

For more information, contact our Minister of Missions, Rev. Barb Marshall at missions@carmelumc.org.

NATIONAL MISSIONS TRIPS

Henderson Settlement Mission

While we are not able to travel to Frankes as a work team this year, we are able to provide financial support to their "Virtual Work Camp". Our virtual participation can fund materials and operational and registration costs associated with executing projects. Our support is just as important as ever as the backlog of housing build projects continues to increase.

Contact: Christie Bach at Christine.M.Bach@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Taiama Enterprise Academy - Sierra Leone, West Africa

A United Methodist owned school in Sierra Leone with the purpose of promoting entrepreneurialism and creating jobs.

Needs include financial support and specific supplies at various times in the year.

Contact: Karen Gould at thegoulds@iquest.net

Mission Guatemala

Their mission is, "to help meet the basic needs and improve the quality of life of under-served and impoverished Guatemalan peoples through health, education and nutrition initiatives and missionary service." They are based in the Panajachel area of Guatemala. Contact: Aaron Carlisle for more information or visit: https:// missionguatemala.com/

LOCAL MISSIONS

Carmel UMC Food Pantry

Open to all residents of Hamilton County who encounter food insecurity. Volunteers are welcomed on a weekly or monthly basis to work in the pantry, stock shelves, shop or help with driving needs. Contact: Natalie Oehler or Dave Coleman at foodpantry@carmelumc.org

Soups On at Roberts Park UMC

Inner city soup kitchen ministry serving lunch to the homeless with volunteers who are needed 4x/year to prep food on a Saturday and serve on Sunday.

Contact: Jim and Cindy Bach at saberofborg@gmail.com or Jamie & Lisa Suiter at jsuiter@fox59.com

Fletcher Place Breakfast

Serves breakfast at Fletcher Place Community Center in Indianapolis on the 4th and 5th Friday of each month.

Contact: Richard Carriger at Richard@richardcarriger.com

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

Carmel UMC provides housing and hospitality to people experiencing homelessness and volunteers help provide meals, serve meals, be drivers, overnight hosts, and provide children's activities and support. Contact: Mark Bourgea or Don and Carla Bennett

@ carlabennett1947@gmail.com

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Provides English learning adults with conversational skills needed to advance fulfillment of educational, vocational, and personal goals. Contact: Jana Miller at esl@carmelumc.org

Kids Coats of Hamilton County

Provides coats to children and adults of Hamilton County. Volunteers serve on planning teams, can sort/clean/mend coats, donate coats, hats, gloves and/or work on distribution days.

Contact: Linda Withrow at linda@kidscoats.org or

Stacy Cartmel at carmel@kidscoats.org

Angel Tree

Provides Christmas presents to children of incarcerated parents. Volunteers can make phone calls for the mission, purchase gifts, and/ or deliver presents.

Creation Care Green Team

The initial focus for the Creation Care "Green Team" is to provide leadership and human resources as we develop and implement a long-term plan for Carmel UMC to become better caretakers of God's creation through reusing, recycling and reduction.

We hope to support this with increasing advocacy for sustainability and climate issues. We also hope to increase our impact by providing educational opportunities to our congregation and neighboring community.

Contact: Ed King at edking722@gmail.com

Bags of Hope

Bags of Hope provides a child who is in foster care, with something of their own. Each child is given a personalized duffle bag filled with a blanket, toy, stuffed animal, book, toothbrush and more. These children can otherwise be moved from home to home without anything besides the clothes on their back. Each child becomes named and known in a way that goes beyond their current circumstance.

Contact: Krysti Widau at bagsofhope.in@gmail.com