



St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Shelter for Women and Families

Since the Covid-19 pandemic began, Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church has partnered in ministry with St. Vincent de Paul. We began with drive through casserole and linen drives as a way to serve our neighbors even when we were social distancing. In the late fall of 2023, using money tithed to mission outreach from the building project that added Sugar Creek's elevator and light-filled patio entrance, we built a new playground on the grounds of the Apple St. shelter for women and families, so the children experiencing homelessness in the shelter can have a chance to play and be children. Currently we serve dinner twice a month at Apple St. and Director, Michael Vanderburgh participated in our recent Affordable Housing Summit, reminding us that poverty is a result of ruptured personal and systemic relationships. This month, our youth are collecting urgently needed hygiene items for the shelter and making twin-sized fleece blankets (also urgently needed).

We invite you to participate in our ministry partnership with St. Vincent's by giving to them at our meeting's Mission at Every Meeting. Here's how you can donate:

1. Bring cash or a check made out to Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church and write St. Vincent's in the memo. Give at the registration table.
2. Visit <https://stvincentdayton.org/how-to-donate/> and make a donation.
3. Bring one or more of these items from their urgently needed list and place in the wood collection box near registration: Deodorant, Toothpaste, Razors (Men & Women), Shaving Cream, Washcloths, Baby Formula