



The Church of the Covenant ~ 2012 Pledge for Hunger Relief

So the spirit of Christmas may prevail throughout the coming year

Covenant members and participants are invited to pledge financial and volunteer support, as well as food donations, to assist our neighbors in need in the coming year. Pledges will be received in morning worship on Sunday, December 18, and through Christmastide. A pledge card is inserted in this issue of the newsletter and available from the church office. Please respond generously so that the spirit of Christmas may prevail throughout the coming year.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Covenant's partner, Antioch Development Corporation's **Bread of Life Community Food Pantry**, located at 8520 Carnegie Avenue, provides a four to five day supply of groceries to upwards of 352 households a month in the Fairfax and University Circle neighborhoods. The number of households served has more than doubled compared to two years ago. Food distributed from Bread of Life comes largely from area stores and distributors through the Greater Cleveland Hunger Network and Cleveland Foodbank. Antioch Development Corporation and other supporters provide staff and maintain the facility, donated by the Cleveland Clinic, both necessary to distribute groceries to households in need.



ABINGTON ARMS MEAL

InterAct Cleveland and 16 of its member congregations and faith communities provide congregate meals at several sites in metropolitan Cleveland. In addition to financially supporting InterAct meals, **Church of the Covenant** partners with **Park Synagogue** to host an evening meal for 75 or so residents of **Abington Arms** every third Wednesday. Abington Arms, located on Mayfield Road, a couple of blocks from the church, is home to senior adults and persons with mobility issues, and who have modest incomes. From its inception, meals prepared and served by Covenant and Park volunteers, including volunteers from Covenant's Student Ministries, are home-cooked with fresh ingredients and have themes such as Hawaii Beach Party, St. Patty's and a Veterans Day Celebration. Along with the meals, entertainment is provided by local musicians, youth and college students. If you are interested in cooking part of a meal, serving dinner or entertaining, or simply stopping by and having a meal with some great people at Abington Arms, please contact one of the following:

Beth Holbein 216 371-4744 / b_holbein@staff.chuh.org; Joyce Collins 216 932-6864 joycol6864@hotmail.com
Martha Goble 440 449-5405; martha.goble@att.net

FAMILY PROMISE MEAL

Church of the Covenant delivers prepared meals once a month to **Family Promise (formerly New Life Community)**, a nationally recognized transitional housing program for homeless, jobless intact families, providing them with a second chance to turn their lives around through the programs it offers. Last year, New Life Community served 57 families with 118 children. If you are able to deliver meals to New Life Community, 3470 East 152nd Street, late afternoon on the third Tuesday of the month, please contact Mildred Russin (216 421-0482; MRussin@CovenantWeb.org).



CHURCH OF THE COVENANT FOOD PANTRY



Church of the Covenant's own **Food Pantry** provides groceries to households and individuals who have used their monthly allotment from the Bread of Life Community Food Pantry on the last Wednesday and Friday of each month, and on an as-needed basis to college students and residents referred from University Circle Place, an apartment building next door to the church. The church's pantry is stocked largely from donations of canned and other non-perishable food donations made by members and participants on the fourth Sunday of each month, supplemented by purchased items. If you are interested in helping distribute groceries on the last Wednesday or Friday of the month, 10 am to 12 noon, please contact Mildred Russin (216 421-0482; MRussin@CovenantWeb.org).

COVENANT'S HELPING HANDS GARDEN

You are invited to work with Covenant youth and their families in the Covenant Helping Hands Garden which is located behind our church. The bounty from this garden is shared with New Life Community and Circle Vista residents. Watch for the sign-up calendar in the church office in the spring noting the days of weekly weeding, watering and harvesting. Contact Reverend Singleton for more information (216-421-0482 or JSingleton@CovenantWeb.org).



BREAD FOR THE WORLD



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

The Church of the Covenant's Outreach and Social Justice Committee is a member of **Bread for the World**, a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision-makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Covenant members and participants are invited to participate in Bread for the World's annual nationwide Offering of Letters to Congress on an issue that is important to hungry and poor people. For more information, please visit www.bread.org, where you can sign up to get email updates on issues and actions to take on behalf of hungry people.

Do you volunteer or support another ministry or activity that addresses hunger and poverty?
Do you have an idea you would like to share with the Outreach and Social Justice Committee?
Please let us know! We can do more and we need your help!

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the church office area. We welcome your involvement and support.
Please contact co-chairs Kathy Farkas (216 397-9428; kathleen.farkas@case.edu)
and Jim Prince (440 498-0835; princeco4@aol.com).

