

weekly collection

Our weekly collection will be given to the Campus Ministry International and Domestic Service Immersion Trips. All proceeds will be distributed among participants, each of whom are responsible for their own fundraising to cover travel, accommodations, meals and a donation to the service site.

Habitat for Humanity

Over Fall Break, Spring Break, and the Summer 4 separate groups will take part in Habitat for Humanity's national alternative spring break program, Collegiate Challenge. Together with other college students from across the country, Neumann students will have the opportunity to work on various stages of home construction and rehabilitation.

Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre

In May, a small group will travel to Gros Islet, St. Lucia to serve with Sr. Frances Nosbisch, OSF at a pastoral centre which serves to meet various community needs in St. Lucia.

Valley of Angels

Partnering with the Franciscan Mission Service, a group will head just outside Guatemala City to serve at the Valley of Angels orphanage and boarding school. Valley of Angels provides housing, meals, clothing and schooling to children in poverty.

Wind River Indian Reservation

Neumann students will continue a long-standing tradition of journeying west to serve with Sr. Teresa Frawley, OSF at the three Catholic parishes on Wyoming's Wind River Indian Reservation of the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Service Immersion Trip Applications can be found outside Campus Ministry, on the Mission and Ministry Website, and on the Knight Life App. All applications are due October 13.



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this week in campus ministry

September 24, 2017

It seems that the month of September has passed by in a blink of an eye. Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated Labor Day. To many, Labor Day means a day off school or work, a time for shopping sales, and a long weekend to spend with family or friends to mark the unofficial end of summer. The first Labor Day was celebrated more than 100 years ago in New York City. It was meant to be the working people's day off, to honor the labor movement and rights gained for workers.

Yet I think of my brother who works as a registered nurse in an emergency room and hardly has any holiday off from the hospital. I think of Sister Jude, who I lived with last year in Washington state, and managed the retirement home for for our elderly sisters. She worked on every single holiday so that the other nurses could stay home and spend time with their families. I think of our dedicated cooks who show up every day at the motherhouse despite snow or rain, to make sure that all of our sisters are fed. Do we take the time to honor these dedicated workers (custodians, farmers, or fast food workers, to name a few) who labor without cost? What about those whose labor goes unpaid, such as

parents, lawyers who work pro bono, volunteers?

From our modern perspective, this Sunday's Gospel reading hardly seems fair to the workers in the vineyard. If we take a closer look at the beginning of the Gospel, the landowner comes to an agreement with the first group of workers, promising to give what is just. In the end, the landowner goes above and beyond, giving generously to all, even to those who labored for one hour. Nobody is cheated or excluded.

This Gospel reminds us that God's generosity and forgiveness goes beyond what we can imagine. Growing up, I thought that living out my faith was like crossing out a to do list: I went to Sunday mass? Check. I prayed today? Check. God watched this checklist closely and if I tried hard enough, I could "earn" God's love. It took me a while, well into my adult life, and after I met the Sisters of St. Francis, to realize that our God does not function this way at all.

God treat us all as equals, inviting us into the vineyard. Can we find it in ourselves to say "yes"? It doesn't

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Reflection by Sr. Peaches Dela Paz

Interested in writing a weekly reflection? Email campusministry@neumann.edu

what you may have missed...



Meet Sr. Peaches!

Sister is a novice with the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia who will be on campus working with Mission and Ministry on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Stop by and meet her!



A group of Neumann students joined students from other universities across the region for Habitat for Humanity's "Rock the Block" event in Norristown. Bummed you missed it? Apply for a Habitat for Humanity spring break trip!



Find our Assisi Living Community and Campus Ministry Student Staff intramural soccer team on the turf field on Monday and Wednesday nights!

Reading reflection continued...

matter how late we are in responding to the invitation, we are still accepted: the good and the bad. It can be difficult to fathom, yet in the first reading, Isaiah reminds us that "God's ways are not our ways."

What if we lived our day to day lives as if we were the workers in the vineyard in today's Gospel, where the last shall be first, and the first shall be last? What if we

worked towards a society that prioritizes the least, the marginalized population? What if, instead of proclaiming, "America First," that we made sure our resources available to those who need it most, like immigrants and refugees? As Paul's letter to the Philippians, how can we, as individuals, choose a major that leads to fruitful labor, to follow the example of Christ who invited all, including the marginalized of society, to God's vineyard?

...what you CAN'T miss

Sunday, September 24

Operation Hunger - 8:00PM, LLC 2

Come make some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to be donated to Catholic Social Services in Chester.

Wednesday, September 27

Service Immersion Trip Information Session - 11AM-1PM, Bruder Dining Hall

Find out more about our six spring and summer service immersion trips, and pick up an application.

A Day to Save - All day - #sharethejourney

Pray for migrants and refugees as Pope Francis launches the Share the Journey campaign, the Church's initiative to respond to refugees, reduce poverty and improve opportunity for people to remain in the countries where they live. Post with #sharethejourney to spread awareness of the initiative.

Friday, September 29

Fair Acres Emerald Ball - Fair Acres Geriatric Home runs two Emerald Balls in the Fall where their residents go off site for a dance. They get dressed to the nines, so you should too! Come out and put a smile on the resident's faces! Sign up online, or email Megan Camp (campm@neumann.edu) for more volunteer opportunities.

Sunday, October 1 *FRANCISCAN MISSION WEEK BEGINS!*

Music Workshop - 2PM-4PM, Sacred Heart Chapel

All musicians and instrumentalists welcome!

Blessing of Animals - 4:00PM, Neumann Circle

Bring your pet to the Neumann Circle for a special Franciscan blessing!

Mass - 7:00PM, Sacred Heart Chapel

Kick-off to Franciscan Mission Week

Find more about Franciscan Mission Week in flyers around campus!



Sign up on the Knight Life App - no experience necessary!