## **FAITH IN ACTION**

**Hempfield Area Food Bank:** We support this mission via tangible food items requested monthly by HAFP, as well as monetary donations, from parishioners. The pantry serves, on average, 120 families. The majority of families visit the pantry every week. Clients may visit the pantry once a week, either Monday or Wednesday.

Jesse Tree Christmas Gift Giving program: Each December, we are assigned families through a variety of local organizations that serve underprivileged families, and families at risk, in Lancaster County and the surrounding area. Our goal is to provide Christmas cheer to the children in these families.

**St. Edward's Rahim Family Support:** We support the Rahim family from Afghanistan – husband, wife and 7 children in a variety of ways, including tangible items, monetary donations to facilitate specific requests, tutoring, and in fellowship gatherings.

**Books for Prisoners:** A book donation program, in partnership with St. John's, Lancaster, in support of our incarcerated brothers and sisters. Books of meditation and prayer.

**Soles for Souls:** Shoe collection during the Lenten season in partnership with St. John's, Lancaster.

**School Supply Drive:** August-September program in support of families in need of essential school supplies and backpacks in our Hempfield school district.

**Feed My Starving Children:** Lancaster County Feed My Starving Children MobilePack. St. Edward's participants create Mobilepacks of nourishment at this yearly event, in service to those in our wider global community who are most in need in Somalia and Uganda.

Pastoral Ministries: Stephen Ministry, Knit Wits needle arts (prayer shawls).

**Central Pennsylvania Blood Drive:** Hosting and donating life-saving supplies to our community.

**Race Against Racism:** Participation in yearly 5K walk/run, working in unity to raise awareness and forge a better understanding of racial injustice and inequality.

**First Reformed Dinners:** Partner with First Reformed Church to feed the downtown Lancaster homeless population a hot and nutritious meal. We serve 80-120 clients.

