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Save These Dates!

The 2007 Micah 6 Volunteer Luncheon, Annual Meeting and Combined Worship will take place on January 21st at University Christian Church (located at 21st and University avenues). The tentative time for the volunteer luncheon is 1:00 p.m. (with the annual meeting starting about 1:45 p.m.). The combined worship is expected to begin at 3:00 p.m. Look for future announcements for confirmed times and additional information.

Please also keep in mind that CROP WALK 2007 will take place the first weekend in March. Congregations will want to begin sharing information and signing up walkers and pledgers well in advance.



CROP WALK 2007
March 3rd and 4th

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PANTRY NUMBERS

	Households	Members
August	1,095	3,376
September	1,077	3,510

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MICAH 6 NEEDS YOU

A coordinated volunteer effort is at the heart of the Micah 6 Food Pantry. We need to attract volunteers and make sure we don't exhaust volunteers who are serving faithfully. We have three vacancies that are vital to our efforts. Please consider whether you can take these responsibilities on or know someone else who can. Contact the Pantry Director, **Alice Embree**, at alice@nuevoanden.com or **Charles Locklin** at chlocklin5@austin.rr.com if you can help. Alice can also be reached at (512) 459-4819 (home).

Training and Recruitment Coordinator

This person participates in the Pantry Operations Committee which meets quarterly, communicates with Congregational Coordinators, arranges and schedules volunteer orientation/training sessions, and helps maintain the Congregational Coordinator contact data. Much of the work can be accomplished through e-mail and Charles Locklin has agreed to help with orientation and training.

Non-Micah 6 Congregation Volunteer Coordinator

This person receives notice of new volunteers who are not affiliated with the Micah 6 Congregations and contacts these new volunteers by phone or e-mail to see where they want to fit into schedules. This information is then forwarded to the schedulers (stocking, safety, and the Thursday pantry administrator). The Coordinator helps find substitutes when a volunteer can't cover a scheduled shift.

Chair of Pantry Operations Committee

This person chairs the Pantry Operations Committee. The Committee meets quarterly and the next meeting will be January 9, 2007. The Committee includes Pantry supervisors (Administrators, Records, Stocking and Safety) and handles operational issues as they arise.



MICAH 6 STANDS DOWN

On Saturday, November 4th, Micah 6 Austin participated as a service provider in Stand Down Austin (<http://standdownaustin.org/>), a resource fair for Austin's homeless population. This was Micah 6 Austin's first time to serve at the annual event which began in 2000.

Carol Cabbiness and **Beth Kelley** handed out bottled water, snack bars, halloween candy and information about Micah 6 services, especially about the Food Pantry. They shared resources with other service providers and appreciated the well-organized event that provided medical and dental services, ID badges, legal counseling, pet vaccinations, haircuts, employment and housing assistance, in addition to sleeping bags, coats, boots and other essential clothing items.

Last year Stand Down served over 500 people. The tally for this year is not yet available, but we would not be surprised if 2006 numbers top that. Carol and Beth saw some familiar faces and met many new friends who were excited to learn about our pantry. We will all be very interested to see if there is a surge in pantry numbers from people who expressed interest and need.



Carol Cabbiness responds to a visitor's questions

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CHECK US OUT!

The Micah 6 presentation has been updated and is posted and available for download on the Micah 6 website. Our thanks to **Gretchen Olsen** for keeping the presentation current!

Thanks also go to our webmaster, **David Durbin** for his continued additions and upgrades to our website

If you haven't done so lately, please take the time to revisit our Micah 6 website and the Micah 6 presentation.

UPC Minister **San Williams** receives a check from Micah 6 of Austin's **Bert Crowson** and **Michael Dodd**



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN SUPPORT MICAH 6

On October 20th and 21st, Micah 6 Austin was the beneficiary of the **Episcopal Church Women** (ECW) of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas' outreach project. Approximately 160 ladies from the Diocese (from Tyler to Galveston and from the Louisiana border to Austin) attended the annual convention at Camp Allen, near Navasota. They brought toiletries, canned food items, and plastic bags for Micah 6. Cash donations of \$538 from the opening service offering and \$350 from individuals were also given to Micah 6.

Micah 6 sponsored a booth at the convention to inform attendees of the purpose and mission of our organization. The Micah 6 Board extends a warm thank you to the ECW for honoring us as the focus of their outreach for this year's convention.

\$10,000 DONATION TO SUPPORT RENOVATION OF NEW PANTRY SITE

As the Micah 6 Pantry continues to grow, it could use more space. In response to the Pantry's need to expand and changes in the use of space at both **University Baptist Church** and **University Presbyterian Church**, plans are being made to move the Pantry to UPC (located on San Antonio St.) in late 2007. As part of a larger renovation effort, UPC is renovating the area that will be used for the Pantry. In support of that renovation **University Avenue Church of Christ** presented a donation of \$10,000 to UPC to help with the costs of renovation.

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 22nd street)
Thurs 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. &
Sat 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

What does the Lord require of you?