

# SERVE: Opportunities for All Ages

Bethesda United Methodist Church  
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Join us as we strive to make a difference in the lives of others here in our local community, and also in places across the country and around the world. In addition to the opportunities for service listed here, we encourage you to stay tuned to *The Messenger* for other activities including MLK Day projects, canned food drives, and our annual School Supplies Drive for *Interfaith Works*, just to name a few! If you have any questions, we invite you to contact the co-chairs of our *Outreach, Advocacy & Action Committee*: **Shannon Snynn** (shannonsnynn@yahoo.com) or **Susan Bender** (susanbender@comcast.net).



## SERVICE MONDAYS

There are two ways you can make a difference on the first Monday of every month!

### Sandwiches & Trail Mix for McKenna's Wagon:

Individually wrapped sandwiches & baggies of trail mix can be dropped off in the Huntington Pkwy parking lot the first Monday of the month from 8:30 - 10:00 am. The food we donate is distributed to those in need in DC by *McKenna's Wagon* mobile vans. All types of sandwiches are welcome. Be sure to individually wrap sandwiches, pack them together in a paper or plastic bag and label with the type and quantity. **Contact Bruce or Nancy Smith** (smithbruce@verizon.net or smithnancy@verizon.net)

**Food Drive for Bethesda Help:** Help fill the shelves of the *Bethesda Help* food pantry (located at N. Bethesda UMC) by donating non-perishable food for our neighbors in need. No glass or super-size containers please. For a list of most needed items, please visit our website: washmorefeet.org/fooddrive. **Contact: Janet Edmonds** (j.edmonds@erols.com)

## ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES



**Racial Justice:** BUMC's Racial Justice Ministry is prayerfully working towards identifying and dismantling racism. Each **Sunday from 5:00-6:00 pm**, our church stands together in a peaceful

time of witness along Old Georgetown Rd. Bring your signs advocating for racial justice and join our witness! Together we are seeking racial justice for our community and world.

**Gun Violence Prevention:** BUMC's GVP Ministry works closely with other local congregations to raise awareness about gun violence and actively work to change local and national laws. We participate in a variety of other local events including Advocacy Days on Capitol Hill. **Contact: Susan Bender** (susanbender@comcast.net)

## MISSION TRIPS

**Youth Faith in Action:** Each summer, BUMC sends at least one team of youth and adult leaders to a location, either here in the U.S. or overseas, to help residents in need. **Contact: Kara Peace** (kpeace@washmorefeet.org)

**Volunteers in Mission (VIM):** BUMC periodically sends teams of adults to communities to repair homes following natural disasters. Stay tuned to *The Messenger* for more information about any upcoming trips.

## KIDS WITH PURPOSE

Children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have the opportunity to participate in *Kids with Purpose* during the morning worship services (following the Children's Message). This Bible-based program aims to make mission and service to others an everyday and lifelong activity. Children engage in projects such as making cards for those who need encouragement or collecting donations for animal shelters. **Contact: Emily Cevallos** (emilyacevallos@gmail.com)

## MANNA SACKS

Each week, BUMC volunteers assemble Manna Sacks for children in need and deliver them to a local elementary school. These bags of food are designed to provide supplemental nutrition over the weekend when subsidized school meals are not available.

**Contact: Sue O'Hara** (rockysmom51@gmail.com)

## FOSTER CARE

BUMC is collecting donations for a BUMC Foster Closet, which will be a resource to foster parents and foster children in Montgomery County. This closet will provide clothing, books, toys, school supplies, accessories, and baby supplies for foster families. We are also continuing to collect gift cards to support youth transitioning out of the Foster Care System.

**Contact Shannon Snynn** (Shannonsnynn@yahoo.com)



## ANGEL TREE



Help make Christmas a little brighter for a local family in need as we team up with *Interfaith Works*. Some of the ways that volunteers can assist include purchasing requested gifts or helping sort donations.

**Contact: Beth Reilly** (beth@washmorefeet.org)

## BUMC ACTS FUND

Have an idea for a way to serve God in our community? BUMC is awarding a limited number of grants throughout the upcoming year to help make your ideas a reality! Your proposal should include what you would like to see happen with a grant and how this project will help you serve God in the community; why you have felt led to this project; and the amount that you are seeking.

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