

The Big Help – 2026

Saturday, Feb 14 – Sunday, Feb 22

| Events | Time/Date | Details |
|--|--|--|
| Donation of toiletries etc., to support Community's Child | Anytime between Sun 2/15 and Sun 2/22 | <p>Please Donate: shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, deodorant, body lotion, body wash, laundry soap pods, dryer sheets, toothpaste</p> <p>Location: Drop off donations at the sanctuary narthex or church office between Sunday Feb 15 and Feb 22.</p> <p>Contact People: David Howard (310) 502-1788, Cathy Howard (310) 365-6336.</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any</p> |
| Gardening with Garden Church | Sat 2/14 9 am - noon | <p>Description: Gardening outdoors.</p> <p>Bring with you: Water bottle, hat, gloves (if owned). All other tools provided.</p> <p>Location: “The Farm” 2201 Barrywood, San Pedro</p> <p>Parking: On-site</p> <p>Contact Person: Peter Rothe: (310) 408-3888</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 10</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any</p> |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Discussion on Social Justice Advocacy | Sun 2/15 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (immediately after Sunday worship service) | <p>Description: Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble, of the Presbytery of the Pacific, will lead a one-hour discussion on social justice advocacy</p> <p>Bring with you: n/a</p> <p>Location: Fireside Room at St. Peter's by the Sea</p> <p>Parking: On-site</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: Any</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Teens and older</p> |
| Beach Cleanup with City of Rancho Palos Verdes | Sun 2/15 1:30 p.m-3:30 p.m. | <p>Description: Clean-up of the beach between Trump National Golf Course and Portuguese Bend Beach Club. You need to be physically able to climb up and down the steep dirt trail to access the beach.</p> <p>Bring with you: Gloves, sturdy shoes, hat, water bottle.</p> <p>Location: Meet at Founders Park Parking Lot (1 Trump National Drive Rancho Palos Verdes – parking lot is on the left, before arriving at the golf course lobby).</p> <p>Parking: On-site.</p> <p>Contact Person: Bill Shurmer: (310) 612-4460</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: n/a</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any</p> |

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| Meals on Wheels -Unloading Bulk Food Delivery Vehicle | Mon 2/16 9:30 am – noon | <p>Description: Unloading bulk food delivery vehicle, moving to elevator, then move delivery upstairs to Meals on Wheels facility.</p> <p>Bring with you: n/a</p> <p>Location: 731 S. Averill Ave., San Pedro. (Second Floor of First Presbyterian Church).</p> <p>Parking: Church parking lot.</p> <p>Contact Person: Mercedes: (310) 832-7335</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 4</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any. People that cannot drive will either need to partner with a driver, or to work solely on-site. Please call Tamera Johnson you are unable to drive or partner with a driver: (818) 415-8552</p> |
| Meals on Wheels - Unloading Bulk Food Delivery Vehicle | Tue 2/17 9:30 am – noon | <p>Description: Unloading bulk food delivery vehicle, moving to elevator, then move delivery upstairs to Meals on Wheels facility.</p> <p>Bring with you: n/a</p> <p>Location: 731 S. Averill Ave., San Pedro. (Second Floor of First Presbyterian Church).</p> <p>Parking: Church parking lot.</p> <p>Contact Person: Mercedes: (310) 832-7335</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 4</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any. People that cannot drive will either need to partner with a driver, or to work solely on-site. Please call Tamera Johnson you are unable to drive or partner with a driver: (818) 415-8552</p> |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Gardening with Garden Church | Tue 2/17 9 am -noon (different location than afternoon) | Description: Gardening outdoors. Bring with you: Water bottle, hat, gloves (if owned). All other tools provided. Location: "The Garden" 429 W. 6th Street, San Pedro Parking: Either metered street parking or a paid public parking lot on 7th Street between Pacific and Mesa. Contact Person: Amanda Riley (810) 423-7710 Maximum # attendees: 10 Recommended Ages: Any |
| Intercessory Prayer via Zoom | Tues 2/17 10:00-11:30 am | Description. 60-90 minute zoom meeting to pray for others. Weekly meetings use the following format: check-in, opening song, taking turns praying for others listed, then a closing song and the Lord's Prayer. To sign up: Send an email to Val Ryan requesting an email zoom invite. Her email is: valwryan@cox.net Recommended Ages: 14+ Maximum number of attendees: Any |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Gardening with Garden Church | Tue 2/17 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (different location than morning) | Description: Gardening outdoors. Bring with you: Water bottle, hat, gloves (if owned). All other tools provided. Location: "The Farm" 2201 Barrywood, San Pedro Parking: On-site Contact Person: Peter Rothe: (310) 408-3888 Maximum # attendees: 10 Recommended Ages: Any |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| Youth – Preparing Care Packages for People who are Homeless (plus dinner is provided to students) | Tues 2/17 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | <p>Description: Packaging materials to donate to people who are homeless</p> <p>Bring with you: n/a</p> <p>Location: St. Peter's Youth Lounge.</p> <p>Parking: On-site</p> <p>Contact Person: Cece Machado (714) 614-1713</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: n/a</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Middle School and High School(parents may attend)</p> |
| Laundry Love | Weds 2/18 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm | <p>Description: Provide fellowship and a meal to people at a San Pedro laundromat.</p> <p>Bring with you: n/a</p> <p>Location: Meet at St. Peter's at 5:00 and carpool to laundromat, return to St. Peters by 6:30.</p> <p>Parking: On-site</p> <p>Contact Person: Devon Singh Barrett (206) 459-0422</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 8</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any</p> |

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| Meals on Wheels -- Preparation or Meal Delivery | Weds 2/18 9:30 am – 12:00 pm | <p>Description: Help prepare meals for delivery and/or driving to deliver meals.</p> <p>Bring with you: n/a</p> <p>Location: 731 S. Averill Ave., San Pedro. (Second Floor of First Presbyterian Church).</p> <p>Parking: Church parking lot.</p> <p>Contact Person: Mercedes: (310) 832-7335</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 4</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any. People that cannot drive will either need to partner with a driver, or to work solely on-site. Please call Tamera Johnson you are unable to drive or partner with a driver: (818) 415-8552</p> |
| Food Distribution at Community's Child | Weds 2/18 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | <p>Description: Pass out food bags to community members</p> <p>Bring with you: n/a</p> <p>Location: Community's Child Hope Center. 18807 Crenshaw Place, Torrance. The food pantry is in the back alley.</p> <p>Parking: Street Parking</p> <p>Contact People: David Howard (310) 502-1788, Cathy Howard (310) 365-6336.</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 6</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Adults only</p> |

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| Meals on Wheels -- Preparation or Meal Delivery | Thursday 2/19 9:30 am – 12:00 pm | <p>Description: Help prepare meals for delivery and/or driving to deliver meals.</p> <p>Bring with you: n/a</p> <p>Location: First Presbyterian Church, San Pedro. Second floor. 731 S. Averill Ave., San Pedro.</p> <p>Parking: Church parking lot.</p> <p>Contact Person: Mercedes: (310) 832-7335</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 4</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any. People that cannot drive will either need to partner with a driver, or to work solely on-site. Please call Tamera Johnson you are unable to drive or partner with a driver: (818) 415-8552</p> |
| Gardening with Garden Church | Fri 2/20 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | <p>Description: Gardening outdoors.</p> <p>Bring with you: Water bottle, hat, gloves (if owned). All other tools provided.</p> <p>Location: “The Garden.” 429 W. 6th Street in San Pedro</p> <p>Parking: Either metered street parking or a paid public parking lot on 7th Street between Pacific and Mesa.</p> <p>Contact Person: Amanda Riley 810-423-7710</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 10</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any</p> |

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| Meals on Wheels -- Preparation or Meal Delivery | Fri 2/20 9:30 am – 12:00 pm | <p>Description: Help prepare meals for delivery and/or driving to deliver meals.</p> <p>Bring with you: n/a</p> <p>Location: 731 S. Averill Ave., San Pedro. (Second Floor of First Presbyterian Church).</p> <p>Parking: Church parking lot.</p> <p>Contact Person: Mercedes: (310) 832-7335</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 4</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any. People that cannot drive will either need to partner with a driver, or to work solely on-site. Please call Tamera Johnson you are unable to drive or partner with a driver: (818) 415-8552</p> |
| St. Peter's – Building Maintenance Odd-jobs | Fri 2/20 7:00 am – 9:00 am | <p>Description: Fixing things around the church campus. Ideal for people who are handy with tools.</p> <p>Bring with you: Work gloves, protective eyewear, tool box .</p> <p>Location: St. Peter's by the Sea. 6410 Palos Verdes Drive South</p> <p>Contact Person: Christine Pearson: (310) 377-6882 x229</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 5</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Adults – People who are skilled with hand tools</p> |
| Painting at St. Peter's | Fri 2/20 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | <p>Description: Touch-up painting fireside room & Reeves Hall</p> <p>Bring with you: Clothes that can get paint on them.</p> <p>Location: St. Peter's by the Sea 6410 Palos Verdes Drive South</p> <p>Contact Person: Christine Pearson: (310) 377-6882 x229</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 4</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Adults</p> |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Work at Habitat for Humanity ReStore | Sat 2/21 10:00 am - 2:00 pm | <p>Description: Habitat's "ReStore" sells donated house furnishings and materials. Work may include displaying merchandise for sale, working in warehouse area, or assembling furniture.</p> <p>Bring with you: Sack lunch</p> <p>Location: 18600 Crenshaw Blvd; Torrance CA 90504</p> <p>Contact Person: Chris Untiet: (M): 310-749-8575</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 8</p> <p>Required Ages: Hard minimum age is 14 (chaperoned). Ages 16+ do not require chaperones</p> |
| Work at Habitat for Humanity ReStore | Sat 2/21 2:00 pm - 6:00 p.m. | <p>Description: Habitat's "ReStore" sells donated house furnishings and materials. Work may include displaying merchandise for sale, working in warehouse area, or assembling furniture.</p> <p>Bring with you: Sack lunch</p> <p>Location: 18600 Crenshaw Blvd; Torrance CA 90504</p> <p>Contact Person: Chris Untiet: (M): 310-749-8575</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 8</p> <p>Required Ages: Hard minimum age is 14 (chaperoned). Ages 16+ do not require chaperones</p> |
| Gardening with Garden Church | Sat 2/21 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | <p>Description: Gardening outdoors.</p> <p>Bring with you: Water bottle, hat, and gloves. All other tools provided.</p> <p>Location: "The Garden" 429 W. Sixth Street in San Pedro.</p> <p>Parking: Either metered street parking or a paid public parking lot on 7th Street between Pacific and Mesa.</p> <p>Contact Person: Amanda Riley 810-423-7710</p> <p>Maximum # of attendees: 10</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Any</p> |

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| 15th Street Elementary School National Day of Reading | Mon 3/2 8:30 am - 12:00 pm | <p>Description: Read books to elementary school kids. Coffee, books to read, and Dr. Seuss hats are provided.</p> <p>Location: 15th Street Elementary School. 1527 S. Mesa Street, San Pedro, CA 90731. Sign in at the school office, then go to the school library.</p> <p>Parking: Street parking.</p> <p>Contact Person: Joanie Gale: M: 310-877-1957</p> <p>Recommended Ages: Adults</p> <p>Maximum # attendees: 10</p> |
|---|---|--|