Volunteers are needed for a Meals of Hope packaging event set to take place Saturday, Nov. 17 at Archdale Friends Meeting. Organizers are hoping that volunteers will be able to pack 40,000 nutritious meals for the hungry in assembly-line stations set up in the Family Life Center. In the above photo, Rachel and Mario Albettino and Janice Smith scoop ingredients into bags at last year’s meal packaging event.

MEALS of HOPE
Feeding the 40,000

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ARCHDALE — Hunger heroes wearing hairnets will report for duty Nov. 17 in the Archdale Friends Meeting Family Life Center to pack more than 40,000 meals.

For the past three years, Archdale Friends has participated in the Meals of Hope meal-packing event.

“This year, we will not only support and package 20,000 meals for those struggling with food insecurity in Haiti, but pack an additional 20,000 meals for our neighbors here in the Archdale, Trinity, and High Point area,” said Pastor Rusty Parsons.

During the morning, volunteers will measure the ingredients, scoop them into meal bags, weigh and seal the bags and then box them up in an assembly-line fashion. The boxes will then be loaded onto trucks to prepare for international shipping.

Meals consist of rice, soy protein, freeze-dried pinto beans and a blend of vitamins and minerals targeted to help the immune system of malnourished people.
Six Wheatmore FFA Members competed in the Youth Turkey Show at the North Carolina State Fair earlier this month. Students purchased three birds provided by N.C. State University and raised the birds from early June until the show in October. They took their best bird to the fair to exhibit for the competition. We were well represented at the State Fair Turkey Show with Pearce Harper finishing 2nd in his class with a 28 lb bird, Grace Jenkins finishing 4th in her class with a 28 lb bird, and Seth Strickland finishing 6th in his class with a 24 lb bird.

Carson Albertson and Finn Owan also participated. ATMFS Student Kennedy Strickland competed as well with a 4th place finish and a 25 lb bird.

Wheatmore FFA had a busy month during October with a livestock judging contest, competition at the State Fair and a trip to the National FFA Convention. Six Wheatmore FFA members competed in the Randolph County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. From left are Coy Jarrett, Westin Childers, Benito Garcia, Josie Holmes, Alson Robbins and Abby Lynn. Childers won the event with a first place finish, and Holmes finished fourth.

According to Haymes, “Our goal is to pack 40,000 meals in a little over two hours. In order for us to accomplish this, we need 200 volunteers.”

Volunteers of any age are welcomed.

The 20,000 meals donated for local consumption will be divided between Community Outreach of Archdale-Trinity, Pierced Ministries in Archdale and Open Door Ministries in High Point.

According to Haynes, volunteers are needed to make the meal packing event a success. Sign up online at www.archdalefriends.com, call the church office at 336-431-2918 or Scott Haynes at 336-434-5349, or email rshaynes52@gmail.com.

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We need your special holiday recipe to be published in our annual holiday section that is all about Christmas in your community. Share with your neighbors, friends, and family that traditional recipe in your household during the holiday season.

All recipes submissions will be entered into a drawing for a $50 Food Lion gift card, just in time for those holiday meals.

Christmas in the Southern Triad will be published in the High Point Enterprise, the Thomasville Times and The Archdale Trinity News after Thanksgiving. It will be a full color, bi-rite section that will preview all of the upcoming holiday events in these communities, as well as feature stories and a special giving back section dedicated to lending helping hands to others in need.

Don’t miss out! Send your recipe in by Nov. 8th and be entered to win a $50 grocery gift card!