaine.org/get-involved-0 for more information on how you can get involved.*

Compassus

Schedule varies based on needs that arise |

Visit www.compassus.com

The people that make up Compassus are dedicated to compassionate care, clinical excellence, and providing comfort and support to patients and their families with end-of-life issues. This includes our volunteers. What an opportunity to show the love of Jesus both to the patient and their families. *Find out more information by calling 207.228.9762.*

Cumberland County Jail Bible Study

Come share the Good News with those waiting to get out of jail. What a great way to spread the love of Jesus while preparing someone to re-enter and contribute to society. *Contact Jules Fertig at jfertig5@gmail.com or by calling 207.310.7532 for more information.*

ESL Program (English as a Second Language)

Monday's & Wednesday's | Salvation Army Facility | 9:30-11:30am |

You can be part of helping someone transition into their new life in America by becoming an English Teacher. You do not need to be able speak another language to teach ESL. The only thing required is a heart to serve. Training will be provided! Barbara Fertig, who leads this program says, "The gratitude and enthusiasm the students in this program have makes it all worthwhile." *Contact Barbara Fertig at barbarafertig@gmail.com or by calling 207.774.9788 for more information.*

Furniture Friends

Schedule varies based on needs that arise |

Volunteers are crucial in helping us live out our mission of “Creating Homes. Rebuilding Lives.” We rely on many volunteers to pick up furniture donations and deliver furniture to our clients. Time and again, we hear from our volunteers that they received far more out of their volunteer experience than they gave. It’s such an ideal way to start a relationship with someone who could really use a friend. *Contact this organization by emailing info@furniturefriends.org or by calling 207.210.5797 for more information.*

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is the trade of humans, most commonly for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labor, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others. Explore how you could play a role in putting an end to this plague. *Contact Nancy Gallinaro at negallinaro61@gmail.com or call 207.749.6858 for more information.*

My Sister’s Keeper

Schedule is dependant on your availability |

My Sister’s Keeper is a mentoring program for women who are being released from the Cumberland County Jail. After a thorough training, you can pour the love of Jesus into a gal wanting to get her life back on track. *Contact Kelly D’Aquila, the Director of the program, by calling 207.712.5962 for more information.*

Navigators

Schedule Varies based on program events |

The Navigators Collegiate ministry serves as an open door to share Jesus with between forty and fifty thousand others each year through life-on-life relationships, recreations, and discipleship. If you’re wanting to connect with college students and help with this organization, *contact Haley Garnett at Haley.graham@campusnavs.org or by calling 847.828.5418.*

Neighbors

Tuesday Evenings | Parking Lot across from Oxford Street Shelter | 6:00pm |

Be a part of this vibrant interaction with the homeless community in Portland. Eat, chat, and pray in the parking lot across from the Oxford St. shelter every Tuesday at 6pm. You’ll make some friends that you never anticipated. *Contact Matt Adams at adams.matthew101@gmail.com for more information.*

Night to Shine

Friday Preceding Valentine’s Day | Eastpoint | Time Varies based on Volunteer Role |

Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God’s love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. On the Friday prior to Valentine’s Day, churches from around the world will host Night to Shine for thousands of honored guests and we want you to be a part of it! *Contact Regan Johnson at Reagan.h.johnson@gmail.com for more information.*

Parkside Neighborhood Connection Night

2nd Wednesday of every month | 82 Sherman Street (Sacred Heart Church) | 5:45-7:15pm |

Come meet some new friends in this in-town Portland neighborhood. Help get some conversations started as you share a meal. You can you can also help set up and break down as you work with neighbors and fellow people from Eastpoint! *Contact Kurt Holmgren at kurt@eastpoint.church or call 207.541.9992 for more information.*

Preble Street

Schedule Varies based on program | 5 Preble Street, Portland |

To provide accessible barrier free resources to empower people experiencing problems with homelessness, housing, hunger, and poverty; and to advocate for solutions to these problems. *Contact Ray Hepler at rohelper@gmail.com or by calling 207.949.2495, or call Preble Street at 207.874.6560 for more information.*

Provide a Ride to Church

Schedule will be based on the needs at arise | Location varies |

We'd hate to see anyone miss out on encountering Jesus simply because they didn't have transportation to Eastpoint. Not only that, we're missing out on not having them here. You can make that happen by providing that much appreciated ride. Sign up to give a brother or sister a ride. *Contact Kurt Holmgren at kurt@eastpoint.church.*

Redbank Neighborhood Connection Night

3rd Wednesday of every month | Powers Circle, South Portland | 5:15 - 7:30pm |

These wonderful monthly events are open to the entire neighborhood and provide an opportunity for people from Eastpoint to meet new friends living in our own neighborhood. What's your role at Neighborhood Connection night? Maybe helping to load some tables and chairs, but mostly to engage in conversation at the dinner table. *Contact Kurt Holmgren at kurt@eastpoint.church or call 207.541.9992 for more information.*

Ronald McDonald House

Schedule varies based on needs that arise |

Caring for a sick child while far away from home is difficult, expensive, and unsettling. For more than 30 years, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Maine has been helping children with challenging medical needs, and their families, stay close together during difficult times. Since 1983, our Maine Ronald McDonald Houses have comforted and cared for over 12,000 sick children and their families. Volunteers make the difference in the lives of the families that come through our doors-by cooking, hosting, listening, nurturing, or simply by being there. *Contact Ray Ruby at hmportland@rmhcmaine.org for more information.*

Safe Families

Schedule varies based on needs |

Safe Families is a volunteer movement that connects the children of parents in distress with host families who have been called to open their hearts, their arms, and their homes to serve those in need. The Safe Families experience starts at church, where families are invited to not only change the lives of a fellow family for better, but to enrich their own with untold blessings by living out the gospel. By hosting these vulnerable children along with support from the church, this extended family environment helps keep children safe and reunite families all in the name of Christ. Training is done locally and published on their website. Training it is based on the role – time and commitment varies. *Contact Kendra Jarrett at kendrarjarrett@gmail.com or by calling 207.310.0065 for more information.*

Street Pastors

Friday & Saturday evenings | Downtown Portland | 9:00pm-2:00am|

Join a team of fellow believers as they hit the streets engaging the homeless, bar goers, tourists, and anyone else who may be on the streets Friday or Saturday nights from 9pm to 2am. It is such an awesome opportunity to connect and potentially pray with those you would never have met before. There is training that will take place (more information will become available) and Street Pastors are typically scheduled for one night per month. *Contact Tom Fickeisen, the coordinator, at tomfickeison@gmail.com or by calling 207.274.1909 for more information.*

The Point Community Center

Schedule Varied Based on Volunteer Roles | 333 Clarks Pond Parkway, South Portland |

Come be a part of our new community center interacting with your Greater Portland neighborhood. From hosting to cleaning to conversation, check out the many opportunities. You can be the welcoming face that will cause people to want what you have. *Contact Kendra Jarratt at kendra@thepoint.community for more information on how you can get involved.*

The Root Cellar

Location varies based on specific program | 94 Washington Ave, Portland | Time Varies |

Visit their Website at www.therootcellarport.org

Christian Mission with the goal of uniting the local community in the common cause of satisfying the physical and spiritual needs of inner city youth and their families. Work one on one teaching an english learner, all while learning their story and connecting with them. Play a game with a gaggle of youngsters or help maintain the facility. There are many more opportunities and even more neighbors to engage. *Contact Clark Carter at clark@therootcellar.org or by calling 207.774.3197 for more information.*

The Transformation Project

Schedule varies based on needs that arise |

Check out their website www.thetransformationproject.org

Be an integral part of a young adult's transition from lock-up to life. There are many ways to help out in the project amongst which is playing a part in someone's life and giving them hope for the future by sharing the life skills that God has given you to get where you are. *Contact Ken Hawley by calling 207.854.2226 for more information.*

T.I.P. (Trauma Intervention Program)

Schedule varies based on needs that arise |

TIP is composed of specially trained volunteers who provide emotional and practical support to survivors of traumatic events and their families in the few first hours following a tragedy. What a great way to engage those who are frightened and hurting with the comfort we receive from Jesus. *Contact Leslie Skillin, TIP Program Manager at skilll@mainebehavioralhealthcare.org or call 207.661.6478 for more information on how you can get involved.*

Welcoming the Stranger

Check out their website www.wtsmaine.com

This organization is a grassroots initiative created in response to the rising number of immigrant families seeking political asylum in our community. Welcoming the Stranger aims to create formal friendships through mentoring relationships between local families and asylum seekers that we hope will enrich all those involved. We are actively looking for volunteers willing to enter into a mentoring “friendship” with a new Mainer or new Mainer family. What does mentoring look like? That largely depends on the families or individuals involved: a mentor could help an asylum seeker practice English, find and/or furnish an apartment, write a resume, get a winter coat, use the bus system, sign up for classes, or any number of other basic activities to help newcomers navigate their surroundings.

Westbrook Hub

***Schedule is on an as needed basis | Reserve Street, Westbrook |**

Jeff Verrill is as excited as ever to start work on this outreach opportunity. Join Jeff and others as we work to rehab a building that will be a safe place for children in Westbrook. When Jeff was asked what skills are needed to be part of this outreach, his response - “a heart to serve.” *Contact Jeff at jverrill@maine.rr.com or by calling 207.831.7146 for more information.*