

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS Are you interested in helping your neighborhood school. Volunteer options include weekly tutoring, mentoring, reading to students, participating as a classroom volunteer, assisting in a short-term project or providing you the opportunity to be an Expert Guest Speaker. Lawrence Township has streamlined their process to get volunteers in the schools. It is as simple as completing an application or contacting the volunteer coordinator. Once you complete the application there will be orientations at the Lawrence Education and Community Center on November 29, 30, or December 1, or set an appointment for orientation. Details can be found on the online application at <https://itschools.wufoo.com/forms/positive-impact-volunteer-request-form-201112/> or contact Barbara D. Stryker, Director of Volunteer Services, barbarastryker@msdlt.k12.in.us or call 317-423-8434. Mrs. Stryker will also be coming to Castleton Midweek Connection on Wednesday, January 11, to explain how people can volunteer and do the orientation.

LIVE NATIVITY There is still time to sign-up for Live Nativity 2011. We have some important roles that still need to be filled. Please stop by tables this weekend and check them out. We also need people willing to make reminder calls and those willing to bring in cookies and snacks. Sign-up at the tables or contact Mary Carson at carsonarm@sbcglobal.net or 509-3757. And don't forget to take brochures and distribute them to friends, neighbors and co-workers to encourage them to participate in this wonderful Castleton UMC tradition! Let's surpass 2,000 visitors this year!

PICK-A-STAR We invite you to supply Christmas gifts to families from Barnes United Methodist and Crestview Elementary School. Simply pick a star off the tree, write your name on the attached card and drop it in the bag. Purchase your gift, wrap it, and return it to the tree or church office by December 11.

GIFT DISTRIBUTION Want to be a part of what happens to our Ingathering gifts? One half goes to Fletcher Place and the other half goes to Barnes UMC. To volunteer during Fletcher Place Christmas Shopping program in 2011 contact Karen at 317-636-3466 ext. 4 or Karen@fletcherplacecc.org. Dates for 2011: Set UP: November 26, 28 and December 2; Shopping Day December 3. Barnes UMC is having their shopping day on December 17. Watch the bulletin for more details.

NEED VOLUNTEERS? If you are involved in mission work and are in need of volunteers, we want to help. Contact Mary Carson to find out how to promote through the CUMC Mission Committee, carsonarm@sbcglobal.net.

FLETCHER PLACE Tutors are needed to work with GED students. If you are available to help, contact Lara Noren at lalarno@aol.com.

IHN Interfaith Hospitality Network We are hosting homeless families January 8-15 at the Ministries Center. We need help with food donations, food preparations, evening hosts, overnight hosts and drivers. If you can volunteer, contact Mary Ann Schubert, maryannschubert@sbcglobal.net, 845-1361.

BOX TOPS & CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS We are collecting box tops and labels for the McCurdy Indian School in New Mexico. Place donations in a baggie and drop in any mission box. The current list of eligible products can be found at www.labelsforeducation.com or www.Boxtops4education.com.

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OLD BETHEL FOOD PANTRY Old Bethel UMC could use help at their food pantry. We provide them food but they also need bodies. Some examples of the help needed is stocking shelves, computer data entry on a shift, picking up food, clean the pantry, etc. Contact Jan Dean, 898-2668 or jdean03@sbcglobal.net

MISSION GUATEMALA There is another work team trip headed to Guatemala October 13-23, 2012. If you would like to know more, contact Gary Byard gary.byard@salliemae.com.

WHEELER MISSION is always in need of volunteers to work in the office and housekeeping 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. They would love for a few people to offer their time on a consistent basis. To volunteer call 635-3575.

FAITH CARE TEAM: This team will help an incarcerated individual rejoin our community with practical, emotional and spiritual support throughout his or her transition to the community. If you would like more information please contact John Gilligan at johngindy@gmail.com or 826-1968.

GLEANERS FOOD BANK Gleaners is in need of volunteers. Please contact Sa'ane Poston sponston@gleaners.org. Gleaners is located at 3737 Waldemere Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46241.