

Bright Horizons



Rev. Ashley Steele, Executive Director

Vanessa Slappy, Editor

The Longest Table is back!!

We are delighted to announce the second annual Longest Table community dining experience will be held on **Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 1pm at the Urban Mission**. Last year's event was such a success and we were humbled by the support we received from our local community.

This year's event will only be bigger and better! Not only will The Longest Table round out Hunger Action Month (held every September) but it will also serve as an opportunity to gather our community (both near and far) to dine together at the "longest table" our community has ever seen!

Will you join us at The Longest Table? You can do so by purchasing a ticket for you and your family, sponsoring a table, or paying it forward to make a space for others.

To find out more about The Longest Table or to reserve your seat, please visit our website at: www.urbanmission.org.

Let's end hunger together!

Join us at the Longest Table, September 24, 2017!

- Rev. Ashley

p.s. We also have special **volunteer opportunities** for those wishing to be involved even more this year. Whether you'd like to help get the word out about the event, set up or tear down, or serve as a host or waiter, we'd love to have you!!

Every volunteer gets a free t-shirt too so let us know soon if you'd like be a part of the Longest Table team!



THE LONGEST TABLE

The Longest Table is a community dining experience to fight hunger in the Ohio Valley.

Where?

Downtown Steubenville
(We'll close the street down to accommodate a table two blocks long!)

What?

A family style meal, entertainment by entertainers, artisans, and a message of how YOU are making a difference to end hunger in our communities!

When?

Sunday, September 24, 2017

What time?

1-4 pm
Appetizers & music begin at 1pm
Meal served at 2pm

How much?

Tickets are \$30, but an early bird discount is available until Aug. 24

Back to School Bash 2K17

Our annual **Back to School Bash** is just around the corner. This will be a day of free food, music and games culminating with a **distribution of over 1,600 backpacks full of supplies** to area students. **This year, YOU can make a difference for a child or teen by purchasing a new backpack and/or school supplies.**

Donations can be dropped off at 301 North 5th Street, Steubenville. Monetary contributions can be sent in the enclosed envelope and marked "Back to School" or given online at www.urbanmission.org.



Volunteers are also welcome. Whether you'd like to help sort and pack supplies or help during the event, we'd love to have you. If you would like to help, please contact Cynthia Lytle at 740-282-8010 or clytle@urbanmission.org.

Mission Rejoice Picnic!

The annual Mission Rejoice Picnic was held on July 21st at Aracoma Park in Mingo Junction. More than 100 of our dear friends came for a day full of swimming, BINGO, and fun. Outcast, a local band, played live music for our guests and lunch and dinner were specially prepared by our own Rev. Toni, Candie, and Reggie.



Special thanks to our community supporters as well as Carl, Carlmoni, Carmello, and the Urban Mission Board and staff. This event is something we look forward to every year – and this year was one of our best!

Sept. is Hunger Action Month

Nearly 49 million Americans struggle with hunger. In Ohio alone, 1 in 4 children and 1 and 6 Ohioans are food insecure. These Ohioans live in every single county, including those served by the Urban Mission.

This September, Mid-Ohio Foodbank and Urban Mission Ministries will participate in *Hunger Action Month* – a month-long national campaign, which brings greater attention to hunger in Ohio and our neighborhoods.

This year, our focus at the Urban Mission will be the growing possibilities available to us to fight hunger. Each day we'll highlight a special program or ministry that is doing good for our community. We'll also share our vision for ending hunger in the Ohio Valley.

If you'd like to get involved in Hunger Action Month, please contact Rev. Ashley Steele at asteele@urbanmission.org.

Notes of thanks

Calene Dougherty, Client Services Director...

It's difficult to sum up my experience at the Urban Mission in just a few sentences, but the past year and a half that I have spent here have impacted my life in incredible ways. The Urban Mission provided me with so much more than just a job. They gave me food, clothing, and shelter--just as they do for the community of Steubenville. But beyond providing for my physical needs, the Urban Mission is a place where I grew so deeply in my faith. I was challenged to go beyond my preconceived ideas and judgements and to learn to recognize the face of Christ in each individual I encounter.



Though leaving the Urban Mission is probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do, the 2017 theme of "Growing Possibilities" could not be more applicable to my life. As I go through transitions and life changes, I remember our theme. My time here gave me the opportunity to plant small seeds, and though I may never see the results of that planting firsthand, I trust that God will multiply our efforts abundantly. Even more so, I carry with me seeds that were planted in my own life--those of empathy, growth, service, and confidence-- and roots that will continue to grow throughout my life wherever God leads me. I could not be more thankful to each staff member at the Urban Mission and to the community of Steubenville for teaching me what it means to serve with the love of Christ.

Emily Sheetz, summer intern...

As I finish up my time here in the Ohio Valley I reflect upon the past 10 weeks and each blessing and challenge that has come up in that time. Each day brought a new adventure. One day I could be sitting in my little space in our main office and the next I could be out in the field with Ms. Cynthia evaluating one of our summer food sites. One morning I could be helping serve in the UNITY Kitchen and the next be tracking the amount clothes distributed through the Clothes Closet. One week we could be hosting two groups for the JOSHUA program and the next I could not know what to do with myself because it is so calm and quiet around the Urban Mission.

The time I have spent here has certainly been a learning experience. I have learned to trust God when He calls me out of my comfort zone because He is teaching me about His people, His creation, and His mission. I have learned to break down walls and I have learned to expect the unexpected.

This summer has been such a blessing and I cannot thank the Urban Mission community enough for this opportunity. And as I look to the future I see more possibilities for myself, the Urban Mission, the city of Steubenville, and the Ohio Valley. As one of my favorite television show characters, Jed Bartlet, says, "What's next?" So, I ask, "God, what's next?" And I encourage you all to listen, see, and wonder what is next for you and your community.

Ways to Serve @



FOOD	WAREHOUSE
Stock shelves in our food pantry	Sort donated food items
Prepare or serve a meal at our Unity Kitchen	Organize furniture to distribute to families in need
Work in the local community garden to harvest vegetables	Clean + paint the Warehouse, especially our pantry

EVENTS	HOME REPAIR	OFFICE
Help at the Back to School Bash in August	Use your construction skills by helping with our JOSHUA home repair ministry	Answer phones, fold newsletters, organize files
Get creative by planning events for Hunger Action Month in September	Complete small maintenance projects at Urban Mission facilities	Assist Office Manager in data entry
Host a Mission Rejoice worship service		Send thank you notes to donors and volunteers

to volunteer: call: 740.282.8010 or email: clytte@urbanmission.org

Thanksgiving Challenge Is On!

Each year, we issue a challenge to the community to help us collect items for our holiday food bags. The item of the month is **sweet potatoes**.

You can bring any of the items in at any time. Here is a list of the remaining items needed:

Month	Item Needed
August	Sweet Potatoes (1,800 cans)
September	Vanilla Frosting (1,800 cans)
October	Yellow Cake Mix (1,800 boxes)

For more information or questions, please contact Linda at 740-282-2911 or lcostello@urbanmission.org

(Holiday distributions will begin November 1 and continue throughout November. We are hoping to have as many items as possible stocked on the Pantry shelves by October 31.)

Volunteers are also needed for the Thanksgiving Distributions. Our families will be coming in on the dates listed below to “shop” for their Thanksgiving dinner items:

November 1, 2 & 3
November 8, 9 & 10
November 15, 16, & 17

Christmas is Coming!

We have already got a jumpstart on the holidays! A few toys have been donated for our Christmas programs and our families will register for assistance beginning next month.

If you are an early shopper, we welcome toys for Christmas at any time. Through the Mission, families in need, with children ages 12 and under, receive toys, pajamas, socks and underwear. Teens ages 13-18 will receive a nice “stocking” full of toiletries, snacks, candy, gift cards, socks and hats and gloves.

You can bring in Christmas items at any time. Don’t worry, we’ll keep them safe until “Santa” is ready to deliver them!

Santa’s Elves (volunteers) are also needed. We will be setting up the “Christmas Shoppe” at our War Memorial building beginning the last week in November.

Parents will be invited to “shop” on the following days:

December 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16

If you’d like to lend a hand in set up or helping parents shop, we’d love to have you! Please call Linda at 740-282-2911 for more information.



From Vanessa Slappy, Office Manager...

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Within the six months of working here, I’ve met so many dedicated volunteers. I’ve witnessed people go above and beyond with no expectation of reward but only the desire to serve. So many have left an imprint on my spirit and implanted in me the desire to want to do more for others.

On behalf of the Urban Mission, I express a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and donors for your commitment to our community and a willingness to work for the betterment of others. You give so much of yourselves and it is such a pleasure to be surrounded by you all.

Urban Mission Current Needs

This year our Unity Kitchen is on track to serving more than 20,000 hot meals!! Many of these meals are in the form of “to go’s” so we are now collecting plastic grocery bags to be used to send these meals out with our neighbors and friends.

We have a number of outdoor projects that require some handymen and women to complete. If you have a free morning or afternoon and would like to work with your hands, please give our office a call at 740.282.8010. We’ve got projects for you!

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LABEL

August 2017

						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm Clothes Closet 10am-2pm	2 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	3 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm	4	5 Mission Rejoice 5pm
6	7 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	8 Food Pick-up Group F-L 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm Clothes Closet 10am-2pm	9 Food Pick-up Group F-L 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	10 Food Pick-up Group F-L 8:00am-2:30pm	11	12 Mission Rejoice 5pm
13	14 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	15 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm Clothes Closet 10am-2pm	16 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	17 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Back to School Bash 10am - 2:00 pm	18	19 Mission Rejoice 5pm
20	21 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	22 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm Clothes Closet 10am-2pm	23 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	24 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Newsletter Folding 9am	25	26 Mission Rejoice 5pm
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