



February Outreach Update



Our Vision: Reaching out in love to draw our community to God.

Gail Jaji has graciously agreed to serve as AUMC's new Missions Coordinator! As of Jan., Carolyn Claverie will serve solely as the Outreach Coordinator. Because we are separating these areas, it is helpful to have a working definition that distinguishes between the two:

"Outreach is making an impact where you live; *missions* is making an impact by intentionally stepping beyond where you live. *Outreach* is what the church does by existing within its context. *Missions* is what the church does by initiating beyond its context." <http://impact.nbseminary.com/archives/299>

Carolyn will continue to use this newsletter to update the congregation on Outreach AND Missions news. If you have ideas, questions or helpful suggestions, please see the respective coordinator. Thanks!

Sunday, Feb. 5th Souper Bowl of Caring: On Super Bowl Sunday, our youth will take a special collection. Monetary donations can be dropped in the soup pots located at the exits. Food donations can be placed on the A/C cabinetry (in the Sanctuary) or on the communion rail (in the Chapel). All donations go to Arlington Community Services & are greatly needed & appreciated!!

BIG Kids Club Field Trip to Atrium, Sun., 2/12: Parents and kids, join us as we travel to the Atrium to sing, chat, and share goodies with the residents. This annual outreach is a blessing to the Atrium's residents, as well as to our kids. To join us, please sign up in Wesley Hall.

United Methodist Women's Sunday, Feb. 19th: UMW Sunday celebrates the work our UMW do, which includes participation and support of local and global ministries of the Methodist church. Come hear and be inspired to join in and serve!!!

Youth Service Project, Sunday, Feb. 26th 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM: The youth are working with Jacksonville-based Hart Felt Ministries (<http://hartfelt.org/>), an organization that partners with the elderly and with disabled adults in our community. The youth will assist with simple repairs, painting, and yard clean-up. This outreach effort is another great way to "reach out in love to draw our community to God." If you have youth, please encourage them to participate! All interested can contact Justin.

ReFocus Task Forces: Outreach in Action!

Contact Ministries— seeks to follow up with visitors; also works to maintain regular contact between the church and its members; works to market the church through AUMC shirts, bags and, on sale now, AUMC license plate holders. Provides mentors for new members. Interim Leader: Kay Ridgway, 745-0356.

Congregational Care— you can help this task force by assisting with monthly communion services at two retirement homes; visiting or calling shut-ins; serving as a prayer-partner for a shut-in; or, by being a contact person for your Sunday School class when there is a crisis situation. Contacts: Kay Ridgway, 745-0356 or Anita Carter, 744-1138.

Adopt A School— Thanks to the generous support of AUMC, our Giving Tree provided 78 Christmas gifts to 24 families, most of whom had ties to Arlington Elementary. AUMC members continue to make generous donations of school supplies, hand sanitizer, undies, and box tops for education. Arl Middle School has an ongoing need for school supplies, art supplies, and back packs. The Drop Back in Academy needs composition books and reams of paper. Donations can be dropped off in the church office. Individuals willing to serve in the schools are needed too. Contacts: Elaine Bailey (to volunteer in the schools), 744-0667; Sandra Kessler, 251-2498.

Neighborhood Services— Reaches out into the community via distribution of flyers and calendars. Hosts a variety of special events that invite the church's neighbors onto the church grounds. This results in opportunities to interact with our neighbors and, whenever possible, to determine and meet the real needs of those in the AUMC neighborhood. Contact: Carolyn Claverie, 268-0178.

Community Involvement—Seeks to partner with organizations already doing Godly work in the Arlington area. For example, Arlington Community Services, or the Salvation Army. Contact: Pamela Lea, 704-6306.