

Mission Catalog



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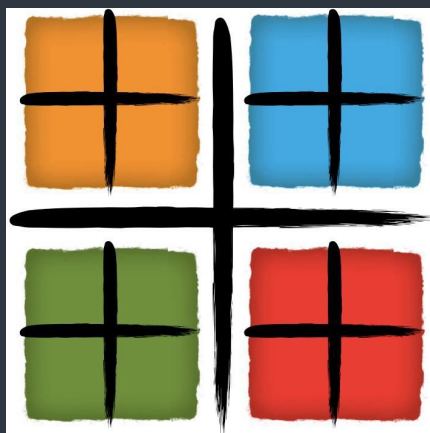
How to Use This Resource

At King Avenue, we invite, welcome and honor all people and nurture them to grow in service with Christ. This resource is intended to guide you toward service in community.

Perhaps you, your family, your small group, or your circle of friends would like to spend some time in mission getting to know God, each other, and yourselves better. Find a mission opportunity in this catalog and jump in! Each member of our missions leadership team is excited to be in contact with you about how your gifts can be used in this great network of Christians.

Most of all, know that this catalog cannot contain all the ways in which you can serve in missions in and with King Avenue United Methodist Church. If you have an idea and passion for a new mission opportunity, please contact us! We're always looking for new ways to serve alongside others to share God's love.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. John Keeny at jkeeney9@hotmail.com or 614-424-6050 ext. 102.



Advocacy

Noun—

The act of pleading for, supporting, or recommending; active espousal.

Ex. He was known for his advocacy of states' rights.

Advocacy

Have you ever wanted to contact your elected representatives about some issue? Our advocacy team will keep you informed on human rights, poverty, peace, justice, and hunger concerns so that you can write that letter, make that call, or schedule that visit. We work within the guidelines of the social principles of the United Methodist Church, and certainly one has the freedom not to act on each recommended action. Many of our actions will come from our conference office and occur once a month. There is no limit on the number of participants, and many opportunities do not require leaving your home (e.g. letter writing, calling a law maker).

Sample:

The Honorable (full name)
United State Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator (last name):

The legislation addressing (describe issue concisely, or use exact name of bill before legislature) **is of paramount interest to me because I am a** (Certified Academic Language Therapist, parent, teacher, etc.) **This issue directly impacts** (my students, my profession, the way we as professionals will be able to function effectively, my child, etc.)

I am primarily concerned about (describe major specific concern within the larger issue) **because** (state reasons or examples briefly, with only as many relevant details as necessary to make your point clearly.) **Other aspects of this same issue that affect** (my student, profession, child) **are** (describe briefly and secondary concerns and supporting situations, reasons, examples, etc.)

Although I have read reports of your position in the newspapers, I realize this may not fully represent your viewpoint. Therefore, I will look forward to your reply expressing your opinions, and your current stance on the issue.

Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint on this matter. I believe it is an important issue, and would like to see the legislation (pass, fail, or be amended) to ensure effective educational services for the students involved.

Sincerely,

Your name,
Address
Phone Number
Email Address

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Some Issues:

Immigration Reform

Women's Rights

LGBT Rights

Poverty

Healthcare

Education

Hunger

Environmental Stewardship

United Methodist Church for All People

Community Gardens:

Community Development for All People has two community gardens. During the spring volunteers come to help prep and plant the sites. During the growing season, the gardens need routine maintenance and the vegetables harvested. In the fall, the gardens are prepared for the winter.

Mike Dyle Community Garden

Located at 764 Wager Street

This garden has flowers in the front of the garden and has raised beds for vegetables. Depending on season, weeding, harvesting, and watering will be needed. The Boy Scouts have just built a compost bin at this site, raising plants in 3 of the boxes. The other boxes are available for anyone in the neighborhood to harvest. Volunteers can arrange to come during the week or on a Saturday.

Southside Community Garden

Located on Stanford Alley between Bruck Street and 8th Street (near the site of the former settlement house).

This large garden has both community and private plots. Depending on season, it requires harvesting and weeding. Volunteers are needed to work on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.



**For More Mission
Opportunities visit:**

www.4allpeople.org



About Church for All People

Chartered in 2003, The Church for All People grew out of the message of unconditional love offered by the Free Store and the atmosphere of hospitality it created. It is intentionally cross-class and multi-racial. The church welcomes each of us as we are, no matter who we are or what we have done, and offers an environment where each of us can grow in our discipleship and turn our lives toward the light.

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Free Store

Free Store volunteers assist the Free Store Director and Assistant Director in serving the community by performing check-out, inventory, racking and clerical duties. The Free Store is open T,Th, Sat. 10am-12:30pm, Weds. 1:00-3:30 pm, and Fri. 2:00-4:30 pm. Donations are accepted M,T, Th, Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm, Weds 12-3:30 pm and Fri, 1:00-4:00 pm. Volunteers needed at all of the above times.

HEAL Coaches

CD4AP, with assistance from other collaborators, has launched its new Healthy Eating And Living (HEAL) initiative. The HEAL program seeks to interconnect many of the healthy living activities that are currently being offered to low and moderate income South Side residents. Benefits of the program include developing a relationship with a peer health coach and shopping in a fresh foods market.

Seasonal and Event Opportunities

CD4AP runs a variety of additional programming throughout the year, such as additional community meals, fundraising events, Harmony on the South Side, housing projects and other seasonal volunteer opportunities.

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Church for All People

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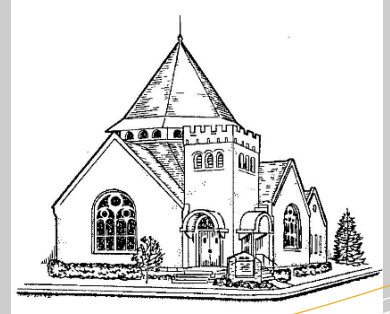
This is a great opportunity
for small groups, Bible
Studies, groups of friends,
and organizations to serve
in partnership!

Gates Fourth United Methodist Church

Gates Fourth UMC hosts a breakfast meal for the community on the fourth Saturday of each month. Guests include both church members and community members from the Merion Village (south of downtown) area. Volunteers from King Avenue assist the Gates Fourth team with greeting guests, distributing clothing/personal care donations, serving meals, assisting in the kitchen and clean-up. The kitchen and serving area is not air conditioned, so the dress code for this food service environment is casual, including shoes that can protect against hot spills. Two to three volunteers have the opportunity to practice their manual dishwashing skills, although the other tasks are less physically demanding. The mission coordinator schedules six to eight volunteers per month through e-mail. The only skills needed for this three hour commitment is to smile and the desire to bring hospitality to this diverse community.

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Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

When called upon, King Avenue hosts a family from the YWCA family center .

Host—

A Host picks up our family from the YWCA center, returns them to King Ave., and stays the night in the Logos Lounge. In the morning, the host provides a wake up call for our family and transports them back to the YWCA shelter by 7:30 a.m. (plenty of time to still get to work).

Transportation—

On call volunteers will help with transportation if our host needs another vehicle to transport our family. Time commitment is approximately a half an hour at 8 p.m. and again in the early morning, usually between 6 and 6:30 a.m.

Snacks—

Drop off snacks for our hosts and family during the week of hosting.

Laundry—

Launder sheets and towels. This can either be done in your home or at the church.

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About IHN

IHN began as the second housing network in the U.S. in 1988 and grew to include more than 120 faith communities. By the end of the 1990's, YWCA Columbus had assumed 24-hour responsibilities in transporting the families and managing day services. The realization that family homelessness was a social issue that was not going to go away led to a number staff transitions and further vision of a new model for responding to family homelessness. The YWCA family center has been built, but it regularly operates at over 100% capacity.

Do You Know:

- No Country on earth incarcerates more of its citizens than the U.S.
- Of the nearly 2.5 million adults in U.S. prisons, upon release 50% of them reoffend and return to prison within 3 years. In the 10 years of Horizon's existence, less than 10% of its graduates return to prison.

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Horizon Prison Ministry

King Ave supports the Horizon Prison Initiative through volunteers, monetary gifts, and prayers. Horizon is an outgrowth of the Kairos Prison ministry. It is a year long program in which the inmates live as family units in a separate dorm from the general population. For many inmates, this is their first experience living in a supported family unit. During that year, the participants take mandatory classes in multicultural spiritual growth, character reformation, trauma recovery, victim awareness and cognitive restructuring.

Three Ohio prisons participate in Horizon: London, Marion, and Chillicothe. King Ave members volunteer at Chillicothe in their Building Communities program in which we lead the inmates' study of different religious traditions, communication skills, conflict resolution, and learning styles, among other topics. However, our most important role in Building Communities is our presence; many inmates have not had a visit from an outside person for decades.

Volunteers car pool to Chillicothe every Wednesday during the school year, leaving Columbus at 4:30 and returning at 9:00.

Hubbard Mastery School Partnership



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Susie McGeean, Principal

King Avenue UMC is a community partner to the Hubbard Mastery School, a pre-K through 6th grade Columbus City School with over three hundred students located just one mile from our doors. Opportunities to serve in this growing partnership include being a reading buddy, serving as a chaperone for educational enrichment events, and volunteering with organizing and distributing the books that we collect for the children.



About LifeCare Alliance

LifeCare Alliance leads our community in identifying and delivering health and nutrition services to meet the community's changing needs.

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www.lifecarealliance.org



Meals-on-Wheels (through LifeCare Alliance)

King Avenue United Methodist Church has a devoted mission group that serves Meals-on-Wheels through LifeCare Alliance every Saturday morning from 10:20 a.m. until about noon. The individuals who volunteer are responsible for delivering meals one Saturday a month either on their own or in teams for the King Avenue Route—Route 1402. This mission serves the elderly and disabled who are eligible for Meals-on-Wheels service.

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Volunteers commit to one Saturday per month with the route lasting approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. Training is provided by LifeCare Alliance and new volunteers can ride along with current volunteers to learn the route. Volunteers should be able to drive, have their own vehicle, and walk meals to homes and apartments. This is a great mission opportunity, as children are welcome! Children can help get the meal items ready or can accompany adults to homes for delivery.

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Open Shelter Lunch Packing

Open Shelter lunch packing teams. Our two teams make 400 sack lunches each month. One meets on the Thursday before the third Friday; the other meets on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday. Both meet at 6 pm in the church kitchen. We are usually done in 45 minutes. This is a great activity for all ages. A good number for each team is 6-8 persons. You can join an existing team or create a team of your own!

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About the Open Shelter

The Open Shelter provides, directly or by referral, emergency shelter and assistance for homeless and marginally housed persons in Central Ohio, especially the most vulnerable among them; and to provide directly or by referral, coordinated, supportive services, and transitional and/or permanent housing, enabling homeless and marginally housed persons to achieve maximum participation in the community.

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About Piedras Negras

Piedras Negras is a city on the U.S.—Mexico border across the Rio Bravo (Rio Grande) from Eagle Pass, Texas. The city's population is around 200,000 people.

Factoid: Piedras Negras is the birthplace of Nachos!

Mexico Partnership - Casa de Misericordia

King Avenue United Methodist Church has established a partnership with the House of Mercy (Casa de Misericordia) orphanage in the Mexican city of Piedras Negras. Casa de Misericordia is home to about two dozen children who have been placed there by the government because their parents are unable or unwilling to care for them. King Avenue regularly sends groups to the orphanage where team members help with maintenance and improvement projects for the building and grounds, do activities with the children, worship with our Mexican brothers and sisters, and eat a lot of good Mexican food. The missions typically run Thursday through Monday and cost around \$900, depending on airfare. This is a great family mission opportunity as people of all ages are welcome so long as they are in generally good health and can tolerate heat. A passport is required.

Cuisine for a Cause

Our congregation also provides financial support to the orphanage, and we hold an annual fundraiser called "Cuisine for a Cause."



WE CAN MAKE A
WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

YOU ARE INVITED!

8th Annual Fund-raising Feast to Benefit
House of Mercy Orphanage in Piedras Negras, Mexico

CUISINE *for a*
CAUSE

OUR EVENT:

Friday, April 22nd • 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
The Boat House at Confluence Park,
679 West Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43215
Amazing Food & Desserts • Cash Bar • Silent Auction • Live Auction



NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY

(formerly known as Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program)

NNEMAP has over 125 volunteers and serves clients from the Short North, Downtown, and the Linden area. NNEMAP distributes food and offers health and children's services.

Volunteers work from 8:30a.m.—11:45 a.m. from once per month to once per week, according to the preference/schedule of the volunteer. The primary opportunities for volunteering are:

Interviewer

Interviewers talk with our shoppers and utilize our online system to check for personal information changes and note what service the individual is being provided.

Assisting Shoppers:

This volunteer assists the shoppers in selecting food items. It also includes some work of taking donations, stocking shelves, and other duties as assigned.

Other Opportunities

Serving on the garden committee

Breaking down large bags of sugar, flour, detergent, pet food, etc. into smaller portions

Preparing and serving lunch

Fundraising events including Christmas tree sale, Harmony for Hunger concert and State Fair Parking.

Facility maintenance including lawn care, painting, and deep cleaning

Go to Mid-Ohio Food Bank with your truck or SUV to pick up produce

About NNEMAP

Established in 1969, NNEMAP has become one of the largest food pantries in Franklin County. NNEMAP's clientele consists of families living in or near poverty. NNEMAP is a cooperative ministry of 33 churches and many community partners distributing food and material assistance to needy residents of the near northside of Columbus. We serve over 30,000 people with a 3-day supply of food twice a month. Our food supply comes from private donations and the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

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About New Life

New Life has been in ministry in the Short North area of Columbus for over 100 years. There is a long legacy of serving people in need, and nurturing one another in our faith, and our discipleship to Jesus Christ.

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New Life United Methodist Church

Clothing Room

Here, neighbors and their families are free to shop for gently used clothing, household linens and personal hygiene products. The clothing room store is open on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9-11am. Volunteers help with sorting, labeling clothing and assisting neighbors with their shopping. Training is on the spot.

Breakfasts

On Tuesday mornings breakfast is provided to the neighbors who are poor, homeless, or come from shelters. Volunteers help by preparing breakfasts (usually eggs, toast, potatoes and a meat). Some of the other duties may include: setting the tables, helping serve pastries, pouring coffee, and interacting with the neighbors. Volunteers may come in each week anytime from 7-11am. If you have ever wanted to scramble 30 dozen eggs or toast 12 loaves of bread, this is where it happens.

Health Center

The center is open each Sunday from 7-9am and is open to anyone who needs to see a physician. Free basic medical services and referrals to specialists and hospitals are provided. There is a team of volunteer physicians, nurses, pharmacists and prayer partners on duty.

Van Driver

New Life UMC needs some additional drivers for their vans on Sunday Mornings -before and after Breakfast and after Worship. A volunteer can drive and one or two, or all three of the shifts on any Sunday. A Driver's Commitment Schedule is worked out each month.

Red Cross Facts

The Greater Columbus Chapter is the headquarters for the Central-Southeast Ohio Region providing lifesaving services in 25 counties from Crawford to Gallia and Fayette to Washington counties

Central-Southeast Ohio Region
995 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43205

614-253-2740

Red Cross Ready When the Time Comes

Ready When the Time Comes is a program of the American Red Cross that provides volunteers from partner companies and community organizations to be immediately ready to help in the time of a local, large scale disaster. RWTC volunteers serve as “reserves” that can be called up when disaster response requires more than the normal corps of local disaster volunteers. King Avenue is not only an Emergency Site, a team of people have been trained to serve as volunteers.

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United Methodist Women

Our Purpose: To know God; To experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; To develop a creative supportive fellowship; and To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church. Membership is open to all women of King Avenue. We have four meetings a year that usually include a meal and a speaker to which all are invited (men and children, too).

In order to support the missions of NNEMAP, Choices, Henderson Settlement, Church For All People, and many others, we hold two Rummage Sales per year. Here’s where the fun begins. We meet on a regular basis to sort, price and organize items that are given to us. Everyone, women, men, and children of the church are invited to help with the Rummage Sale. We are especially thankful for our UMW Auxiliary of men.

Most of the “training” is on the job and the special physical requirements are determined by the individual workers and their capabilities. Time commitments could be several hours or many, many hours. Only those who really want to have fun and enjoy the camaraderie of others should join us!!



History

United
Methodist
Women

is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice. Members across the denomination raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM



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“The Community Outreach Team is comprised of multiple missions that align the needs of the community with the talents of the King Avenue congregation.” The outreach team would like to extend a helping hand to those in need whether it be an emergency or nagging repairs that can be met with the skills of the outreach teams.

Community Response Volunteers may be asked to assist in putting tarps on roofs that are easily accessible to the team, some mold abatement, removal of water-damaged materials and other emergencies. The team may also use basic carpentry skills for framing, siding repair, drywall and other minor repairs. Certification in ERT is not required but welcomed. Interested volunteers do not need these skills but should be physically able to do this kind of work. All you need is the heart and the desire to serve all of God’s people.



UMVIM

UMVIM is a ministry of the General Board of Global Ministries.

UMVIM teams serve all across the United States and around the world.

Habitat for Humanity/Hilliard Adopt a House

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat affiliates work locally in communities around the world to select and support homeowners, organize volunteers, and coordinate house building. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 400,000 homes worldwide, providing shelter for more than 1 million people in nearly 90 countries. In the Central Ohio community, Habitat has built more than 315 homes since 1987. In 2014 HfHMO built 14 new homes and rehabbed 6 other homes, providing safe, affordable housing for 20 families who have a total of 35 children.



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So what kind of people volunteer to help build these houses? Naturally, do-it-yourselfers and home handy-men are drawn to this type of work, but Habitat crews consist of volunteers from all walks of life. Absolutely no prior experience is necessary and we often have new volunteers who have never hammered a nail into a piece of wood. Each week there are a variety of types of work that are done, so volunteers have a lot of freedom to work on things that they feel comfortable doing or things that they would like to learn how to do.

Hilliard Adopt-A-House had our first work session on June 5th of last year and we worked on the house for the rest of the year. There are generally work sessions every Saturday and Wednesday. Some people are there for most of the work sessions and other volunteers are only able to come out and help on the house once or twice a year, which is just fine. There is no set commitment that volunteers have to make, so they come out and help when they are able. The first Habitat house on which King Avenue worked was dedicated on February 6, 2016.

Hilliard Adopt-a-House (HAAH) is an affiliate chapter of Habitat for Humanity MidOhio

Partner churches in HAAH are:
Hilliard UMC, St. Brendan Catholic,
St. James Lutheran, Indian Run UMC,
And King Avenue UMC



We're always engaging in mission!

As a West Ohio Conference congregation, King Avenue is working in alignment with the Annual Conference's mission of engaging in ministry with the poor, combating diseases of poverty by improving health globally, creating new places for new people and renewing existing congregations, and developing principled Christian leaders.

In addition to our involvement in local and international mission partnerships mentioned above, King Avenue's regular connectional giving supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and hundreds of ministries of compassion locally and around the world.

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