

# THE MICAH 6 MESSENGER

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## TAKE TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR SHARED EFFORTS

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual combined service of Micah 6 churches on the afternoon of **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

This year, All Saints' Episcopal Church is hosting the event. The celebration of our communities of faith working together begins with a light luncheon which will include a brief annual meeting of the nonprofit corporation and recognition of volunteers. The luncheon and annual meeting will take place in the Kinsolving Fellowship Hall located in the Gregg Building just behind the church.

The combined service of our communities of faith begins at 3:00 p.m. **Rev. Emilee Whitehurst**, Executive Director of AAIM and an excellent speaker, will be our guest speaker at both the service and at the luncheon. Our thanks to **Pastor Mike Adams**, the **All Saints' Episcopal Congregation**, **Carolyn Smith**, and **her team of volunteers** for hosting the event!

**Date:** *January 22, 2006*

**Place:** *All Saints' Episcopal Church,  
209 W 27<sup>th</sup> St. (at Whitis Ave.)*

**Parking:** *The UT garage (1 block east on 27<sup>th</sup> St.) will  
offer free parking*

**Luncheon and Annual Meeting** **1:30 p.m.**  
*In Kinsolving Fellowship Hall in the Gregg Building  
(just behind the church); Lunch will be served  
from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.*

**Combined Service** **3:00 p.m.**  
*In the Sanctuary, beginning at 3:00 p.m.*

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## CHANGES IN OUR BOARD

Four of our Board Members are completing their terms of office; they are President **Paul Jensen** (from First English Lutheran Church), Co-Vice President **Carla Wade** (from University United Methodist Church), Treasurer **Carolyn Smith** (from All Saints' Episcopal Church), and Board Member **Phyllis Nugent** (from St. Austin Catholic Parish). We thank these four individuals and their colleagues on the Board for their great work and leadership on behalf of Micah 6 of Austin. They have helped shepherd Micah 6 from a joint project of the founding churches to an independent non-profit organization and have increased our capacity to serve and our sources of funding over the past two years. They also exemplify the spirit of fellowship, kindness, love of justice and humbleness before God that is the foundation of Micah 6. Of course, they remain part of the Micah 6 community, and we look forward to new roles they will play as we move forward.



We also welcome the four individuals who will take their place on the Board. **Gretchen Olsen** will represent First English Lutheran Church; **Harriett Choffel** will represent All Saints' Episcopal Church; **Beth Kelley** will serve for University United Methodist Church; and **Michael Cummings** will represent St. Austin Catholic Parish. Their terms will be from January 2006 to December 2007. We have already benefited from their support of Micah 6, and we thank them for their willingness to take on new leadership roles for Micah 6. *Note: With the New Year holiday on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the January Board meeting has been scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> (noon, at UBC).*

## 4TH QUARTER AND 2005 PANTRY NUMBERS

Despite November and December holiday closures, the 4th quarter Pantry numbers are only slightly lower than for the previous quarter. In 2005, the number of households served increased 11.6% and the number of household members (shoppers and their dependents) served increased an amazing 58.23% from 2004! The Pantry is serving more households, with more people in each household.

	Households	Household Members
October	1,074	2,891
November	823	2,246
December	810	2,138
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	2,707	7,275
<b>2005</b>	<b>10,714</b>	<b>27,420</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>17,329</b>

For I was hungry,



and you gave me something to eat.

## AND THE NEED GROWS...

The expenses of Micah 6 will grow in 2006 to meet the increased demand for food and increases in the Food Pantry operating costs. The primary source of funds remains our founding churches, but to meet the budget the Board is constantly seeking other financial support. Last year Micah 6 benefited from gifts from individuals, special offerings at churches, donations at the Unified Worship Service and proceeds from the Crop Walk, the Gospel Sing Out, and the play *The Crossing*. We hope to tap these and similar sources in 2006. We welcome new organizational partners to help share the financial load and to provide volunteers. Anyone with ideas in this regard should contact **Charles Locklin**, the chair of the Resources Committee. The work of Micah 6 is important and the need is growing.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PREPARE FOR CROP WALK 2006!

Mark your calendars and get your walking shoes laced up for the 2006 Austin CROP WALK for Hunger Walkathon Weekend. This year's Austin CROP WALK is set for Saturday, March 4 & Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park!

**CROP WALK**

"We walk because they walk."

The 2005 CROP WALK was a huge success, raising more than \$120,000 and placing Austin FOURTH overall in money raised among thousands of walks held in the U.S. As a beneficiary of the CROP WALK, Micah 6 receives a portion of the local proceeds from the walk and that enables us to serve more people in need of assistance. In 2005, we received about \$2,400 from the Austin CROP WALK.

Every person that walks with and raises money for CROP WALK for Hunger helps provide meals and hope for our neighbors locally, nationally and internationally. It is important for our member and supporting churches to encourage their congregations to actively participate in the CROP WALK. You will want to attend the Recruiters Information and Orientation on January 14<sup>th</sup> to receive materials to recruit and support walkers.

For more information, you can contact the Austin CROP WALK office or Rene Craft at 467-8846.

## PANTRY NEWS

A big thank you goes to **St. Austin School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and faculty**. They personally delivered several car loads of canned good donations and sent a stocking crew for the pantry in November.

Another big thank you goes to **Holy Cross Catholic Church**. For another year in a row, the church donated 150 blankets for pantry recipients just before the Christmas holiday.

A very special thanks goes to volunteer, **Chuck Carsner**, for driving a 24-foot rental truck to pick up food from the Capital Area Food Bank the week before Thanksgiving and the week before Christmas. Because of his efforts, we were able to provide a larger amount of food than normal to pantry recipients in the weeks prior to each holiday.

**Big  
Thank  
You!**

*We share the following note from our volunteer webmaster, **David Durbin**...*

*I recently had the opportunity to go to the food pantry on a Saturday morning to install a media player for our audiovisual presentation. There were a lot more people waiting to be served than I had anticipated, and seeing them in person made me even more pleased to be a part of this. I pray Micah 6 of Austin continues to be a blessing for all involved in 2006. - David Durbin*

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The Micah 6 brochure (both English and Spanish versions) was updated in November. If you need some copies of this brochure, please contact Amy Smith Edwards at [amysmithedwards@yahoo.com](mailto:amysmithedwards@yahoo.com). Please contact Amy or Sue Williams at [sdesai\\_tx@yahoo.com](mailto:sdesai_tx@yahoo.com) to request any updates or corrections to the brochures.

Our Volunteer Coordinator, **Scotti Woolery-Price**, is stepping down from her position after a long, distinguished service. Scotti has been a tremendous support for Micah 6, and we offer great thanks for her work. She has served All Saints' Episcopal Church as its Congregational Coordinator, filled that same role for our volunteers at-large, and managed overall coordination of Micah 6 volunteers. In addition to working at the Pantry, Scotti also helped run our Saturday prayer ministry and offered prayer support to those waiting in line for the Food Pantry, helped develop our promotional CD and worked on the PR team for our production of *The Crossing*. Her spirit, generosity, and support of Micah 6 have been exceptional. **Thank you, Scotti, for your great work on behalf of Micah 6!**

Dear Friends,

Thanks to you all for your support of Micah 6 this year. I, for one, am very pleased how the year has passed for Micah 6. I hope 2006 goes quite as well. It is all due to the unselfish commitment of everyone involved.

Paul Jensen, Board President

Thanks  
for a great year

## Founding Member Churches

All Saints' Episcopal Church  
Congregational Church of Austin  
First English Lutheran 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 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. &  
Sat 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*What does the Lord require of you?*