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Now IS THE TIME TO RECYCLE YOUR PAPER!

Clean out your office; purge those old magazines.

NOW. Drop off as much paper as you can gather for recycling at our recycling bin located in the **University Baptist Church**

parking lot. If, by **August 31**, we have managed to increase our summer collection by at least 20%, we will receive a \$250 cash award (\$500 for an increase of at least 25%) through a special program. The bin is easily accessed by way of the alley running through the UBC parking lots between San Antonio and Neches Streets.



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GREAT PROGRESS ON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - ONLY \$7,860 To Go!

Micah 6 of Austin Capital Campaign in support of our move from **University Baptist Church** to **University Presbyterian Church** is progressing well. The campaign will enable us to enhance our services, better meet the growing demand, and also expand our support services in the future.

The goal is to raise \$60,000 to defray the costs of renovation associated with the Micah 6 move to UPC. (\$45,000 goes towards renovation, and \$11,000 will be invested in energy-efficient appliances and other equipment - with the remainder providing contingency funds.)

A big **THANK YOU** goes to everyone who contributed to the over **\$52,100** in pledges and Micah 6 Board commitments for matching of contributions made between now and October 1 (up to \$15,650). We have made significant progress and currently need to raise **\$7,860** to meet our goal. The renovations are on track to allow us to make the move to UPC in November, so all contributions to the capital campaign made by October will definitely be timely for helping with the move.

Donations can be made by check (see donation

card on the next page) or online at

www.Micah6Austin.org

(please follow

instructions to ensure your donation is designated for

the Capital Campaign). Those seeking more

information can contact the congregational coordinator

for their church or Board member and Campaign

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The Summer Family Sunday School at **University Christian Church** made 48 bears to hand out to kids at the Micah 6 Food Pantry, as one of its summer service projects. In addition, the group joined forces with **University Avenue Church of Christ** to collect school supplies, for donation to the Pantry. The idea originated during a Vacation Bible School the two churches co-sponsored.



UCC members make bears; UACoC members deliver school supplies the two churches collected for Micah 6



TOTE/ PLASTIC BAGS AND CANNED GOODS NEEDED NOW !!

The transition away from plastic bags is going well, but our need for bags - plastic or tote is great. We are almost out of bags of any kind! Please continue to donate tote bags and plastic bags.



Moving forward, the pantry intends to use as few plastic bags as possible, but will always need some plastic bags to serve first-time clients and those whose groceries don't fit in their tote bags. So keep the cloth and plastic bag donations coming!

We also desperately need donations of canned veggies and canned meat. With the increase in food prices, we're seeing an increase in recipients, and the Capital Area Food Bank just doesn't have enough canned foods meet the demand for food at Micah 6.

THANKS TO OUR RECEIVING & STOCKING SUPERVISOR VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to **Cliff Roberts**, **Mary Bowles** and **Diana Leal** who serve as volunteer Receiving Supervisors. We also thank **Perry Nite** and **Beth Kelley** for their long and continuing service as afternoon stocking supervisors.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFT

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift of: \$1,000 \$500 \$200 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other _____

Please accept my donation for an amount equivalent to a specific equipment item (*see equipment list*).
Name of item: _____ Amount: _____

Make checks payable to: Micah 6 of Austin.
Mailing address: Micah 6 of Austin 2130 Guadalupe Austin, TX 78705

Donor Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

I would like my donation to honor remember the following: _____

Please send acknowledgement to: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Please do not publish my name. I would prefer to have my contribution remain anonymous.

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MEET VOLUNTEER CLIFF ROBERTS

Cliff Roberts has been a Micah 6 volunteer since July 2007. He volunteers every Thursday night with **Kevin Shroeder** and most recently agreed to assist in the Thursday morning volunteer position of receiving and sorting the truck delivery from Capital Area Food Bank. This requires him to be at Micah 6 from 7:00 a.m. to around 8:30 a.m. Cliff says that he likes volunteering because he enjoys doing for others and helping his community feed the working poor and homeless. Cliff frequently purchases canned meat products when the are shelves a bit low on those items.



Volunteer **Cliff Roberts**

Outside of volunteering at Micah 6, Cliff likes to do carpentry work, painting, and does property management and maintenance (and also helps maintains the grounds for First English Lutheran Church). He also enjoys reading and walking. Cliff is a hard worker and helps wherever needed. With a ready smile, Cliff accepts volunteer duties, saying, "Wherever I can help, I always try to give back". Cliff is definitely the epitomy of volunteerism!

PANTRY SHOPPER PROFILE

The following statistics have been developed from shoppers using the pantry for the six-week period beginning July 1: 23% of recipients are homeless; 40% are women; 11% of those women are homeless which means 1 in 5 of the homeless recipients are women.



PANTRY NUMBERS

	Individuals	Households
April	2,442	973
May	2,873	1,144
June	2,699	988
July	3,057	1,215

Let us help two Micah 6 congregations welcome new pastors. **Pastor Michael Coffey's** first Sunday as the new pastor at **First English Lutheran Church** was July 13. He and his family come to us most recently from San Antonio. **University Avenue Church of Christ** welcomes **Pastor Eddie Sharp** on September 7.



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 22nd street)
Thurs 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. &
Sat 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

What does the Lord require of you?