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MICAH 6 SUPPORTS FREEZE NIGHT MINISTRY

In October, the board voted to expand the coalition's work to help fill gaps in services to homeless University-area youth and young adults. The first effort in that regard involves providing meal volunteers for the **Freeze Night Shelter run by LifeWorks at the Congregational Church of Austin**. Thanks to all the congregations who have joined the Congregational Church in this effort — **All Saints' Episcopal, First English Lutheran, University Avenue Church of Christ, University Christian** and **University Presbyterian**. If your congregation is interested in providing meals for the freeze night shelter or if you'd like to learn more, please contact **Mary Bowles** at marybowles@austin.rr.com. Our thanks to everyone who is helping to support this vital resource for the area youth in need.

The board is forming a Street Youth Working Group to identify other ways the coalition may be helpful to University-area street youth. If you're interested in participating in the working group, please contact **Gretchen Olson** at gretchenrolson@yahoo.com.

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COMBINED WORSHIP ON JANUARY 16

The Combined Worship is January 16 at 3:00 pm at **University United Methodist Church**. Light refreshments will follow the service.

Choir participants are being asked to gather at 2:00 p.m. at UUMC for rehearsal. UUMC is located at 2409 Guadalupe St. Parking is available at the following locations:

- the church parking lot on the SE corner of 25th St. and Guadalupe - we encourage you to leave this lot available for guests with limited mobility
- the Platinum parking lot across Guadalupe at its SW corner with 25th St., and
- parking spots are available on the surrounding streets.
- Parking may also be obtained at the UT San Antonio Garage parking, located on the SW corner of San Antonio and 25th Streets.

Please mark this event on your calendars and help celebrate another year of good work and the fellowship of faith communities working together to help those in need!



A Clean Audit for Micah 6

Micah 6 obtained a clean audit, which the board accepted at its September meeting.

MICAH 6 SPEAKERS BUREAU CAN PRESENT TO YOUR GROUP

Micah 6 has a cadre of trained volunteers from several of our Micah 6 churches available to deliver a multi-media presentation at congregations and other community groups that may be interested in learning more about Micah 6. If your congregation has an adult forum slot to fill or if you're involved in a community group that could be a source of volunteers and financial support for Micah 6, please contact **Liz Nash** at lizknash@gmail.com to get the ball rolling.



Micah 6
Speakers Bureau

RESOURCE AREA

The Resource Area continues to operate during pantry hours on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Volunteers in the Resource Area (located in the Great Hall) provide pantry guests with information on area social services, applications for utility assistance, and occasionally distribute other donated items like reading glasses and socks. More volunteers are welcome. If you have interest in volunteering in the Resource Area, please contact **Ana Salas-Porras** at anasp@sbcglobal.net.



DONATE EXTRA GREETING CARDS TO MICAH 6

Do you have greeting cards that you don't expect to use or have you come across greeting cards on clearance shelf? Consider donating them to the Micah 6 Resource Area. Better yet, add some stamps too! Whether birthday cards or holiday cards, pantry guests are especially grateful for the chance to send a greeting to family and friends. Drop your donation off at your congregation's Micah 6 food collection area or drop it by the pantry during pantry hours.

Thanks to all who have made year-end tax deductible donations. You have helped Micah 6 raise revenues that have exceeded expenses this year. Thank you for helping to ensure the continuance of our ministry together!

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Hunger & Homelessness Awareness

Micah 6 thanks those who helped raise awareness about hunger and homelessness this fall. We give special thanks to groups who did just that and helped Micah 6 serve those who are hungry:

The **children's ministry of University Avenue Church of Christ** completed a food drive for Micah 6 that began in August. Through the help of many members of the congregation, they surpassed their goal of 2,400 cans and collected a total of 3,393 cans.

Lone Star Chiropractic had a special promotion in November, offering many free services in exchange for bringing in canned goods for the Micah 6 food pantry. Lone Star Chiropractic donated 400 pounds of canned items and \$250 as a result of its Micah 6 focused food drive.

In addition, in December, the Pantry received a food donation of 500 pounds from 4th graders at **Lee Elementary**. Our thanks to the students and community of Lee Elementary for collecting the food, **Suzanne Wofford** for connecting them with Micah 6 and for **Cliff Roberts** for bringing us the food.



Crop Walk Benefits Micah 6

Micah 6 has been chosen as a recipient of CROP Walk funds for the March 2011 CROP Walk. Please help encourage folks to mark their calendars for the Walk, which takes place on Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, 2011.

RECENT PANTRY NUMBERS

	Shopping Visits
Aug	1,532
Sep	1,657
Oct	1,815
Nov	1,367

Member Churches

All Saints' Episcopal Church
Congregational Church of Austin
First English Lutheran Church
Highland Park Baptist Church
Hyde Park Presbyterian Church
St. Austin Catholic Parish
University Avenue Church of Christ
University Baptist Church
University Christian Church
University United Methodist Church
University Presbyterian Church

Supporting Churches

Central Christian Church
Immanuel Church
Southwest Family Fellowship

The mission of Micah 6 of Austin is to work together to identify and meet the needs of the homeless and the impoverished in the University of Texas campus area.

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The Micah 6 Food Pantry location:
University Presbyterian Church
2203 San Antonio St.
Thurs 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. &
Sat 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

What does the Lord require of you?