

## Helping Hands Forms On-Call Crew of Volunteers

The Serve team is seeking volunteers who want to show and deepen their faith by serving others when requests for help are received. In order to respond timely to requests for help, the Serve team would like to form a bank of Helping Hands volunteers who will essentially be on-call.

### How Helping Hands Formed

From a violent storm that hit Commerce and the surrounding area a little more than two years ago came the realization of definite needs in our own community and a desire to meet those needs. Thus formed Helping Hands as one of several focus areas of the Serve team.

### What Helping Hands Does

From trimming bushes and tree limbs to painting fences and washing windows, Helping Hands has answered requests from those who can't help themselves. Church members have joined with Wesleyan students and, at times members of other local churches, to "fix what needed fixing". Helping Hands performs odd jobs, home repairs, and maintenance for low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners who are physically or financially unable to do the work themselves.

### How Helping Hands Works

When a project request is communicated to the church office or to the Helping Hands coordinator, it will be assessed and then volunteers from the Helping Hands crew will be put into action.



### What's Asked of You

Please consider whether you'd like to serve as an on-call Helping Hands volunteer AND whom may benefit from Helping Hands services and care. Helping Hands clients may be church members or people who live in our community. Contact the church office or Laura Milligan (Helping Hands coordinator) if you'd like to sign up as a Helping Hands volunteer or submit a project request.



### Coffee Talk

April 10 during the Sunday school hour in the Family Ministries Center.  
Join us for a presentation by the Stewardship Team



## A Word from the Serve Team and the Youth

During this Lenten season, we're using cans to construct a scaled-down version of a 12' x 24' home to remind us of the homebuilding ministry of Proyecto Abrigo in Juarez, Mexico. After Easter, the cans will be turned into cash, which will be donated to Proyecto Abrigo. We will continue to collect cans on an ongoing basis to raise money for this mission.

The youth would like to thank the Serve team for the opportunity to bring awareness to Proyecto



Abrigo. A special thanks to Charlie Smith for erecting the wood frame structure in the gathering hall and to Jan Helton for creating the recycling bins and providing cardboard. Many thanks to all of you who brought in cans.

Please continue to place your rinsed, aluminum beverage cans in the collection containers in the Family Ministry Center so that we can finish the Cans for Construction home and raise money to build a safe shelter for the impoverished in Juarez.

## A Word From Our Stewardship Team:

At its last meeting, FUMC's Stewardship Team adopted the following action plan to revitalize the health of our church:

1. Look for a letter from the Leadership Team outlining strategies to eliminate the current deficit in the general operating fund of approximately \$23,000 as of March 31.
2. Reflect and communicate 2011 budget saving and reductions. To date, we have identified at least \$19,000 in savings and reductions to the budget.
3. Investigate the possibility of repairing the WCM roof with remaining unspent insurance settlement funds from the sanctuary and chapel roofs.
4. Request that the Foundation reimburse the organ fund and parsonage fund in the amount of \$17,000. These deficits occurred in 2009 and could not be reimbursed due to the downturn in the economy. These funds are not part of the general operating budget and this amount is not reflected in the \$23,000 mentioned in number 1.
5. Encourage the members through education, sermons, informal gatherings and prayer to consider increasing giving instead of focusing entirely on cutting programs.
6. Consider expanding the ministry, rather than maintaining the status-quo, by fulfilling the concepts of Connect-Grow-Serve.
7. Strive to continue to communicate to the members the status of the ministries, missions, and finances of the church.

You are invited to a **Coffee Talk** during the Sunday school hour (9:45) in the Family Ministries Center on **April 10** to hear more information about our financial needs, learn more about how you can be involved, and to have your questions answered.

Hope to see you there!



A huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped make the M&M Lock In a success: Matt Wolcott, Sabrina Green, Robert and Diana Pemberton, Dian Underwood, Frankie Haddock, Shelly Oats, Courtney Lewis, Mandy Swinson, Gabe and Alicia Wittkopf, Melinda Reid, Pastor Marc; and Youth Helpers Chelsey Beane, Aislin Jones, Campbell Reid, and Taylor Warren....and a big thanks also to those who donated drinks and supplies! It was a wonderful event and all of your contributions made it possible!

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**The All New Regenerate: Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm...**  
Dinner that makes you smile... Music that takes you to another place... Dancing like nobody's watching... Diving deeply into life with friends... Drinking deeply from life with God!

**Möbius Coffee House: Thursdays, 9:00-11:00pm...** Free & Specialty Drinks, Live Bands & Performers, PLUS weekly Open Mic! Bring your musical, poetic, dance, & comedic skills to the house, or just come to relax and enjoy the show at Möbius!

