



University United Methodist Church Missions and Outreach



Then you will call,

and

The Lord will answer;

you will cry for help,

and

God will say,

"I'm here!"

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;
if you open your heart to the hungry,
and provide abundantly for those who are
afflicted,

Your light will shine in

the darkness,

and your gloom will be like

the noon.

Isaiah 58: 9-10





Missions at University UMC

Traditionally, University UMC has supported 4 main mission organizations through our budget: Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, TABLE, Habitat for Humanity and ZOE. Since our primary focus for missions is to close the achievement gap in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, support for Communiversity was added to the budget in 2022. In addition to budget dollars, congregation members support these organizations and many others with additional donations and service.

Read on to find out about the many mission opportunities at University UMC. Look for new ways you can get involved!



Angel Tree

University UMC is committed to sharing gifts and blessings with children in need in the local community. Through our relationship with Northside Elementary, we are able to provide children with Christmas presents through our annual Angel Tree outreach. More info about this year's drive coming in November!

Blood Drives

The Health Committee at University UMC hosts blood drives semi-annually. There has been a huge shortage of blood during the pandemic. Every donor helps save lives! The next drive will be in February.



Communiversy

An after-school program run by the Stone Center and UNC student volunteers, Communiversy provides cultural literacy enrichment, academic enhancement, and mentor relationships for K-8 students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. They are currently looking for volunteers to read to these scholars!

The Giving Garden

Did you know that last year we donated over 800 pounds of fresh produce from the Giving Garden Community Garden to TABLE for hungry families in our area? Come help and be a part of feeding the hungry! There are jobs for all ages. The garden is at 531 Umstead Drive in Chapel Hill.



Habitat for Humanity

Helping to build a home is one of the most tangible ways you can serve our neighbors and show God's love. Grab a friend and serve together, or come alone. We need everyone! Look for build dates soon or visit orangehabitat.org.



IFC

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) is a not-for-profit non-denominational social service organization with a small staff providing basic services to combat poverty, hunger and homelessness in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Visit ifcweb.org to donate or volunteer with this worthy organization.

Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry serves those who are incarcerated at the Orange County Correctional Center. Visit universitymc.church to get involved with this ministry. Look for details on their pecan fundraiser in November.



Project 5000

Project 5000 runs yearly during Lent. Based on an unforgettable experience in the life of Jesus – the feeding of the 5,000 – each box of food is designed to provide emergency food for a family of four for two days. Look for a packing list or opportunity to donate in 2023!

School Supply Drive

As we work with community partners to close the achievement gap experienced by students of color in our public school system, our School Supply Drive fills backpacks with school supplies for Northside Elementary students and raises funds to support them. Look for info next fall for our next drive!



TABLE

TABLE's mission is to provide healthy, emergency food aid every week to hungry elementary school children living in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Food is collected at University UMC throughout the year for these underprivileged children. Volunteers are needed at TABLE especially during this season. Visit tablenc.org to get involved.

ZOE

Help orphans in Africa break the cycle of poverty and dependency forever by donating to Zoe. Church members Erika and John Lusk traveled to Kenya to visit University UMC's partner working group, Samaritan Liliaba. Support this ministry by visiting zoeempowers.org.



Visit universityumc.church for more information about all of these great missions.



Upcoming Opportunities

Virtual Mission Trip with Cristo Obrego



Join us October 23 - 27 as we meet again to build relationships with Cristo Obrego Church in Buenos Aires and their feeding ministry for immigrants, Leche y Miel. We are building relationships with this church virtually, and the hope is that we will one day be

able to visit them in person.

When Jesus blessed the 5 small barley loaves it unleashed compassion and generosity among the people. Let us continue to witness to God's abundance! Visit universityumc.church for daily devotionals and the schedule of activities.



Rise Against Hunger

You are invited to help feed hungry people at home and across the world. Hosted by Amity UMC, the Rise Against Hunger meal packaging experience is Saturday,

November 12, 2022, 1-5 p.m. (several shifts will be available).

Our goal is to pay for and pack at least 10,000 meals (\$3800) and recruit at least 50 volunteers. If we raise more money and get more volunteers, we can pack more meals and add more shifts.

To learn more about Rise Against Hunger, donate towards the cost of meals, and/or register to volunteer on November 12, please visit universityumc.church.





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