Backpacks On A Mission Packers – Service Opportunity With Ministry Partner
Time Commitment – 1-2-hours each Tuesday Afternoon during the Hillsborough County School Year

Backpacks On A Mission Packers pack sorted food for SSUMC's six partner schools, and store tables at the conclusion of packing.

Backpacks On A Mission celebrates South Shore's commitment to _Salty Service_, which focuses on serving persons outside the church family. For Jesus, the neighbor we should love is anyone in need. We are sent out into the world. We are called to follow Jesus beyond our comfort zones, as his hands and feet and voice. _Salty Servants_ are compassionately focused outward beyond themselves, beyond their family, beyond their group. Jesus gave his life "for the whole world," not just for those we know in our congregation; and so, we are sent out as ambassadors of reconciliation, agents of the Kingdom which God desires to give to all God's children.

It is recommended that _Backpacks On A Mission_ Packers feel comfortable lifting, breaking down and storing tables in a team.

1. Be in **prayer** for our partner schools and your fellow servants while you work.
   Example: Lord, bless this day and those who will be nourished in body and soul through this gift of food. Amen.

2. Arrive at 2:00pm on school-year Tuesday afternoons.

3. Count the number of bags needed for your designated table.

4. Count the number of items to be packed for this day.

5. Check for students with allergies and pack those first.

6. Pack the required number of bags for your school and place in bins that are located under your designated table.

7. Set filled bins in designated areas once all are filled.

8. 'Break down' and store tables.

If you are interested in learning more about and/or serving with _South Shore Readers_, please begin with prayer, such as

Lord, guide me in the discernment and investment of my gifts in service to you and your Kingdom through South Shore. Amen.

Then, connect with Pastor Sarah via sarah@southshoreumc.com.