

OSUMC Missions June 2017 Newsletter

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me.” - Jesus

We are such an active church! We want you in the congregation to know how we are serving and ways you can be involved in being the hands, feet, and heart of the church. We will share this newsletter 5-6 times a year. You can talk with members of the Mission Committee at any time. Our second-Monday, 6:30 pm meetings in 717 are always open.

Northeast Georgia Sanctuary Coalition Organizational Meeting June 29

We will host the [New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta](#) at 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We have invited congregations who indicated an interest in supporting our neighbors in the undocumented communities when they are threatened with detention and deportation. We will explore 1) building a local coalition that might connect with the NSMA, 2) providing transportation (e.g., to appointments with lawyers, or for children to school activities), 3) being “buddies” with families in crisis, and 4) develop relationships among church members and undocumented immigrant families and individuals. All are welcome!

[Interfaith Hospitality Network](#) August 6-13

We participate with other churches in providing food, fellowship, and shelter for homeless families in crisis 2-3 weeks a year. You can help! We especially need volunteers to drive the van (taking people to and/or from work and school one or more days) and being an overnight host at the Day Center (8:00 pm to 8:00 am - you just have to be good at sleeping!). Contact Cyd Wells at cydwells@aol.com

Working for Racial Justice

Initiatives include conversations with Athens Land Trust about how we can support micro-lending to small business start-ups in local African American and Latinx communities. Our Racial Justice Task Force is building cross-cultural relationships through dialogue and community gatherings ([First Fridays](#), East Athens Community Center, a fun family event). The RJTF is beginning research on factors that impact the flow of arrest and incarceration in our community. Please join the conversations!

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