

National Avenue Christian Church

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Springfield, Missouri

HELPING IN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY...



The Rainbow Network is a faith-based organization working to end extreme poverty in Nicaragua through housing, health care, education, micro finance, and sustainable agriculture. Nicaragua is one of our hemisphere's poorest nations. Unsafe dirt-floor houses, lack of access to education, lack of food and water, little to no economic opportunity, and nearly nonexistent healthcare kill more people every year than violence. We are working to change that.

National Avenue has been investing in a village called Hilapo Dos for several years and we are thrilled to be at an exciting new stage in our partnership with Rainbow Network and the village. We have learned in the past few weeks that a plot of land is available for purchase – this is land that will allow the village to build 30 new homes for families that desperately need this help. The total amount NACC needs to raise is \$40,000 - \$10,000 for the land purchase and \$30,000 to build the first ten homes. You are invited to invest in the lives of the people in Hilapo Dos by giving a gift above and beyond your regular pledges and donations.

If you would like to help, please make your check payable to NACC and note in the memo that it is for the Hilapo Dos project – for additional information contact Brad and Lucinda Wadle at: bmlwadle@mchsi.com. During the coffee hour following Worship on Sunday, Brad and Lucinda will share a video presentation that will give you an opportunity to see Hilapo Dos and all the people we have come to love as we partner with them in this transformational project.



Shoes for Nicaragua...

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Shoe Drive for Nicaragua. We collected 149 pairs of shoes, in all types and sizes, and \$60.00 cash to help Rainbow Network with the cost of shipping!
Kelsey Zimmerman

And on **Saturday, May 21st** you can help sort and package these shoes, as well as other donated supplies bound for Nicaragua at the Rainbow Network Offices. We will be there from **9:00 am to 12:00noon** on that Saturday – please call the church office if you can help.



Mark Your Calendars...Art for Haiti returns on **Friday, June 10th** in the Gallery at National Avenue. Several artists have already responded to the call that went out a few weeks ago and our curator, Holly Elkins, is busy working with our Gallery Team members on planning another exquisite evening that will invite you to enjoy some wonderful art, hear some great music, and sample some delicious food. The event this year will benefit **Community Coalition for Haiti**, an organization that has local ties. To help with the event please contact Anna Squires at asquires@smcelectric.com.

HELPING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY...

Ozark Food Harvest this Saturday...

We will work our usual day at Ozark Food Harvest this month which is this Saturday, May 14th. As part of their Faith Formation Class, some of the youth who will be making a commitment to Christ on June 5th are helping at Ozark Food Harvest this month. Come join them as we work to help people in need. Contact Chad Young at cyoung@cameron-insurance.com if you can help this month or if you need additional information.

Crosslines ~ On Friday, May 6, we served 51 families and 125 people at Crosslines. Crosslines has made some significant changes in operation. They have switched to a client shopping model, which allows the clients to have more choices, a greater sense of dignity, and direct contact with the volunteers. Additionally, Crosslines is working in conjunction with Ozarks Food Harvest in purchasing food and hygiene items. We are no longer shopping for Crosslines, but donating money monthly. Those of us who volunteered on Friday found the new system to be efficient and enjoyable.

Crosslines will still need donations of certain items that are in short supply. This month, they mostly need hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, and shampoo) and low-sugar cereal. Your continued support and donations are appreciated! Kim Zimmerman

Food Drive from Postal Workers... Our faithful post-people for NACC have asked us to remind our members and friends of the Food Drive they are sponsoring this Saturday morning. You are asked to leave canned goods by your mailbox – your postal carrier will pick them up when your mail is delivered.

Save Your Stuff...NACC's Boy Scout Troop 24 is having their annual Garage Sale on Saturday, June 25th beginning at 7:00am in the church parking lot. They would appreciate any and all donations. You may call Rick Fay, the troop leader at 818-0302 to arrange pick ups.

IN AND AROUND NACC...

Building and Grounds Work Day this Saturday!!



Several times a year, the Property Team hosts a work day for our church building and grounds. The spring work day is now scheduled for Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 am to 12 noon. All skill levels are needed – we will find something for everyone to do! This is a great time to get to know people in our community. Please call the church office and let us know you will be coming so that we can be sure to have enough coffee and bagels.



A Special Sunday – June 5th...

On June 5th, we will observe Pentecost [a week early!] by having Baptism during our 10:00 am Worship. If you are considering making a decision about becoming a Christ follower or reaffirming a decision you have made previously, please contact Pastor Laura. On June 5th, we will also recognize our Seniors who are graduating.

A Special Invitation...

Dear NACC Friends, I am so excited with the new look my old house has and invite you to drop by after church or after lunch on Sunday May 22nd to let me show it off. We will have a “goody” and cold and hot drinks as we, “look”. I will look forward to seeing you. No RSVP necessary, just come.

Jeanne Gamble

Sunday May 22nd

11:30am to 4:30pm

May Meetings...

Saturday, May 14 th	Habitat for Humanity Run – NACC 9am-12noon 9am – 12noon	Ozark Food Harvest Church Workday
Sunday, May 15 th	3:00 pm	PFLAG
Sunday, May 22 nd	After Worship 11:30am to 4:30pm	Congregational Meeting Open House – Jeanne Gamble's
Sunday, May 29 th	11:30 am	Prayer Shawl Team
Monday, May 30 th	Memorial Day	Church Office Closed