



## **YOU ARE INVITED!**

To attend the bi-monthly meeting of the Mission Team. Everyone is welcome and appreciated. We discuss mission projects, organize volunteers, and discuss the needs of our local community. Meetings are currently being held every other month immediately following the First Fruits Service in the nursery, room 102.

### **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.

### **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 from WUMC acting as the liaison. 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](mailto:bchristian@woodlakeumc.org), to sign up your child; Contact Janice Fisher, 804-739-9624 or [janice.fisher@comcast.net](mailto:janice.fisher@comcast.net) for adult volunteer opportunities.

### **QUICK MISSIONS Various times as needed**

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 requests.

## ***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 schedule. If you would like to discuss how you may contribute to any of these mission outreaches please contact:

**Heide Peterson, 639-5313**  
**[heide\\_peterson@ccps.net.net](mailto:heide_peterson@ccps.net.net)**

**or**

**Janice Fisher, 739-9624**  
**[janice.fisher@comcast.net](mailto:janice.fisher@comcast.net)**

Gracious Lord,  
Through your Holy Spirit, grant us  
***Worship*** that draws us close to you,  
***Witness*** that feeds those who hunger and thirst,  
***Healing*** that offers hope to the broken,  
***Discipleship*** that makes us like Christ, and  
***Stewardship*** that invests our selves and resources in  
your Kingdom.  
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

# **2008 WUMC Mission Opportunities**

## MT. MORIAH SOUP KITCHEN RICHMOND FRIENDS OF THE HOMELESS 2nd Thursday and 4th Friday of 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 size cans of green beans and mixed fruit. Please email T Butz at [clbutz@comcast.net](mailto:clbutz@comcast.net) for the 2nd Thursday feeding, and Ronnie & Sue Vaughan at [rdvsue@comcast.net](mailto:rdvsue@comcast.net) for the 4th Friday feeding.



## CHURCH HILL HOUSE LUNCH PROGRAM 3rd Saturday of each month

This program provides lunch to residents of a senior citizen housing complex in Church Hill. This is a partnership with WUMC and Boulevard United Methodist Church. Meals are prepared by volunteers of both congregations and then delivered and served to the residents of Church Hill House. This program is the third Saturday of each month. Families are encouraged to participate-children must be 14 or older and accompanied by a parent. Contact Ann or Alex Pettigrew, 796-5643, [apettigrew@comcast.net](mailto:apettigrew@comcast.net), for additional information.



## FISHES AND LOAVES Ongoing

In 2004, WUMC members began 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 the area or their loved ones. Donations are needed regularly to stock this worthwhile cause. Contact Lizanne Berg, 739-2408, [dabergfamily@verizon.net](mailto:dabergfamily@verizon.net), for more information.



## FAMILY MISSION TRIP One week every August

An annual 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. Please contact Janice Fisher, 739-9624, [janice.fisher@comcast.net](mailto:janice.fisher@comcast.net), for more information.

## COULD YOU BE A STUDY BUDDY? A new community outreach program!

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 on Tuesday or Thursday mornings and 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 Debbie Whaley at [debbie\\_whaley@ccpsnet.net](mailto:debbie_whaley@ccpsnet.net) to volunteer. The program will begin the week of March 17th and run through May.

## C.A.R.I.T.A.S. One week each fall and 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, 739-4192, [garner01@comcast.net](mailto:garner01@comcast.net).

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS Sierra Leone, Africa and Cuba

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

## FOOD PANTRY 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 unexpired donations in the red bins under the stairs.



## SPONSOR A CHILD Child Rescue Center - Sierra Leone, Africa



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. What a blessing for us to be a part of the CRC children's lives!! 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 make a difference. Contact Pastor Michael Whaley, 739-4535, ext.38, [mwhaley@woodlakeumc.org](mailto:mwhaley@woodlakeumc.org), for more information.

## 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.

