

# THE MICAH 6 AUSTIN MESSENGER

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## M6 AUSTIN IS FORMING A TEAM OF “RESOURCE” VOLUNTEERS

Due to an overwhelming response to the Saturday morning resource table initiated last summer, Micah 6 Austin is forming a new team of volunteers to connect pantry participants to resources in the community on **Thursday** evenings. The larger space in University Presbyterian Church gives our food pantry an opportunity to provide information about other resources which may help participants address other needs such as housing, employment and education.

- Training provided
- 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 1 time per month commitment
- Will begin in August

If interested contact:

**Karen Ranus, Social Justice Ministry**  
**St. Austin Catholic Parish**  
**512-477-9471 ext 324**

*We can do no great things,  
only small things with great love.*

—Mother Teresa

## FOR NOW, FOOD DONATIONS MAKE A BETTER GIFT

Recently, we have not been able to purchase as much food from the Capital Area Food Bank as we historically have. The CAFB's inventory is low because of "increased demand, decreased donations, and depletion of our current fiscal year USDA funds." The dollars we spend at the CAFB go significantly further than they do at retail grocery stores.

Please help spread the word that contributed food is very welcome now. This a reversal of our usual message that money donations go much further than food bought at grocery stores. For now, food donations are important to helping us alleviate the shortfall in what we have usually been able to purchase from the CAFB.

Please note that we need items sized for single families (generally one lb. or less, 1-2 lbs. for staples such as rice or beans). We need cans of all types of vegetables, fruits, soups and meats; and items like packaged rice, pasta and beans. We are not able to repackage bulk items into smaller portions. Please also consider helping transport food donations from your church to the pantry. As always, thank you for your support!



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## MICAH 6 IS A 2011 CROP HUNGER WALK RECIPIENT

Micah 6 Austin is pleased to announce that we will be one of the recipients of the 2011 CROP Hunger Walk!! We encourage you to join us in forming walking teams for March 5 and / or 6th and to raise funds for CROP Hunger Walk. The more money raised for the organization, the higher our award will be. The walk will be at Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park: Saturday morning, registration at 9:30 and the step-off at 10:00; Sunday afternoon, registration at 1:45 and the step-off at 2:30. Walkers choose the time most convenient for their own schedule.

To form a team, contact  
Amy Prichard Tutt,  
CROP Hunger Walk of Austin Recruitment Coordinator  
Austin Area Interreligious Ministries  
at 512-415-6024/atutt@aaimaustin.org



## SHARING THE FEAST OF THE TABLE

The first Sunday of every month, **Highland Park Baptist Church** collects food for food pantries. At the beginning of August, after a 4-week study of the importance of Sabbath, the congregation celebrated the Feast of the Table. They brought food for the table and placed it on the altar for donation to Micah 6. It was a beautiful part of the worship to see all the food being brought forward and shared. Our thanks to everyone who shares the bounty of the Table!



Sharing the Feast



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## FOOD DRIVE AND FUNDRAISER ARE A SUCCESS

For our May food drive, we exceeded our goal of collecting 1,600 cans of meat that month and received another 118 cans in June. Our needs for canned meat continue so please continue to donate canned meat items throughout the summer.

Schlotzky's fundraiser in June raised \$115.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our food drive and fundraiser!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering for or encouraging someone you know to volunteer for the following positions:



### Volunteer Registrar for Thursday evenings




To help with the flow of volunteers and keeping accurate volunteer information, we have created a Volunteer Registrar position for Thursdays and Saturdays. The duties include working at the volunteer sign-in table from prior to pantry opening until close of pantry (5:45-7:30), greeting volunteers, ensuring they are connected with the manager to get their assignment, logging in correct information, managing the entry door. Contact **Linda Williams** for further information.



### Volunteer shopping hosts for Thursday evening

## MICAH 6 PANTRY WISH LIST

Please consider donating one or more of the following items:

-  greeting cards, note cards & stamps
-  reading glasses
-  children's books, back packs, & school supplies

## RECENT PANTRY NUMBERS

	Shopping Visits	Persons Fed	New Client Households
Apr	1,524	4,590	289
May	1,586	4,738	279
Jun	1,495	4,372	240
Jul	1,899	5,625	335

## 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

*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 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?*