



CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM
November-December

Every year in conjunction with area social service agencies, WUMC adopts several families to provide Christmas gifts so that no child is without new clothes and toys on Christmas morning as well as the "Gift of Warmth" through "Power Ball" heating assistance donations. Members of the church generously give items on a wish list provided by the needy families and the agencies. Please check your weekly bulletin in November and December for more information.



One week—Fall or Spring

Working in conjunction with CARITAS, (Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter), our church opens its doors for one week, twice a year providing shelter and food for 25 or more individuals who are homeless. This project involves a tremendous amount of support from the congregation, including preparing meals, supervising people at night, escorting people to/from showers, laundry, homework help and being there to lend an ear. If you would like to participate in CARITAS, please contact Steve and Tracy Garner at 739-4192 or tgarner@woodlakeumc.org.

HELPING HANDS

July

Each July, WUMC sponsors Helping Hands, a conference wide mission event for rising 4th-6th graders (ages 9-12). Various mission projects are set up throughout the Metro Richmond area and teams are sent out with a Mission Volunteer liaison from WUMC. This is an excellent opportunity for children to become engaged in missions. Opportunities are also available for adults to help with this project. Contact Beth Christian at 804-739-4535, ext. 28, or bchristian@woodlakeumc.org, to sign up your child.



PLUG IN TODAY...
You can make a difference!

Our mission projects need the right people in the right places for the right reasons. You can make a difference in someone's life by giving to those in need. Connect with a mission project or two that fits your heart and schedule!

If you would like to discuss how you may contribute to or get involved in any of these outreach opportunities, please contact our Mission Co-Chairs:

Heide Peterson, 366-2150
 heidepeterson@mac.com

or

Janice Fisher, 739-9624
 janice.fisher@comcast.net



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At various times throughout the year, we will identify quick mission projects that fulfill a specific need. This is an easy way to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Please check your weekly bulletin throughout the year for these opportunities.

LOCAL PROJECTS



COULD YOU BE A STUDY BUDDY? A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM—SEPTEMBER-MAY

Volunteers are needed to be study buddies to third graders at Swift Creek Elementary School right here in our community. Each study buddy will meet with a third grader

from 9:00-9:40 a.m. on Tuesday or Thursday mornings to work on homework, review multiplication facts (with flash cards), read aloud, or review study guides for science or social studies. Volunteers will simply mentor the child as they prepare for their upcoming spring SOL tests. If you want to make an immediate difference in a child's life, volunteer to give about 45 minutes on either Tuesday or Thursday mornings and be a study buddy for one of these wonderful children. Please contact Pastor Michael Whaley at 739-4535, ext. 38 or email mwhaley@woodlakeumc.org to volunteer.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROJECT JULY-AUGUST

Help us help needy children by volunteering to fill a back pack with much needed school supplies or provide new clothing for the children we serve in our soup kitchens. Please help them begin their school year with the necessary items they need to get off on the right start! Check the weekly bulletin in the summer for more information.



MT. MORIAH SOUP KITCHEN 2nd Thursday & 4th Friday each month

Greater Mt. Moriah Church on First Street in Richmond opens its doors to the

homeless offering home cooked lunches to those in need. Our church provides the food and the volunteers to serve over 120 meals twice a month. We need volunteers to make an inexpensive casserole, help serve or purchase institutional sized cans of green beans and mixed fruit. Email "T" Butz at matbutz@verizon.net for the 2nd Thursday feeding or Ronnie & Sue Vaughan at rdvsue@gmail.com for the 4th Friday feeding.

FISHES AND LOAVES Ongoing

Since 2004, WUMC members have been supplying snack foods and microwaveable nonperishable food items to a local hospital to benefit families who have children in the hospital and who have to stay for a long period of time. Food is placed in the visiting area and these families who are there for countless hours can enjoy a refreshing snack without having to leave their children. Donations are need regularly to stock this worthwhile cause. For more information contact Lizanne Berg at dabergfamily@verizon.net or 739-2408.



Ongoing

WUMC maintains a food pantry that benefits people in need in our community. Volunteers may make donations as frequently as they wish by donating complete boxed meals, canned green beans, corn and canned fruit. All items are kept in our mission pantry and are given out as needs arise. You may place un-expired donations in the red bins under the stairs.



SPONSOR A CHILD Child Rescue Center - Sierra Leone

You are invited to join us in this exciting ministry that is helping the children of Sierra Leone. WUMC is in a partnership of eight United Methodist Churches that provides support for children in Bo, Sierra Leone. Sponsorship of a child for an entire year is just \$300. These children have endured a brutal war-raged environment for most of their lives. They lived on the streets, hungry, traumatized and in desperate need of love. The CRC has changed their lives. We invite you to help make a difference. Contact Pastor Michael Whaley at 739-4535 or mwhaley@woodlakeumc.org.



LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

FAMILY MISSION TRIP ONE WEEK EVERY SUMMER

Every August WUMC hosts a family mission trip to Hayesville, NC to support the "Hinton Project". You will assist families in desperate need of home repairs. Children 10 and over may attend with their parent. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Marie Misiasek at marie@woodlakeumc.org, for more information.

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA AND CUBA

WUMC supports international mission trips to both Cuba and the CRC in Sierra Leone. Trips are focused on a certain area such as teaching, medical, or construction. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, contact Pastor Michael Whaley at 739-4535, ext. 38 or mwhaley@woodlakeumc.org for an application.