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Dear Small Group Leaders,

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to discipleship. Our purpose statement “Woodlake United Methodist Church: Loving God; Knowing God; Living Our Faith as Disciples of Jesus Christ” encourages every member of our Woodlake family to live out their faith in service to others. Last year, the monthly Mission Outreach Calendar was introduced. The congregational response was extremely positive. As a church family, more individuals were involved in hands on outreach than ever before.

Through this coordinated response, we were once again reminded that when we respond together in mission as a church family, we have a much greater impact on those we seek to serve. In an effort to continue this growth in mission outreach and synchronize our outreach efforts, the Mission Team has once again identified twelve priority outreach initiatives. The church wide Mission Outreach Calendar has been updated and once again provides monthly opportunities for individuals of all ages to put their faith into action and grow in discipleship through mission. These monthly opportunities will be highlighted at our worship services, in our bulletin and on the church website. We encourage every small group to take advantage of these exciting mission opportunities as we seek to live out our purpose statement. In addition to these monthly outreach initiatives, we have identified five ongoing mission opportunities that your small group is welcomed to join at any time.

Attached you will find the 2012 Mission Outreach Calendar and Missions/Fundraiser Policy which outlines the procedures and policy for conducting a mission outreach event within your small group. We encourage you and your small group to take advantage of these planned monthly outreach efforts. Any additional proposed church wide mission opportunity must be approved by the Missions and/or Finance Committees. Please be sure to familiarize yourself and your small group with these guidelines so that we at Woodlake can continue to reach outside our walls and live our faith as Disciples of Christ.

In His Service,

Heide Peterson  
Janice Fisher  
Mission Representatives

***Matthew 25:40***

*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*