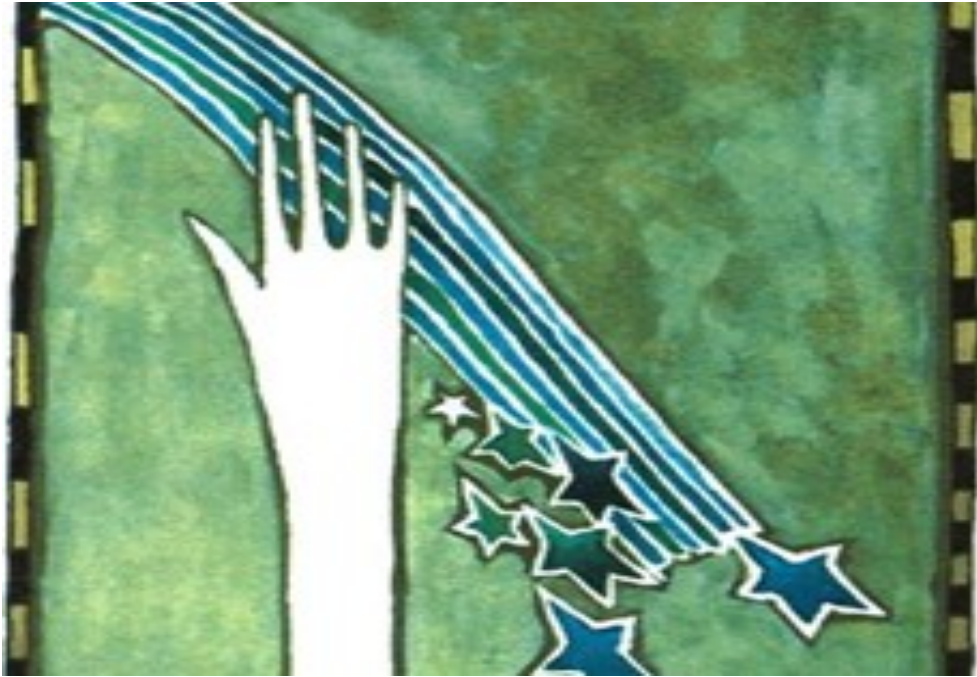


BENEVOLENCE BOOKLET

“HELPING HANDS”



BETHANY

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The church first gathered in 1832 as the Evangelical Society of Quincy with 21 charter members. In 1896, the church changed its name to Bethany Congregational Church. The church continued to grow and in 1961 Bethany became a member of a new denomination, the United Church of Christ.

In the past century, thirteen of Bethany's young men have been ordained as ministers in the Christian faith. Bethany has had fourteen settled ministers since its founding. The current minister is the Reverend William C. Harding, III. The Associate Pastor is the Reverend Peter M. Preble.

During the past nearly 200 years, Bethany has had three locations in Quincy. The first church was located at the corner of Hancock Street and Revere Road. The second church was located at the corner of Hancock Street and Chestnut Street where the Bank of America now stands. The present cathedral-like church of English Gothic architecture was constructed of solid Quincy granite at the corner of Coddington Street and Spear Street in 1927. The following year the 120 foot tower was completed. In 1989, the church was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior.

For nearly 200 years Bethany has maintained its bond with the Quincy Community and its' people.

WELCOME

Welcome to Bethany Congregational Church! We are happy that you have chosen to browse through our booklet describing the various missions Bethany supports. As you might well know, there is a tremendous need in our local and global community for assistance; be it financial, time or donations in kind. The members of our congregation are incredibly generous in response. If you would like to join us in helping others, or are interested in learning more about the charities we support, please browse through this booklet. Please see Reverend Harding or Reverend Preble or ask to meet a member of the Outreach Ministry if you would like further information.

Mission Statement: We make known the love of Christ through mission and outreach and other church initiatives. We work together to proclaim the gospel, and to care for people in need in our congregation, community and throughout the world. Either as individuals or as communities of faith, we are called to send compassion around the world by giving of ourselves to those in need.

Helping Hands

It takes many helping hands to support those in our immediate community and beyond. We support the missions listed below, as well as others who reach out to us in times of need:

- Back Bay Mission
- BTS Center (formerly, The Bangor Theological Seminary)
- Chaplaincy Program - Beth Israel Deaconess - Milton
- City Mission Society of Boston
- Dove
- Ester Sanger Center for Compassion
- Father Bill's / Mainstay
- Heifer Project
- Holy Joe's Cafe
- Homes for Our Troops
- Interfaith Social Services
- Operation Smile
- Pastor's Fund - Bethany Congregational Church
- Quincy Teen Mother's Program
- Shriners Hospital for Children
- South Shore Habitat for Humanity
- The Guild for Human Services
- The Home for Little Wanderers
- The Way UP
- The Women's Lunch Place
- United Church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund
- Y.O.U. Inc. (formerly, Cottage Hill Academy)

Back Bay Mission

Mission: Back Bay Mission meets the urgent needs of those suffering from poverty and its effects while building pathways to social justice. The Mission leads the way in delivering services, creating collaborative solutions, and transforming lives through mission immersion experiences. Back Bay Mission is located in Biloxi Mississippi and is helped by the United Church of Christ.

Programs:

Emergency Assistance: The goal of the Emergency Assistance program at Back Bay Mission is to prevent homelessness & facilitate self-sufficiency and household stability. The Mission's Emergency Assistance includes food pantry, utility relief, rental assistance and assistance in purchasing prescription medicine.

Food Pantry: For over 90 years Back Bay Mission's Food Pantry has been a dependable source in combating food insecurity along Mississippi's Gulf Coast. Individuals and families are welcome to come in during pantry operation hours and receive a variety of food items that often include meat and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Micah Day Center: The Micah Day Center provides direct services to people experiencing homelessness, and is an outlet for them to enjoy basic services such as showers, laundry, haircuts, mail, phone, and computer availability. The center services up to 45 homeless guests daily.

Housing Rehabilitation: The goal of the Housing Rehabilitation program is to provide safe, sustainable, maintainable and decent housing for low-income homeowner families. Back Bay's Housing Rehabilitation personnel will inspect, assess, identify issues, plan resolutions and rehab homes. The Mission utilizes the volunteer labor of approximately 800 individuals annually to assist with housing rehabilitation activities.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the Mission on an annual basis.

The BTS Center

(formerly Bangor Theological Seminary)

Mission: To be a resource to communities of ministries and practice.

Program: Formerly the Bangor Theological Seminary, The BTS Center is equipping and supporting clergy and laity for theologically grounded, effective, and faithful 21st-century ministries — in northern New England and beyond.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the Center on an annual basis.

Chaplaincy Program

At Beth-Israel Deaconess Hospital - Milton

Mission: To provide pastoral counseling and support at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital – Milton to those suffering with poor health and assist those coping with the loss of a loved one.

Program: The Chaplaincy Program works through Interfaith Social Services and is partially funded by numerous houses of worship across the South Shore.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the Chaplaincy Program on an annual basis.

How you can help: Please call the number below or visit the Interfaith Social Services website.

Contact Information: 105 Adams Street, Quincy, MA 02169. Tel: 617-773-6203 Website: www.interfaithsocialservices.org. You can also email at info@interfaithsocialservices.org for more information.

City Mission Society of Boston

Mission: City Mission Society of Boston catalyzes action to root out poverty in our neighborhoods by means of programs and activities that embody the following guiding principles: Empowerment, Education and Partnership.

Homelessness Prevention Program: This program identifies and assists families and individuals who are at risk of homelessness. CMS uses early intervention and flexible support to help clients address barriers to economic and housing stability. **A Lift Up** works with female-headed households to keep women and their families safe and secure in their housing. During the two-year program, ALU participants work on creating a budget, cleaning up their credit, and moving on to school or a better job to ensure that they can provide for their families over the long term.

Emergency Needs Network provides financial assistance to moderate- and low-income families to help them maintain stable housing and prevent homelessness. The network provides urgent assistance, relying on a network of community-based agencies to strengthen and inform our referral process.

Boston Urban Outreach invites groups of youth and adults to take part in service projects around Boston and learn first-hand about social justice issues. **Coat Boston** is a collaboration of City Mission Society, Citizens Bank Foundation, and our many friends throughout Greater Boston to make sure that at-risk children and youth in Boston have new warm winter coats. **The Christmas Shop** brings the joy of the holiday season to over 1000 children and adults in the Boston area. Each year more than 200 volunteers gather and distribute over 10,000 toys and clothing items directly to CMS clients and other families in crisis. **The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and Learning** invites volunteers of all ages to honor the memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the Society on an annual basis. Bethany also collects toys and clothing at Christmas time to be distributed as needed by the Society.

How you can help: Please visit the City Mission in Boston or contact them directly as noted below.

Contact Information: Please call 617.742.6830 or visit the Society's website at www.cmsboston.org to help out a neighbor in need.

Dove (Domestic Violence Ended)

Mission: DOVE (Domestic Violence Ended), believes that all people have the right to live without fear of abuse.

Programs: Dove provides the following services:

- **24-hour Hotline**
- **Emergency Shelter**
- **Community-based Individual Advocacy Services**
- **Psycho-Educational and Support Groups**
- **Sexual Assault Counseling Services**
- **Civilian Domestic Violence Advocacy Services**
- **Legal Advocacy Services**
- **Community Outreach and Education**

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides an annual cash appropriation to Dove. Over the year Bethany members also collect articles on Dove's wish list for support of Dove's clients.

Contact Information: Tel: 617-770.4065. Web: www.dovema.org.

How you can help: Individuals may make cash donations directly to Dove or drop off a wish list item at Bethany to be delivered to Dove.

Esther R. Sanger Center for Compassion, Inc.

Mission: The Esther R. Sanger Center for Compassion, Inc. is dedicated to advancing a culture of compassion. The Center strives to fulfill this mission through a commitment to meeting the needs of the disenfranchised and marginalized members of Boston's South Shore community.

Program: Deliveries of free groceries directly to the home of the hungry. Each year over 1300 elderly, disabled shut-ins and others are served by this "food pantry on wheels". They also have a 24 hour crisis hotline – 617-471-7075 – for free confidential crisis counseling, information and referrals to other agencies, if necessary. The Sojourners program provides friendly volunteers who drop by for a chat with disabled and lonely people who would benefit from a laugh or a friendly chat.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the Center on an annual basis.

How you can help: Please call the number below or visit the Center's website to help out a neighbor in need.

Contact Information: Tel: 617.847.6967. Web: www.sangercenter.org.

Father Bill's and Mainspring

Mission Statement: Father Bill's & MainSpring is committed to ending and preventing homelessness in Southern Massachusetts with programs that provide emergency and permanent housing and help people obtain skills, jobs, housing, and services.

Program:

- Provides a supportive and compassionate presence for our neighbors who are homeless;
- Provides services in a way that enables guests and residents to maintain their dignity and independence;
- Maintains the highest level of professionalism in the delivery of services by both staff and volunteers;
- Encourages guests and residents to strive toward self-sufficiency;
- Provides equal access to housing and services for all eligible guests and residents without discrimination in any form;
- Creates partnerships with other non-profit organizations, businesses and government agencies to serve the needs of those struggling with homelessness.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to Father Bill's in Quincy and continues to provide luncheon on a quarter year basis. Bethany also collects donations of socks and other clothing items throughout the year.

How you can help: Please contact Father Bill's/Mainspring directly using the contact information noted above. Volunteer opportunities exist throughout the year.

Contact Information: Tel: 617-376-2255, ext. 235. Web: www.helpfbms.org.

Heifer International

Mission: Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.

Program: Heifer empowers families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity. The approach is more than just giving a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Heifer's animals provide partners with both food and reliable income, with agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey that can be traded or sold at market. When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses.

The core of Heifer's model is "Passing on the Gift". This means families share the training they receive, and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. This extends the impact of the original gift, allowing a once impoverished family to become donors and full participants in improving their communities.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the Heifer on an annual basis. Bethany has also invited members of Heifer International to participate in our fellowship to educate Bethany members about Heifer. Bethany has provided funds to donate a cow, chicks and honey bees to impoverished families.

How you can help: Please call the number below or visit the Heifer's Center's website to help out a neighbor in need.

Homes for Our Troops

Mission: To provide mortgage free, specially adapted homes nationwide for severely injured Veterans of post 9/11, enabling them to rebuild their lives.

Program: Homes for Our Troops (HFOT) is a privately funded 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization building specially adapted, mortgage-free homes nationwide for the most severely injured Veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. Most of these Veterans have sustained life-altering injuries including multiple amputations, partial or full paralysis, or severe traumatic brain injury (TBI). These homes restore some of the freedom and independence our Veterans sacrificed defending ours, and enable them to focus on their family, recovery, and rebuilding their lives. Since its inception in 2004, over 90 percent of donations to Homes for Our Troops have gone to directly support Veterans.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to Homes for Our Troops on an annual basis.

How you can help: Homes for Our Troops is a privately funded organization and receives no assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs or any other government organization. Nearly 70 percent of their operational budget is generated by individual donors and community fundraisers nationwide who step up to help our American heroes by coordinating everything from lemonade stands to golf tournaments.

Contact Information: Tel: 866.787-6677. Web: www.hfotusa.org.

Holy Joe's Cafe

Mission: Holy Joe's Cafe is a place where chaplains in the Small Forward Operating Bases, hangar bays, hospitals, aid stations and their makeshift chapels are able to bring a taste of home to the tired, the anxious, the angry, the lonely and the wounded.

Program: Coffee may be an unlikely ally of the Gospel yet in the hands of a chaplain it can enable meaningful ministry. By offering a place to come, relax, and talk with chaplains, the "Coffee House and Café Ministries" provide our military personnel with a place where they can be emotionally and spiritually renewed and have a moment of peace as well as a cup of gourmet coffee. It opens doors to communication and allows troops to begin to heal their concerns and relieve their burdens related to the home front or their deployment. This ministry is sponsored by the United Church of Christ (UCC).

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to Holy Joe's Café through the United Church of Christ.

How you can help: You can help by placing a check in the weekly collection plate payable to Bethany Church with the comment - Outreach Ministry—Holy Joe Café.

Contact Information: Tel: 888-970-7994. Web: holyjoescafe@att.

Interfaith Social Services (ISS)

Mission: Founded in 1947, Interfaith Social Services is dedicated to improving life for South Shore families and individuals in need. ISS relies on a team of volunteers, donors and community partners to deliver compassionate, client-centered programs focused on hunger, mental health and emergency assistance.

Program: Interfaith Social Services offers Counseling Services from New Directions Counseling Center, a Career Closet which provides free professional attire to low-income job seekers and also provides help with selecting appropriate interview clothing; a Food Pantry; Thrift Shop (called the Bureau Drawer Thrift Shop) which sells clothing at very minimal costs from donations from many people in the various communities; Financial Assistance provided for homelessness, rent/basic utilities and also can assist with budget counselling and may help with assistance for medical expenses that Medicare and Medicaid don't provide; they also help with Seasonal Initiatives, i.e. help with food and presents for Christmas and treats for Easter, as well as a big Thanksgiving Food drive to help lower income families to be able to celebrate a Holiday meal with all the trimmings.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to ISS on an annual basis. We also collect food in the Church Narthex on a weekly basis which is delivered on a monthly basis to The Food Pantry at ISS. In April, church members and/or families sponsor and/or participate in the Annual ISS Walk. In 2015, we also provided Easter candy and plastic Easter eggs to help ISS make up 300 baskets for their clients.

Contact Information: 105 Adams Street, Quincy, MA 02169. Tel: 617-773-6203 Website: www.interfaithsocialservices.org.

How you can help: Food pantry donations are accepted year round at Bethany. You may also want to participate in any of the other events described above during the year. Please call the above number or visit their website to find out ways you can help.

Operation Smile

Mission: Operation Smile provides free surgeries to repair cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities for children around the globe.

Program: Operation Smile's international missions are conducted throughout the year in hard-to-reach places throughout the world. International missions involve up to 60 medical volunteers who travel to partner countries to provide surgeries for children over a two-week period. Operation Smile's partner countries also facilitate treatment for facial deformities, either by conducting medical missions on the local level or by conducting year-round programs in existing health facilities or through the development of clinics.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to this program on an annual basis.

How you can help: Operation Smile provides opportunities to help in many ways. Please visit their website noted below to find out more about ways to help, including medical volunteers, student programs' fundraising opportunities, resources for teachers, etc.

Contact Information: Tel: 888-288-7139. Web: operationsmile.org.

Contact Information: Tel: 1-888-OPSMILE (888-677-6453). Web: www.operationsmile.org.

Pastors' Fund - Bethany Congregational Church

Mission: to provide financial assistance for those in our community and congregation in immediate need of such assistance.

Program: The Pastors' fund is made up of benevolence monies donated annually by the members of the congregation and set aside for fulfillment of specific and immediate requests for financial assistance, such as groceries, fuel bills, etc. Donations for help in this way should be directed to the Pastor. Any request for assistance is confidential between the person requesting the assistance and the Pastor.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany members pledge and contribute donations yearly to replenish this fund.

How you can help: If you are a member of Bethany Congregational Church, please pledge, as you are able, a specific amount to be donated over the upcoming year using the Outreach Ministry envelope provided to you. If you are not a member of the Church, please see Reverend Harding if you would like to donate. Please use the contact information below for this purpose.

Contact Information: Church telephone: 617.479.7300.

Quincy Teen Mother Program

Mission: The Quincy Teen Mother Program is part of the Quincy Public School System. It is an alternative high school for pregnant and teen moms.

Program: Ideally, girls join the program before they have their child, learning childcare in the nursery and getting guidance on prenatal care. The program has graduated about 300 teen moms since it started with just four students, one teacher and one child care person in March 1978. Using rented space at the Bethany Congregational Church the program runs with money from the state Office of Child Care services and Quincy Public Schools, private grants and contributions.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the Program on an annual basis. Bethany parishioners also supply mothers and their children with Christmas presents every year.

How you can help: Join us in making a financial contribution to the Program.

Contact Information: Please contact the Pastor if you wish to help out the Quincy Teen Mother Program. Church telephone: 617.479.7300.
Email address: Bethanyconchurch@yahoo.com. Web: www.bethanychurch.tk.
Rev. Harding cell phone 617.650.8597. Reverend Harding email address: billh612@aol.com.

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Mission: Shriners Hospitals for Children has a mission to:

- Provide the highest quality care to children with neuro-musculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment.
- Provide for the education of physicians and other healthcare professionals.
- Conduct research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families.
- This mission is carried out without regard to race, color, creed, sex, sect, disability, national origin or ability of a patient or family to pay.

Program: Shriners Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 medical facilities across North America. Children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, the hospitals, known as "The World's Greatest Philanthropy," are owned and operated by Shriners International, formerly known as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a Freemasonry-related organization simply known today as the Shriners. Patients must be minors under the age of 18 and are not required to have any familial affiliation with the Shriners order nor Freemasonry.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the Weymouth, MA affiliate of the Shriner's Hospital.

How you can help: Please use the contact information below for opportunities for you to volunteer or to make a donation:

Contact Information: Tel: 617-722-3000 Web:
www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

South Shore Habitat for Humanity

Mission: South Shore Habitat for Humanity is a faith based nonprofit organization dedicated to delivering simple, decent homes in partnership with families in need. The completed homes are sold to low income families.

Program: South Shore Habitat for Humanity builds homes designed to fit the architecture and landscape of the neighborhood as well as the zoning requirements of the town. A typical Habitat home is 1200 square feet and has three bedrooms, a full kitchen, and a living/dining area. One-story homes have one bathroom and two-story homes have one and a half bathrooms. Homes come equipped with all new appliances. The homes are energy efficient and designed to be as maintenance free as possible. All homes can be built in compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Our homes are built under the supervision of a licensed Site Supervisor according to Massachusetts Building Code Regulations

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the this program on an annual basis. Bethany members have also volunteered their time to help in the construction of low income homes.

Contact Information: Tel: 781-337-3775. Web: www.sshabitat.org.

How you can help: Individuals may contact South Shore Habitat for Humanity to attend a training session and/or learn more about volunteering in other ways.

The Guild for Human Services

Mission: The Guild's Mission is to provide high quality services, support and care for students with complex special needs.

Program: At The Guild's Learning Center, every student has an Individualized Education Plan supported by the varied expertise of the staff. The Individualized Educational Plan focuses on helping each student become as successful and independent as possible. This collaborative, multidisciplinary approach assures that students receive the best curriculum to meet their needs. Each student's program and progress is evaluated quarterly by the team, to be certain that it is meeting the student's educational goals and social objectives.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the Guild on an annual basis.

How you can help: Individuals may make donations by following the directions on the Guilds' web page.

Contact Information: Tel: 781.893.6000. Web: www.theguilschool.org.

The Home for Little Wanderers

Mission: Our mission is to ensure the healthy behavioral, emotional, social and educational development and physical well-being of children and families living in at-risk circumstances.

Program: The Home for Little Wanderers provides a seamless continuum of vital programs and services for every stage of child and family development. For more than 200 years, The Home has earned a reputation for doing whatever it takes to strengthen vulnerable families and keep children safe in their own communities, even when they don't have family support.

Serving children and youth from birth to 22, The Home makes a positive impact on over 7,000 lives each year through a network of services including behavioral health, therapeutic residential and special education, adoption and foster care. In addition, a number of innovative programs provide specialized assistance to youth transitioning to adulthood from state systems of care.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to The Home on an annual basis.

How you can help: There are countless ways to get involved at The Home for Little Wanderers. The goal is to help individuals and organizations find opportunities that fit their needs while also helping to make a difference in a child's life.

Regardless of the level or type of commitment, volunteers are an integral part of the services provided to children and their families. Please read about the various ways you can help to make a difference:

Individual Opportunities, Become a Mentor, Organize Your Own Event

Contact Information: Tel: 617.267.3700. Web: Thehome.org

The Way Up

Mission: The Way Up is a Christian Ministry for children ages 11 - 19 years old from all over Eastern MA who are being held by juvenile courts in various juvenile lockups.

Program: Visits to troubled youth are made throughout the week to encourage them, lead them in Christian worship, teach them the Bible, help them with Christian art and music and just to talk about Christ.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to The Way Up on an annual basis.

How you can help: Please contact “The Way Up” at the address below for information about how you can help. Donations may be sent to this address.

Contact Information: Address: “The Way Up” 319 D Street, South Boston, MA 02127-3102

The Women's Lunch Place

Mission: The mission of The Women's Lunch Place is to provide a safe, comfortable daytime shelter, nutritious food, and support services for women experiencing homelessness or poverty. We treat women with dignity and respect, and foster a community committed to meeting each woman's unique needs.

Program:

- Community Dining
- Job readiness and employment assistance advocacy
- Health and Wellness
- Resource Center and Library
- Essential Services

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to The Women's Lunch Place on an annual basis.

Contact Information: Tel: 617-449-7196.
Web: womenslunchplace.org.

How you can help: Individuals may make donations by following the directions on the web page or explore the website for opportunities to volunteer.

The United Church of Christ

Disaster Ministries

Mission: UCC Disaster Ministries is a program of the United Church of Christ that responds to natural and human caused disasters all over world and is well positioned to respond in most events. Through our volunteers, congregations, Conferences and partnerships UCC Disaster Ministries seeks to serve the most vulnerable populations that require spiritual, physical, financial and psychological support. In times of domestic disaster, UCC Disaster Ministries office provides a platform and facilitation for much of this work while collaborating with and through UCC Conferences and a network of Conference Disaster Coordinators. Internationally, UCC *Disaster Ministries* maintains direct relationships and partnerships with organizations and faith communities able to appropriately and effectively respond to emergency and long-term needs.

Programs:

- Nepal Earthquake Relief
- Ferguson Montana Flood Cleanup
- Flint Michigan Water Relief
- Sri Lanka Flood Relief
- South Carolina Flooding Cleanup
- And many, many other relief projects throughout the United States and Worldwide

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to the Disaster Ministries of the United Church of Christ on an annual basis.

How you can help: You can help by becoming involved with UCC ministries. Please see the contact information below.

Contact Information: 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115. Tel: 216-736-3211. Website: www.ucc.org

How you can help: Individuals may make donations by following the directions on the web page or explore the website for opportunities to volunteer.

Y.O.U. Inc.

Mission: To provide youth and families with opportunities to fulfil their potential and build a brighter future.

Program: Y.O.U., Inc. is one of the leading child welfare, behavioural health and education agencies in Massachusetts. Y.O.U. Inc. offers these specialized services at 32 different sites in Worcester County with a comprehensive array of educational, vocational, therapeutic, and residential programs that serve more than 13,000 young people and their families each year.

How Bethany Helps: Bethany provides financial assistance to Y.O.U. Inc. on an annual basis.

Contact Information: Tel: 508-849-5617. Web: www.youinc.org. 81 Plantation Street, Worcester, MA 01604

How you can help: Individuals may make donations by following the directions on the web page.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Bethany has a variety of services to encourage and support spiritual growth for the individual and the family.

Children's services include:

- Sunday School
- Confirmation
- Youth Fellowship (Grades 5—12)
- Holiday Activities

Adult services include:

- Sunday Worship Service - Sunday mornings, 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
- Fellowship hour with light snacks following Sunday Worship Service
- Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- Church committee groups
- Chancel Choir
- Bell Choir
- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group
- Women's groups
- Weekly E-News
- Annual Family Ski Trip
- Special Services and events throughout the year commemorating religious holidays.

