

JESUS has Left THE BUILDING

Saturday, April 28, 2018

This JHLTB offered a limited number of projects to focus our efforts on options that needed a significant number of volunteers. We hope everyone enjoyed experiencing new ways to share our mission of love through our seventh annual JHLTB!



Cookies of Appreciation

Several people baked cookies in advance to be shared with a variety of groups to show our appreciation for serving the community. Thank you to the bakers and the delivery team!





Special Olympics Spring Games held at Westminster Christian Academy

The Spring Games track & field and aquatics competition needs more than 800 volunteers to make the day magical for local Special Olympics athletes. There were LOTS of opportunities for working with athletes, running track and field events, scorekeeping, being lunch companions, and helping in Victory Village (games and fun all day so athletes between events have fun stuff to do). Eight PUCers each chose different activities to help!

How we can continue to help: Check the online calendar for upcoming Special Olympics events in need of volunteers - <https://somo.volunteerhub.com/lp/stlmetro?format=Calendar&filter=All>



International Institute - South Farm

The International Institute's Global Farms Program provides opportunities for refugee and immigrant arrivals to more effectively adjust to life in America. The program offers new Americans coming from agricultural lifestyles a place where they can immediately engage in their traditional practice of farming and gardening.

Seven PUCC volunteers participated in renovation efforts at the farm, refining and mulching paths between the berms in preparation for planting.

The group then enjoyed lunch at the immigrant-owned Everest Café & Bar, serving Nepalese, Korean and Indian food.

How we can continue to help: Your help to improve and maintain these farm sites is much needed and greatly appreciated - please contact Joel Walker at walkerj@iistl.org





Creative cards of support

Nine people colored, stamped, and pasted beautiful, creative cards to be mailed to members of the congregation, students at Parkland's Marjory Douglas Stoneham High School, schools targeted by Westboro Baptist protesters, and others who

might need a bit of cheer or encouragement and a reminder of God's love.

The group enjoyed lunch at Three King's Pub after the card making.

How we can continue to help: Everyone loves receiving mail - send a note to let someone know you are thinking of them.



Additional sharing of God's love

Some PUCers already had planned other volunteer activities for the same day as JHLTB7!

Camp MoVal

Two Parkway youth headed to Camp MoVal south of Union (the camp of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ) to paint the pool in preparation for this summer's camp season.

The Alzheimer's Association

set a Guinness World Record on April 28 by creating the largest human image of a brain with 1,202 volunteers - including some dedicated PUCers.

How we can continue to help: PUCers are very generous with their time and talents! If you are looking for a new volunteer opportunity, we encourage you to reach out to learn more - and each month, an opportunity to volunteer will be highlighted during Sunday worship.

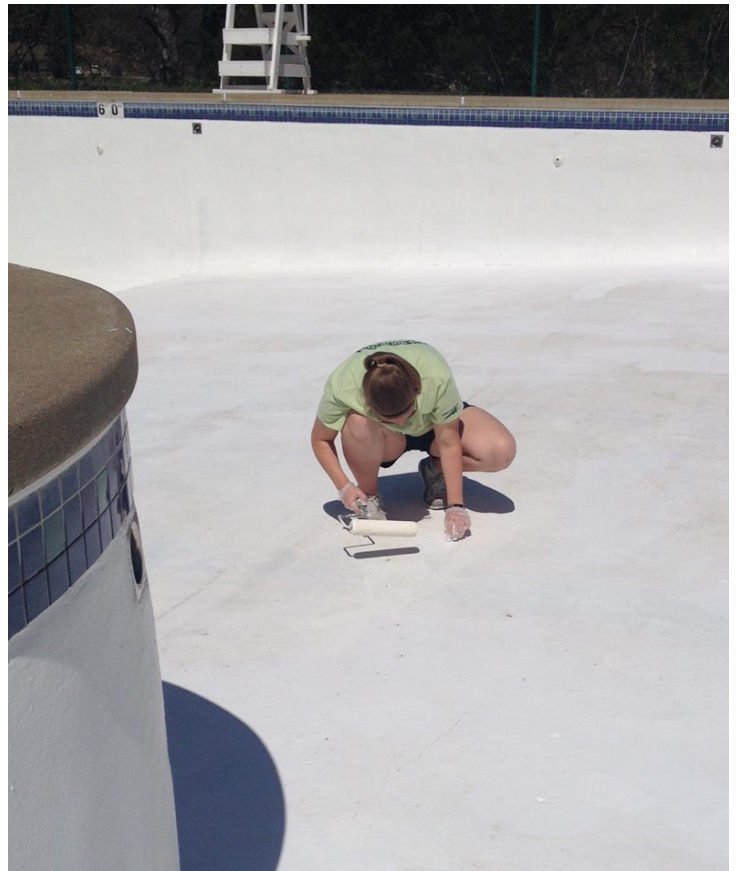


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