ONGOING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AT CENTRAL UCC

Our life is full here at Central UCC. Through the year, we serve our local community in many ways. Here are some of them:

BACK BAY MISSION TRIP (Sept 21-27, 2014) On our mission trip to the UCC Back Bay Mission (thebackbaymission.org/) in Biloxi, Mississippi, we will be participating in the Housing Recovery/Work Camping. There is also work inside at the Micah Center or cooking all the meals. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Jean Haller (jeanhaller66@gmail.com) or Lacey Brown (lacey@central-ucc.org).

DECATUR COOPERATIVE MINISTRY (decaturcooperativeministry.org) **HAGAR HOUSE** Hagar House is a shelter for women and their children located in Decatur. Central and a number of other churches in the area have a long-standing relationship with Hagar's House. If you would like to help prepare and/or serve a meal this August, please email Bill O'Steen (oomow@comcast.net)

THE ELSIE MOE SOUP KITCHEN Twice each month, we prepare and serve lunch for residents of the Women's and Children's Emergency Shelter at Grace United Methodist Church in Atlanta. If you would like to grocery shop, prepare meals or serve the meals, please contact Liz Joyner (soupkitchen@central-ucc.org).

GARDENING (Central UCC Nature Preserve) 3rd Saturdays, 9:00 to 11:00 AM Each month a group of folks come in their gardening clothes and bring their tools to work in the forests and in the gardens around Central. We are working to bring native plants to our forest. Please join the fun: walk the nature trail, weed and mulch the gardens, pull ivy off trees and stop by the Pollinator Garden in the front area of the church. Please contact Ron Smith (ronsmith310@gmail.com).

MONTCLAIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL This neighborhood school has about 1200 students whose needs are great. We currently need volunteers to help with the monthly ACFB Mobile Food Pantry beginning in August. More volunteer tutors are wanted. Please contact Jean Haller (jeanhaller66@gmail.com) or Lacey Brown (lacey@central-ucc.org).

PRISON VISIT TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY On the first and third Saturdays of the month, we provide our short bus and a Central-member driver to caravan with other churches and bring Atlanta families to visit family members incarcerated in Milledgeville or Oglethorpe. For more information, please contact the church office for more information (office@central-ucc.org).

TOCO HILLS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE (tocohillsalliance.org)_Central is one of eight area churches participating in THCA by making available emergency financial assistance to families. Central folk also bring non-perishable food to church for the THCA Food Pantry. THCA is looking for people to volunteer, one or two afternoons a month, from 12:15-4:00pm. For more information, contact Mary Louise Wilson (marylouisew1@aol.com)

THE UCC COFFEE PROJECT is a partnership between our UCC Justice and Witness Ministries and Equal Exchange, a worker-owned cooperative founded over 25 years ago and dedicated to fair trade. Central has been participating in selling fair trade coffee products for 10 years. Central UCC brews Equal Exchange coffee, and volunteers staff a sales station in The Commons the second and third Sunday of each month. For more information, contact Cindy Hoover (johnhoover@numail.org).