

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Coordinated by the Social Action Committee, our members provide goods and service to the local community through these activities.

Adopt-a-Class, holiday gift project for children in the Head Start Program. Contact Margaret Minick-Blake.

Cakes 4 Kids, made by those who enjoy baking, cakes are donated to celebrate birthdays of children who, along with their mothers, are temporary residents of Every Woman's House. Birthday Cake Sunday raises funds and supplies to make and decorate the cakes. Decorating workshops are held periodically throughout the year. Contact Sue Gross

Family Feast, members of the Baker's Dozen Chalice Circle cook a meal each month for the families in residence at the Every Woman's House shelter. Funds raised at Birthday Cake Sunday are shared with this program. Contact Sue Gross.

People to People Ministries, provides basic needs for local people. Collection of cash and *nonperishable* food are taken one Sunday a month from September through May. Contact Betty Schuler.

Day of Change, an annual collection held on the Sunday of the change to daylight savings time supports Orrville based Friendship meals, a weekly meal program. Contact Sonia Solomonoff.

"Our Family" Label Collection, labels from Buehler's house brand are donated to Every Woman's House and the Viola Startzman Free Clinic. \$25 is earned for each bundle of 500 labels. Contact Sue Gross or Lynn Drumm.

PFLAG. The local branch of the support group, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, receives an annual donation from the Social Action Committee budget.

Travelers' Toiletries, soap, shampoo and conditioner from stays in motels or hotels are donated to local shelters for use by their temporary residents. Contact Scott Gross.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

With funds contributed by the congregation or through the Social Action Committee budget, the Fellowship joins other groups and individuals in supporting larger social justice issues.

UU Service Committee, through the budget of the Social Action Committee, an annual congregational gift of \$1 per member supports this voluntary sectarian organization working to advance human and social justice throughout the world.

Alternative Gift Market, in collaboration other area churches, the Fellowship provides an opportunity to reduce the commercialization of the holidays and encourage the purchase of gifts which improve the lives of others. Contact Mary Wicks.

Quest for Peace, aluminum cans are collected on the first Sunday of each month to earn funds which are donated to this organization for the purchase of school supplies and other necessities for children in Nicaragua. Contact Joe Kufchak.

Microfinance, the working poor are supported by our investments. Our Equal Exchange Certificate of Deposit funds a line of credit to support Fair Trade with loans to small family farmers. Investment in short term notes enables poor women in India to establish income-generating businesses. Contact Sue Gross, Kate Freed.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Through its stewardship programs, our members strive to protect and improve the environment.

Adopt-a-Highway, volunteers pick up trash along a two-mile stretch of State Route #3 North. Contact Jay Klemme.

Inkjet Cartridge Recycling, collected at the Fellowship in the box on the Social Action table. Only cartridges on the list next to it are

acceptable for recycling. Contact Helen Ostermiller.

Laser Print Cartridge Recycling, collected at the Fellowship in the box in the Library. Only cartridges on the list on the Social Action table are acceptable for recycling. Contact Helen Ostermiller.

Cell Phone Recycling, cell phones and accessories are collected in the box on the Social Action table. Contact Helen Ostermiller.

Green Energy Support, \$450 of the Social Action Committee budget purchases wind energy credits from Community Energy, a marketer and supplier of wind energy throughout the U.S.

The Green Corner, a regular feature in the newsletter providing cleaning tips with environmental friendly products. Contact Sue Gross.

ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES

The Fellowship seeks ways to have a greater impact on social justice issues by joining with others to undertake projects of a wider scope than it is able to do by itself.

Wooster Area Peace and Justice Social Action Network, representatives of social justice groups of area churches work together in the areas of peace, justice and the environment to involve and educate the members of the broader community about these issues. All are invited to attend the quarterly meetings of the group. Contact Elaine Strawn or Betty Schuler.

PUBLIC WITNESS ACTIVITIES

The congregation is encouraged to make their opinions on social justice issues known to local and national law makers and other public officials about issues consistent with the UU principles.

Group Letter Writing, opportunities are provided several times during the year to voice concerns in writing about specific legislation. Contact Betty Schuler.

Equality Ohio Lobby Day, the Social Action Committee, along with Ohioans for Marriage Equality, encourages local individuals to share stories about LGBT employment and hospital discrimination during meetings with state legislators. Contact Helen Ostermiller.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

By providing opportunities for learning, the Social Action Committee works to broaden the Fellowship's understanding of and commitment to social justice issues.

Annual Series, "Social Justice/ Community Responsibility." Three Sunday services in January, February and March highlight local social justice activities. The topic for 2008-2009 is Mentoring.

The Care Giving Puzzle, presented by Hospice & Palliative Care in a series of three 2 hour programs on Thursday evenings in January is open to all past, present and future caregivers. A fourth program will focus on the green cemetery at the Wilderness Center. Co-sponsored with the Caring Committee

Magazine Racks in the rear of the Fellowship hall enable the congregation to share magazines and newsletters related to social justice.

*We must be the change
we wish to see in the world..*
Mahatma Gandhi