



Bright Horizons

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Sacred ground

Last week I had the special opportunity to travel with my family for a mini vacation. With a husband who loves to drive, we ended up covering a lot of distance... Detroit, Chicago, Indianapolis, Nashville, and Roanoke. Whew! We drove so much we now need new tires on our vehicle!

One of my favorite places we visited was actually not a big city or a popular destination. It was, in fact, a summer camp my husband worked at during college. Located an hour or so south of Chicago, this summer camp became a refuge for youth from all walks of life.

When we arrived at the camp, it became obvious to me that this is a place where God is present in amazing ways. In addition to the typical camp activities, there was a huge outdoor amphitheater where devotions and worship were held every night. It was sacred ground for sure!

It's now a week later and my husband and I are back in the swing of things. Coming back to the Urban Mission this past Monday morning, I realized I have my own sacred space to visit each day.

Whether it's sharing lunch at our Unity Kitchen, visiting our clothes closet and food pantry, or sitting back and hearing the sounds of kids during the summer lunch program, God is present in some amazing ways at the Urban Mission. And for that I am thankful.

This summer, if you're looking to recharge your batteries, to experience God's goodness in a tangible way, or if you just need to do something different, let this be your invitation to visit the Urban Mission.

As one of our supporters, we want to show you how God is at work. Perhaps it's our growing housing ministry, or our experimentation with new forms of gardening, or our approach to caring for the whole person - we want you to experience this sacred ground first hand.

We'll be hosting tours throughout the summer and would love for you to join us. Please call to schedule yours today!

If you're unable to come in for a tour, but would like to find out how you can get involved at the Mission, you can check out the latest news on our website or by giving us a call at 740.282.8010.

Blessings,
Rev. Ashley

Summer Food Program

Kids Eat FREE!

Ohio Summer Food Service Program

- No Registration
- 18 or Younger



Youth ages 1 year to 18 years of age can visit one of the following meal sites for a free lunch meal Monday thru Friday.

Free Lunch Sites:

Martin Luther King Center

905 Market Street,
Steubenville
Meal Time:
12:00 pm -1:00 pm

Sacred Heart Center of Hope

(Simpson United) Methodist Church
430 Slack Street
Steubenville
Meal Time:
12:00 pm -1:00 pm

Murphy's Field

1700 Plum Street
Steubenville
Meal Time:
12:00 pm -1:00 pm

Ridgewood Place

601 Two Ridges Rd
Wintersville
Meal Time:
12:00 - 1:00 pm

(A lunch meal is available for adults (and kids) at our Unity Kitchen Monday-Wednesday, from 12-1pm.)

Back to School Bash 2K17

The Urban Mission Annual Back to School Bash is scheduled for **Thursday, August 17, 2017**.

For many, going back to school is a time of excitement – getting new clothing or a backpack filled with supplies. For others, it is a time of anxiety. In our community, there are many families who need a little extra help in preparing their children for a new school year.

This year, you can make a difference for a child or teen by purchasing a new backpack and/or supplies.

Donations can be dropped off at 301 N. 5th Street. Monetary donations can be sent in the enclosed envelope and marked “Back to School” or given online at www.urbanmission.org.

Volunteers are also welcome. If you would like to help, please contact Cynthia or Vanessa at 740.282.8010 or vslappy@urbanmission.org. We'd love to have you!



Needed Supplies:

- Back Packs
- #2 Pencils
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Ball Point Pens (Blue or Black)
- Glue Sticks (small and jumbo)
- Elmer's Glue
- Elementary Tablets
- Filler Paper (college and wide ruled)
- Crayola 24- Count Crayons
- 12 in Ruler
- Safety Scissors
- Composition Notebooks
- Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Spiral Notebooks (college and wide ruled)

Vision Care

Are you without vision insurance? Do you or your child need an eye exam? **The Urban Mission can help you receive a free eye exam and glasses if needed.** To apply, please call Ms. Virginia at 740.314.8274.



Joshua Program underway!



The JOSHUA Program is off to a great start under the leadership of Mr. Terrence Rainbow and Mr. Kent Stallcup! We welcomed groups the first and last weeks of June from

throughout Ohio and from Illinois with more groups to come! It is always amazing to see how these volunteers give of themselves so selflessly to serve our community.

JOSHUA work weeks keep our staff and volunteers busy, and it is incredible to see the amount of work a group can accomplish in one short week. From painting to bathroom repairs to landscaping, the groups have assisted numerous families already, and we cannot wait to see what the rest of the summer will bring. One thing is for sure-- lives are changing and new possibilities are growing with the JOSHUA Program!

We are thankful for our Host Churches who serve so selflessly as well. Some of this year's churches include Second Baptist, Bell Chapel UMC, Mt. Carmel Community Baptist, Richmond UMC and Mingo Harmony UMC.

Even though the official application deadline was May 1st, we are still accepting applications for consideration. For more information regarding the JOSHUA Program, please call our office at 740.282.8010.

Office Closures



The Mission will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 for Independence Day. Offices will also be closed on **Friday, July 21, 2017** for our annual Mission Rejoice Picnic at Aracoma Park in Mingo Junction.

The Longest Table

The Urban Mission will once again host our fall fundraiser and community gathering event we like to call, **“The Longest Table”**.

This year's event will be held in late September as the culminating event to Hunger Action Month. If you'd like to help in the planning of the event, please contact Ms. Vanessa Slappy at 740.282.8010 or email: vslappy@urbanmission.org.

Thanksgiving Challenge Continues

Each year we issue a challenge to the community to help us collect items for our Holiday food bags. From now until November we will collect a different item each month that will go in the food bags.

The item of the month is **Canned Peaches**.

You can bring any of the items in at any time. If possible, we prefer the cake mix and frosting during the fall months due to the heat of summer. Here is a list of the items needed:

Month	Item Needed
July	Canned Peaches (1,800 cans)
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 1st and continue throughout November. We are hoping to have as many items as possible stocked on the Pantry shelves by October 31.)

Looking Ahead to Christmas



Merry Christmas!

Christmas in July, that is. While we are all feeling the heat of the summer, it's nice to think of the cool weather and with it, the holidays.

During the summer months stores often have toys and other items at a discount price. What a great opportunity for pre-holiday deals. If you are a "Christmas in July" shopper, it's never too early to bring in toys for Urban Mission Christmas programs. Through the Mission, children ages 12 and under receive toys at Christmas. Teens 13-18 receive a nice "stocking" full of toiletries, snacks, candy and sometimes gift cards.

If you are an early holiday shopper, we will gladly receive your **Christmas toy donations**. If you have **used toys** which you would like to donate to our Santa's Recycle Program, we are also collecting them at this time as well. You can bring them at any time to the Warehouse at 311 North 6th Street. Don't worry, we'll keep them safe until Santa is ready to deliver them!

We're also looking for new ways to make our Christmas programs extra special at the Urban Mission. If you have ideas or a special talent to share, please call Linda at 740.282.2911.

Mission Rejoice Annual Picnic

You are invited to a picnic on **Friday, July 21 12pm-6pm** at Aracoma Park in Mingo Junction.

This year will be extra special – with games and prizes, live music, food and swimming!

For our friends who need a ride, bus pick-ups at the Urban Mission Church parking lot will begin at 10:30 am, with the last pick up at 12 noon.

For more information or to find out how you can participate, please contact Pastor Toni at 740-282-8010 or by email: thubbard@urbanmission.org

Warehouse Director applications to close soon

We are the final few weeks of accepting applications for our Warehouse Director position. If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying for this exciting position, please visit our website: urbanmission.org to obtain an application.

We have already held one round of interviews and will be conducting a second set of interviews the second week of July 2017.

Greetings from the New Initiatives Desk

Each day at the Mission brings opportunities, challenges, but always possibilities. Facilitating the Furniture Bank has been such an incredible blessing. We have witnessed this outreach grow from a small seed into a full blooming tree that is providing shade for many families and children in our community.

I am so thankful to all the people who have donated to this program. Your furniture items are going a long way in providing hope to working Moms and Dads who need a hand up. Thank you!

On another note, I was excited to attend a grant writing workshop at Kent State University this month. It was informative and interactive and I met some great people. I'm looking forward to what July brings my way!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Mission Rejoice 5pm
2	3 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	4 Offices Closed for Independence Day	5 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	6 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm	7	8 Mission Rejoice 5pm
9	10 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	11 Food Pick-up Group F-L 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm Clothes Closet 9am-3pm	12 Food Pick-up Group F-L 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	13 Food Pick-up Group F-L 8:00am-2:30pm	14	15 Mission Rejoice 5pm
16	17 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	18 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm Clothes Closet 9am-3pm	19 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	20 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm	21 Offices closed for Mission Rejoice Picnic	22 Mission Rejoice 5pm
23/30	24/31 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	25 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm Clothes Closet 9am-3pm	26 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	27 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Newsletter Folding 9am	28	29 Mission Rejoice 5pm