

# THE MICAH 6 AUSTIN MESSENGER

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## St. Austin Catholic Parish

More than 840 million people  
in the world suffer from hunger

*Jesus calls us to feed the hungry.  
What can you do to answer the call?*

## Hunger Banquet

Join us for this interactive experience and learn about domestic  
and global hunger and how you can make a difference.

Saturday, February 16

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Hecker Hall

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## 2008 BRINGS CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF MICAH 6 OF AUSTIN

We thank three outgoing board members for their work on behalf of Micah 6 of Austin. **Lee Williams** was the board representative from Central Christian Church. **Beth Kelley** departs the board as UUMC's representative. Beth gave her time and dedication as the 2007 President of the board until September. We are thankful for her leadership in this role, on top of her volunteer hours stocking on Thursdays and picking up the Sunshine Gardens produce. We're also deeply indebted to **Michael Cummings**, the departing board representative from St. Austin Catholic Parish. Michael has served as Treasurer for two years — a time-intensive position that we are so thankful he was willing to fulfill. We so appreciate his service and are especially grateful for his commitment to help us through the transition to a new treasurer.

We welcome three new board members. **Tom Maser** is the new representative from Central Christian Church. **John Bell** joins the board as the new presence from University United Methodist, and **Jim Genevro** joins the board, representing St. Austin Catholic Parish.

Though their terms ended, **Suzanne Vanderpoel** and **Gretchen Olson** have been reappointed by their respective congregations, the Congregational Church of Austin and First English Lutheran Church, to serve an additional term. We thank all of our board members for the time and dedication they give to Micah 6 of Austin.

Board meetings will now typically occur on the 2nd Monday of each month at noon at UBC. This will allow time for financial reports to be generated for the meeting. For 2008, our board officers will be as follows:

**President - Gretchen Olson** (First English Lutheran)

**Vice Pres. - Michelle Bourianoff** (Hyde Park Pres.)

**Secretary - Harriet Choffel** (All Saints Episcopal)

**Treasurer - Craig Bell** (University Christian)

**Asst. Treas. - Jim Genevro** (St. Austin Catholic)

In addition, the Board has retained bookkeeper **Susie Smith of ABT Solutions** to support the Treasurer and continue improving and professionalizing our financial control systems.

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## ANNUAL LUNCHEON, MEETING AND COMBINED WORSHIP

Thanks to all who attended and assisted with the Annual Luncheon & Combined Worship. It was a wonderful day, filled with the kind of ecumenical spirit that has nourished Micah 6 of Austin into existence. Thanks especially to **Rev. Larry Bethune** at UBC for planning the worship service, to **Helen Miers** who coordinated the combined choir, to all who served the "God's Family" lunch, to the recipients and the representatives from each congregation who led parts of the worship service, and to all the clergy who participated in the worship service and in the blessing of the volunteers.



## AUSTIN SINGERS' BENEFIT

Our sincere thanks to artistic director **Dwight Bigler** and to all the board members and all the singers of the **Austin Singers**. Those who attended the two Austin Singers' "Food for the Soul" concerts were treated to a broad-ranging program that inspired the spirit and, indeed, fed the soul. Austin Singers very graciously performed these concerts as a benefit for Micah 6, raising a total of just over \$1700 (about \$400 more than last year)! We are so thankful to the Austin Singers for their generosity, and to everyone who came to enjoy the music and lend their support.



## RECYCLING PROGRAM PAYS OFF!

At the beginning of December, we received our first check from **Abitibi-Consolidated Corp.** for the paper recycling bins. Our numbers from the October pickup were:

Paper recycled: 9,398.22 lbs.

Landfill space not used: 14.66 cubic yards

Income for Micah 6 of Austin: \$70.48

Thanks again to **Charles Locklin** for establishing this arrangement!



Thanks to the folks at **Wheatville Coop** for their donation of five \$15.00 gift certificates. They helped us say thanks to our recipient volunteers at Christmas.

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## ON VOLUNTEERS

*Volunteers don't necessarily have time, but they have the heart. As a volunteer, you will learn not just more about the needs of others, you will also learn more about your own needs and you will discover that in helping others, you help yourself most of all.*

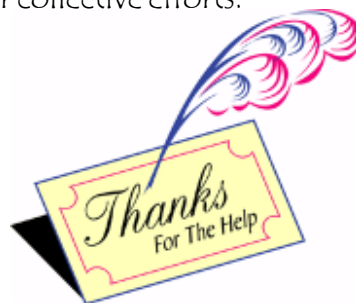
*A volunteer can be anybody. There are no age limits to being a volunteer, no preferred categories, no salary specifications, no special degrees, or work experience. All that is required is a special dedication to the cause, sincerity about the work that one is doing and commitment to a regular and sustained effort...*

*Mohandas K. Gandhi*



DECEMBER 2007 PANTRY NUMBERS		
	Individuals	Households
December	2138	811

Thank you to St. Austin Catholic Parish for organizing and hosting again a lunch meeting of all the clergy & all the staff of the Micah 6 member congregations at the beginning of February. The event was well-attended and a great opportunity to dialogue about what's happening in each congregation. Thanks so much to them for building communication about our collective efforts.



## 2008 AUSTIN CROP WALK

Teams from our member congregations will be walking this March 1 and 2 in the 2008 Austin Crop Walk. Consider being a walker or sponsoring a walker. Beneficiaries include the **Capital Area Food Bank**.



## Member Churches

- All Saints' Episcopal Church
- Central Christian Church
- Congregational Church of Austin
- First English Lutheran Church
- Hyde Park Presbyterian Church
- Saint Austin Catholic Parish
- University Avenue Church of Christ
- University Baptist Church
- University Christian Church
- University United Methodist Church
- University Presbyterian Church

*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.*

## Micah 6 Messenger

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The Micah 6 Food Pantry is at  
University Baptist Church  
2107 San Antonio St. (at 22<sup>nd</sup> street)  
Thurs 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. &  
Sat 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*What does the Lord require of you?*