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Back Bay Mission shall embody with integrity and truth the prophetic mandate of Micah: "…to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We were just a precious few gathered, nine to be exact: four members of Back Bay Mission's staff, three men who were homeless, and two community residents. Seated around a simple, makeshift altar, we paused to celebrate the life of Ronald, who had died at the age of 48.

Ronald had been one of our frequent guests at the Micah Day Center, a ministry of Back Bay Mission where those who are homeless can get a shower, some clean clothes, and a load of help and guidance in a safe place marked by mutual respect and welcome. Just one month before his untimely death from a heart attack, we had placed Ronald in our Home At Last program, giving him the first real home he'd had in three years. We had watched him transform from a solitary, distrustful person to a confident, social, and happy man with a new lease on life. It had been a joy to behold.

And so it was a bitterly sad and shocking day when our caseworker discovered his death one unsuspecting evening. It seemed unfair that one who had just been given a new beginning should so suddenly lose his life. Yet it was not altogether surprising. Our homeless guests are often in severely poor health, the cumulative effect of little (if any) health care, inadequate nutrition, and living circumstances unfit for human habitation. Early death is all too commonplace among this population, but their deaths are rarely acknowledged by others, their lives dismissed to the end.

Back Bay Mission was unwilling to let Ronald's passing go unnoticed by the world. So while we searched for his family, we planned our own memorial service. That small group of nine gathered on a Tuesday morning in the Day Center that had been safe sanctuary for Ronald. We shared stories, laughed together, and remembered Ronald as the precious child of God that he was, with his own inherent dignity and worth. We gave thanks for his life and for how he touched our lives, and we committed him to God's everlasting care.

As a pastor, it was one of the most profound experiences of my ministry, a pastoral task that was also inherently prophetic. This, it seems to me, is a reflection of the ministry Back Bay Mission has been privileged to share for nearly 90 years: to see in the poor the precious image of God, to minister to them in their living and their dying, and to bear witness to the world that their lives matter no less than our own. What a privilege it is, indeed!

Thank you for supporting this ministry of pastoral care and prophetic presence with your prayers, gifts, and service.
We thank God for you!

Blessings & peace,

Shari Prestemon

Rev. Shari Prestemon, Executive Director

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BBM's Food Pantry "a Blessing" in Hard Times

by Lola Kane

Take a look around the food pantry and you will see almost bare, half empty shelves; the same shelves which were full before the doors were opened this morning for walk-ins. The emergency caseworker, Jill Cartledge, sees these half empty shelves as a sign the pantry is doing what it is here to do, to help hungry families in need.

Az-Zahir, Bernell, and Catherine, are only a few of our clients expressing their gratitude for the service we provide…..Here are their testimonials:

Az-Zahir Anderson from Gulfport is a new client at Back Bay Mission. Mr. Anderson is a 9 year Coast Guard veteran. Since being medically discharged from the Coast Guard, he has since become a certified nurse's assistant but finds himself frantically seeking employment in his new field of work. Mr. Anderson puts it quite simply "I'm so grateful for this place. I thank God for your existence."

Az-Zahir Anderson and JIII Cartledge

Bernell Faria, Jr. from Gulfport lost his job 7 months ago and faces the uphill battle of searching for work in this weak economy. In speaking with Mr. Faria, you soon learn he has a soul of an angel. He says, "It's been hard for me to maintain the simple things in life but with the help of Back Bay Mission, I have been blessed. Thank you!"

Catherine McDonald, from Biloxi, has been a regular client of Back Bay Mission. Ms. McDonald has had a hard life and only recently was approved for Social Security disability. Since being approved for disability, she has recently gone from homeless to having a place to call home, but she still relies on the food pantry for help. "I would be having a much harder time if it wasn't for the help I get here. It's been difficult, so the food pantry has been such a Godsend."

It is apparent in our clients' testimonials that people are facing tough times. Many are merely struggling to survive; for these people, Back Bay Mission has been "the shining light" in their darkest of times. Because of Back Bay Mission, a family will not go hungry tonight. Plainly put by Jill Cartledge, EA Caseworker "By providing support with the food, I feel we offer our clients a little bit of relief. It's these simple things most of us take for granted that others struggle with day-to-day. This is our purpose at Back Bay Mission, to ease that struggle in whatever way we can."

Bernell Faria, Jr. and Jill Cartledge

As of October...

The food pantry served 2335 clients, of which 223 were new.

Volunteers Make a Difference

by Lola Kane

Volunteers are the backbone of Back Bay Mission's ministries. They come as work campers, long term volunteers, as Board members, and from the local community to make a difference. Whether they are local or from out of town, they are completely devoted to the cause, while others simply wish to do their bit where they can. Our local volunteers have a personal attachment to the area and want to make it a better place for themselves and for others.

Meet Ethel Curry.

Ethel has been a long-standing local volunteer at the Micah Center, where homeless guests can take showers, get clean laundry, and receive other assistance. She has been at Back Bay Mission for 18 months now, dedicating 3 days a week of her time. Ask Ethel on any given day and she will tell you she truly enjoys volunteering at Back Bay Mission. Ethel raised 5 children and loved caring for her family. After the kids were grown and out of the house, she felt an empty space inside. Since becoming a volunteer at Back Bay Mission, that emptiness has been filled, as she does what she loves to do: take care of people.

Ethel has always been a compassionate person wanting to do everything she possibly can to help another. After all, that is how she was raised! She admits that at times it is difficult for her. "Sometimes I feel there is not enough to go around. I feel bad when I can't help a person. Someone can come in and ask for something that we don't have and it tears at my heart that I am unable to help them," she says. Ethel continues on "The biggest obstacle clients face today is the ability to find jobs, waiting 2 weeks or more for a paycheck for those lucky enough to find work, and the lack of available shelters for them."

Ethel has become a comforting face at the Micah Center and has touched many hearts, none more than Mr. Brian. Mr. Brian, an elderly gentleman with ongoing health conditions, has grown "a-liking" to Ms. Ethel. He enjoys following her around and telling her stories about his family. Mr. Brian, who sleeps under the bridge, has even found a turtle that he keeps as a pet and named it after Ethel.

Ethel has a heart full of grace and the soul of an angel. Her devotion to the Micah Center has been a Godsend to staff and clients alike. It's astonishing; Ethel started volunteering here to fill the empty spot in her life, not knowing how much of a void she was fulfilling in others' hearts by devoting her time. Whether it is a glimpse of a smile or gesture of compassion, one thing is true – she has endless love to share.

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.
– DeAnn Hollis

Ethel assisting a client at the Micah Center

Ethel Curry

In 2010...

Back Bay Mission hosted 1307 volunteers, who donated over $750,000 worth of labor to the Gulf Coast community.

Young Adults Transformed by Internship

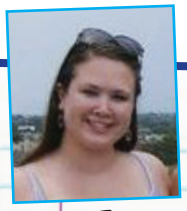
by Lola Kane

Serving as an internship site is part of BBM's commitment to providing transformational leadership and faith formation to the wider church and community

This summer, the United Church of Christ and the Alliance of Baptists partnered to offer young adults a life-changing internship opportunity. Back Bay Mission was honored to serve as one of the host sites for three of these interns: Kristina Lenz (Dayton, KY), Jared Adams (Port Edwards, WI), and Kristen Dollar (North Augusta, SC). These three chose to get involved with the Summer Communities of Service program (SCOS), an ecumenical summer mission program aimed at young adults ages 19 – 30 years old.

Their spiritual journey is definitely something they will remember for a lifetime. Individually, they met wonderful people and listened to some remarkable stories. Together, they shared in the commitment of service and social justice. Looking back at the time they spent with us, they put pen to paper about their experience. From their hearts, they shared their reflections….

Picture of Interns: Katrina Lenz, Kristen Dollar, & Jared Adams



Katrina writes:

I was pleasantly surprised to find just how welcoming everyone was; they don't call Mississippi the hospitality state for nothing. While I learned a lot from living in community with two other SCOS volunteers, I learned the most from the homeless in the community.

Throughout the summer, I served as the volunteer coordinator in the housing recovery program. The housing recovery program has been very instrumental in rebuilding the Mississippi Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. Six years post-Katrina, the Gulf Coast continues to rebuild, and Back Bay Mission continues to assist the poor and marginalized. I was also given the opportunity to volunteer in the Micah Center, a day center for the homeless, which provides basic services such as laundry, showers, internet and telephone access and a physical mailing address.

I immediately learned that the homeless population of Biloxi defies the stereotypical image of the homeless so commonly held by members of today's society. As I became friends with several of the "regulars" in the Micah Center, I learned their stories. One man lost both of his parents in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina; another lost his wife after a long fight with cancer. Despite their seemingly hard-dealt hand at life, their attitudes remain optimistic. The gentleman from New Orleans told me that he has faith that as long as he wakes up each morning, God will watch over him and protect him.

Ultimately, I am leaving Biloxi with a small reminder of the kindness I have been shown during my time on the Gulf Coast: a green and pink woven bracelet made for me by one of the guests in the Micah Center. I am reminded of Back Bay's vision statement and the prophetic mandate of Micah, "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God," each time I look at it.

Kristen writes:

When I told friends and family that I was going to Mississippi to be a construction supervisor, they mostly laughed and asked what I was really doing this summer. As it turned out, construction isn't something you can learn in a couple of days. Who knew there's a method to putting up a ladder (you can't prop it up against the window?); a theory to painting (you don't just slap it on the siding?); or a "boot" that goes on a roof?

After a while, the whole construction thing had knocked my ego to the ground and walked all over it. While I was in the process of trying to get back on my feet, Shari, Back Bay's Executive Director and the leader of our weekly spiritual meetings, read a passage from Matthew 25. It's a pretty well-known parable which you've probably heard before; verse 40 says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Shari's point was that serving others isn't something we do on occasion and if we feel like it. Biblically speaking, serving is absolutely mandatory. But how could I serve others here at Back Bay when I didn't have anything to give?

While writing this reflection, I found that I'd learned the answer to this question without even realizing it. Looking back, during my last few weeks at Back Bay, I'd given up on my pride and had started paying attention to the people around me. That's when things began to go much more smoothly. After all, when I wasn't focused on trying to look like I knew what I was doing, I could ask volunteers about their lives and listen to their stories.

What I learned at Back Bay is that I'm not capable of providing everything for everybody. We, as individuals and as a Christian community, all have limits to what we can give, whether it may be insufficient funding (in Back Bay's case) or construction skills (in my own case). The one resource that we do have is the ability to love people, without pride, and without the need for reciprocation.

Jared writes:

Volunteering has been a major part of my life since graduating from high school; I signed up for Summer Communities of Service and Back Bay Mission has been my third long-term volunteer service. This summer, at Back Bay Mission I was an intern to the Homeless Prevention/Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) Associate. I learned a lot through this internship, including the hardships of working in a nonprofit organization and not being able to help nearly as many people as I would like to help.

As an intern to the HPRP Associate, I've heard many cases of people who want help, but don't qualify. That has been something I've had to deal with since I began volunteering, but I had never dealt with people in a program for a long period of time. In every other organization, it was all short-term help for the homeless, such as rent for a month but never for the 18 months that this program was for. Back Bay had helped the people in the program so much, there's a much greater chance that they will be able to get back on their feet.

My time at Back Bay Mission has been great and is another important chapter in my life. My SCOS roommates have taught me a lot about community living and Back Bay as a whole has been welcoming and uplifting. I know I will eventually make it back here, not necessarily to work, but definitely to visit and see how much has changed. Whenever I make it back here, I'm sure whoever is volunteering will be having just as great an experience as I had and I can't wait to hear what the future holds for this organization.

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in honor of the following birthdays: Idamae Meier, Shirley Brubaker, Janelle Hupp, Lee Kenneke, Karen Walker, Heather Simler, Wendy Hille, Betty Jones, Carol Sorn, Veneta Agney. Vicky Busker, Hazen Weier, Tom WIngert, Terri Grimes, Don Meinders, Jordon Ruthe, Shane Drake, Beth Johnson, Noah Kayden Currier, Richard Dornink, Warren Zettles,Ward Malloy, Pricilla Ludwig, Bill Gullickson, Kim Mysliwies, Bobbie Mysliwies, Emmory Thruman, Marty Brubaker, Chester Zapatka, Pat McLeland, Carol Snyder, Jean Koehler, Jack Taber, Deb DeBruyn, Jon Fromi, Elsie Klever, Colleen Dornink, Cliff Stout, Dane Busker, Jack Bose, Tim & Jean Stout, Linda Rockey, Christopher Busker, Bernice Bloyer, Wayne & Sherry Gravenstein, Kelly, Katie, & Marybeth Simler, Kim Grimes, Henry Dammann, Susie Donker, Carol Weier, Maurice Hutmacher, Joslyn Gullickson, Matt Schaney, Judd Thruman, Robert Rockey, David Shuey, Marsha Zapatka, Kim Pool, Donna Gullickson, Elizabeth Walker, Carolynn Johnson, Dennis Ruthe, Marion Taber, Diane Buss, P.J. Patterson, Karen Munz, James Stout, Carol Dammann, Laurie & Jenny Ruthe, Tyler Walber, Elisabeth Hupp, Jerry Hunefield, Doris Heck, Orelda Strohecker, Bonnie Remmers, Herb Jacobs, Darwin Fuller, Abbott & Michelle Thruman, Henry Winter. Also in honor of the following anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dornink, Mr. & Mrs. Kim Grimes, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hunefield, and Mr. & Mrs. Mike Pool, Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick Kartemeier, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Earnest, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lamm, Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Pyfer, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Thinnes, Mr. & Mrs. Hazen Weier, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mysliwies, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Hupp, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Zapatka, Mr. & Mrs. James Currier, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Drake, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bose, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Gerbick, Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Ruthe , Mr. & Mrs. Gene Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Ward Malloy, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Hille, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Gravenstein, Deb De Bruyn & Andrew Soria, Mr. & Mrs. Judd Thruman, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Lestikow, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rockey, Mr. & Mrs. Jon Frome, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Winter, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dammann, Mr. & Mrs. Don Meinders, and Mr. & Mrs. Mark Simler.
-F-
Faith UCC-Adult Fellowship
in honor of their congregation
First Congregational UCC
in honor of Mary & Jerry Foote
Ms. Carol Flores
in honor of their parents, Betty & Louis Flores
-H-
Ms. Anne Weller Hansen
in honor of Sam Schroeder's birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin & Carol Haywood
in honor of Jim & Cathy Castle's marriage
Rev. & Mr. Barbara & John Hunter
in honor of all the volunteers who have come to the Coast
-I-
Indiana-Kentucky Conference
in honor of Rev. John Gantt
-K-
Ms. Rose Anne Kimbell
in honor of the Biloxi Class of 1963
-M-
Ms. Rose Mandle
in honor of her visit to Back Bay Mission
Bob & Dorothy McAllister
in honor of Nancy Clark
Mrs. Susan Melter
in honor of Kellers 50th wedding anniversary
Rev. & Mrs. Earl & Patricia Miller
in honor of Roger Perl's ordination anniversary #50
Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Susan Morey
in honor of Rev. Al Bunis
-P-
Mr. & Mrs. John & Sheryl Prestemon
in honor of Marlene & Duane Fenstermann's 50th anniversary
Rev. Shari Prestemon
in honor of Roger Perl's 50th Anniversary of ordination
-R-
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Laurie Ruthe
honor of Hazel Dorsey's birthday
-S-
Ms. Barbara Schuette
in honor of Rev. Ruben Grosshuesch's 90th birthday
Mr. Erick Smith
in honor of their congregation, United Church of Gainesville
-T-
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy & Kay Treu
Theodora Zuelsdorff 90th Birthday
-V-
Mr. & Rev. John & Bonnie VanOverbeke
honor of the dedicated staff and friends to continue and adapt to changing needs of the community
Revs. Paul & Wanda Veldman
honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.
-W-
Ms. Ruth White
in honor of Jean Evans
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Jan Wilbur
in honor of Mary Sue & Bill Fairchild
Mr. Charles Wilson
in honor Barbara Wilson & Arlene Foulds
-Y-
Mr. Steve David Yochum
in honor of the birthdays of David Yochum from Jeff, Steve, Sarah, Simone, Finn and Harley
-Z-
Zion UCC
in honor of Zion UCC in Reading, PA at its closing

MEMORY

-A-
Ms. June Adams
memory of Ted Adams
Mrs. Shirley Adams
in memory of Jesse Adams
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Dot Anderson
memory of Dutch & Billie Dottweiler
Ms. Fran Apltauer
memory of Florence Stoner
Mr. Larry Auck
memory of Martha Auck
Mr. & Mrs. John & Rebecca Barton
memory of Albert Johnson
-B-
Rev. Martha Baumer
memory of Albert Johnson and Ella Mae Borgstedte
Ms. Ellen Bentz
memory of Mrs. Georgie Leber
Mr. & Mrs. James & Mary Bolin
memory of Albert Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. James & Dale Bonds
memory of Albert Johnson
Ms. Bertha Booker
memory of Rev. Leland Booker
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne & JoAnn Bosse
memory of Albert Johnson
Mr. Gary P Brown
in memory of Elaine Parliman
Mrs. Lorraine Brown
memory of Richard Brown
Mrs. Carol Brueckman
memory of Donald Hafner
Ms. Mary Bryant-Miller
in memory of Mary Elizabeth Bass Bryant
-C-
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Susan Cambria
In memory of Elaine Sonderegger
Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Jeanette Campbell
memory of Rev. Donald Hafner
Ms. Lisa Cedergren
in memory of Lorraine Craig & Helen Ventresca
Ms. Henrietta Cefalu
memory of our loved ones
Mrs. Orpah Christopher
in memory of Winnie Schumacher
Ms. Reba Corley
memory of Albert Johnson
The A.D. Morgan Corporation
memory of Rev. Donald Hafner
-D-
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent & Susan DeSimone
in memory of Elaine Parliman
Ms. Ann Distefano
in memory of Albert Sydney Johnson III
Ms. Donna Dolan
in memory of Winniefred D. Schumacher
Mrs. Catharine Dunn
in memory of Melissa Dunn Kinder
Mr. & Mrs. Albert & Carolyn Van Dyke
memory of Rev. Donald Hafner
-E-
Ms. Elaine Eachus
memory of Donna Goodberlet
Rev. Allan Eickelmann & Mrs. Marjene Minor
memory of Maurice Minor
Ms. Barbara L Eldridge
memory of Albert S. Johnson, III
Lynn & Mary Ann Ewing
in memory of Peggy Copeland
-F-
Ms. Dorothy Felson
memory of Rev. Roger Felson
First Congregational Church
memory of Phil Grech
Ms. Barbara Fleshman
memory of Leroy & Mildred Fleshman
Ms. Barbara Franz
in memory of Rev. Robert A. Happel
-G-
Ms. Esther Gehrt
in memory of Vaughn Gehrt
Mr. & Mrs. Evan & Deborah Golder
memory of Donald Hafner
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Ronda Gray
memory of our mother
Ms. Grace Green & Ms. Janice Jones
memory of Violet Moss
Mrs. Samuel Greer
in memory of Samuel Greer
Mr. James Grove
in memory of Susannah Grove
Mr. & Mrs Robert Gurney
memory of Rev. Donald Hafner
-H-
Ms. Cynthia Hafner
memory of Donald Hafner
Hamden Figure Skating Association, Inc.
memory of Elaine Sonderegger
Mr. Denny Householder
memory of Jessie Sleighter
-I-
Ms. Jane Ishee
memory of Winnie Schumacher
-J-
Ms. Cynthia Joachim
memory of Bruce Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Jay & Norma Johnson
memory of Donald Hafner
-K-
Mr. Robert Kane
memory of Winniefred Schumacher
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Evelyn Kingsbury
memory of Albert Johnson
Mrs. Sandy Kline
in memory of Elaine L. Sonderegger
Mrs. Lynda Knight
memory of Butch Knight
Mr. & Mrs. Erwin & Grace Koch
memory of Mrs. Lillian Meier
-L-
Ms. Alberta Lichte
memory of Rev. Melvin F. Lichte
-M-
Ms. Flora Mason
memory of Albert Johnson
Mr. Stanley McQuade
memory of Rita McQuade
Rev. & Mrs. Gerald & Karen Metzger
memory of Albert Johnson
Rev. & Mrs. Curtis & Ruth Minter
memory of your many friends who have passed away this past year
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce & Norma Mitchell
memory of Elaine Sonderegger
Mountain View Group
memory of Albert Johnson
-N-
Mrs. Rosalie Newell
in memory of Rev. Dr. Arthur W. Newell
-O-
Mrs. Marcie Opfer
in memory of Jean Calburn.
Orange Congregational Church
memory of Elaine Sonderegger
Mr. Terry Owen
memory of Jack Keplinger
-P-
Rev. Susan Pfeil
memory of Dr. Elaine L. Parliman
-Q-
Mr. Brian Quave
memory of Amanda Russell
-R-
Mr. & Mrs. Allen & Joyce Raymond
memory of Gary Pfohl
Mrs. Berna Reinewald
memory of Rev. Henry L. Reinewald
Rev. Robert Rezash
memory of Anita Rezash
Mr and Mrs Don Richter
memory of Mary Lou Boracz
Rev. Richard & Jo Rinker
memory of Verona Danieley
Ms. Janet Roberts
memory of Rev. David Roberts
Mr. Matthew Rodgers
in memory of Geoff Rodgers
Mr. & Mrs. Rudolf & Betty Jeanne Roggenkamp
in memory of Pauline Wiedmar
-S-
Ms. Therese Sachnik
memory of Albert Johnson
Rev. Alfred Schroeder & Mrs. Catherine Sprague
memory of Henry Diehl
Mr. & Mrs. Walter & Carol Schroeder
memory of Albert Johnson
Mr. John Schumacher
in memory of Winnie Schumacher
Mr. Karl Schumacher
memory of Winnie Schumacher
Mr. & Mrs. Martin & Margaret Schumacher
memory of Winniefred Schumacher
Ms. Laura Seay
memory of Winniefred Schumacher
Mr. & Mrs. James & Pamela Shadford
memory of Elaine Parliman
Ms. Lauren Shadford
In Memory of Elaine Parliman
Mr. & Mrs. Jonah & Joan Sherman
memory of Winniefred Schumacher
Ms. Janeth Shewmaker
memory of Rev. Donald Hafner
Mrs. Sandra Slezak
memory of Albert Slezak
Slumber Falls Camp & Retreat Center
memory of Albert Johnson
Ms. Joan Snyder
memory in Alice Ewing
Mr. & Mrs. Harry & Lorraine Snyder
in memory of Don Henderson
St. Matthew UCC - Women's Guild
memory of Winnie Schumacher
St. Paul UCC
memory of Catherine Holtz
Mrs. Janette Streiff
memory of Kenneth Streiff
-T-
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon & Eugenia Terrell
memory of Rev. Donald Hafner
Ms. Patricia Thielen
memory of Albert Johnson
Ms. Heidi Thomas
in memory of Roland Thomas
Travel Is Fun Tours of St. Petersburg, Inc.
memory of Don Hafner
Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Sue Trimble
memory of Dick & Sally Smith
Mr. Robert Turton
memory of Albert Johnson
-U-
Ms. Verna Uthman
memory of David Rapp
Mendel A. Uychutin
memory of Winniefred Schumacher
-V-
Mr. & Mrs. Rodney & Eunice Van Loon
in memory of Rodney Van Loon, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. James and Sue Vierus
memory of Albert Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. George & Janice Voss
memory of Harold Thompson
-W-
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip & Marge Wallbaum
memory of Rev. Donald Hafner
Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Olivia White
in memory of Winnie Schumacher
Mr. & Mrs. Sterling & Barbara Whitener
memory of Trudi Heuser
Ms. Karen Wulff
In memory of Winnie Schumacher

CHURCHES

-A-
Acton Congregational Church
Acton Massachusetts
Amherst Community Church
Snyder New York
-B-
Bethany Congregational
San Antonio Texas
Bethany UCC
Freeport Illinios
Brownhelm Congregational UCC
Vermilion Ohio
Buckland UCC
Buckland Ohio
-C-
Cable District Womens Fellowship
Park Falls Wisconsin
Central St. Matthew UCC
New Orleans Louisianna
Chapel Hill UCC
Louisville Kentucky
Christ Church UCC-Women's Guild
Annville Pennsylvania
Christ Congregational Church
Silver Spring Maryland
Christ UCC
Belleville Illinois
Church of Christ Congregational UCC
Norfolk Connecticut
Church of the Palms, UCC
Sun City Arizona
Church of the Redeemer
Westlake Ohio
Columbia Congregational-Women's Guild
Columbia Connecticut
Columbia UCC
Columbia Missouri
Community Church
Wayzata Minnesota
Community Church
Chesterland Ohio
Congregational Church
East Dummerston Vermont
Congregational Church
Columbia Connecticut
Congregational Church
Middlebury Vermont
Congregational Church
Roxbury Connecticut
Congregational Church-Dorcas Society
Marlborough Connecticut
Congregational UCC
Austin Texas
Congregational UCC
St. Charles Illinois
Congregational UCC-Women's Fellowship
St. Charles Illinois
Congregational UCC-Women's Fellowship
Punta Gorda Florida
Cross Church
Seguin Texas
Cross UCC-Women of the Church
Seguin Texas
-D-
David's UCC
Kettering Ohio
Dublin Community Church
Dublin Ohio
-E-
East Side Congregational Church
Binghamton New York
Ellington Congregational Church
Ellington Connecticut
Emmanuel Baust UCC
Westminster Maryland
Enfield Congregational Church
Enfield Connecticut
-F-
Faith UCC
Ridgway Pennsylvania
Faith UCC
New Braunfels Texas
Faith UCC-Men's Club
New Braunfels Texas
Faith UCC-Women's Guild
Bertha Minnesota
Federated Church
Hyannis Massachusetts
Federated Church of Orleans
East Orleans Massachusetts
First Church of Christ
Old Saybrook Connecticut
First Church of Christ-Ladies Home Missionary Society
New Haven Connecticut
First Community UCC
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Appleton Wisconsin
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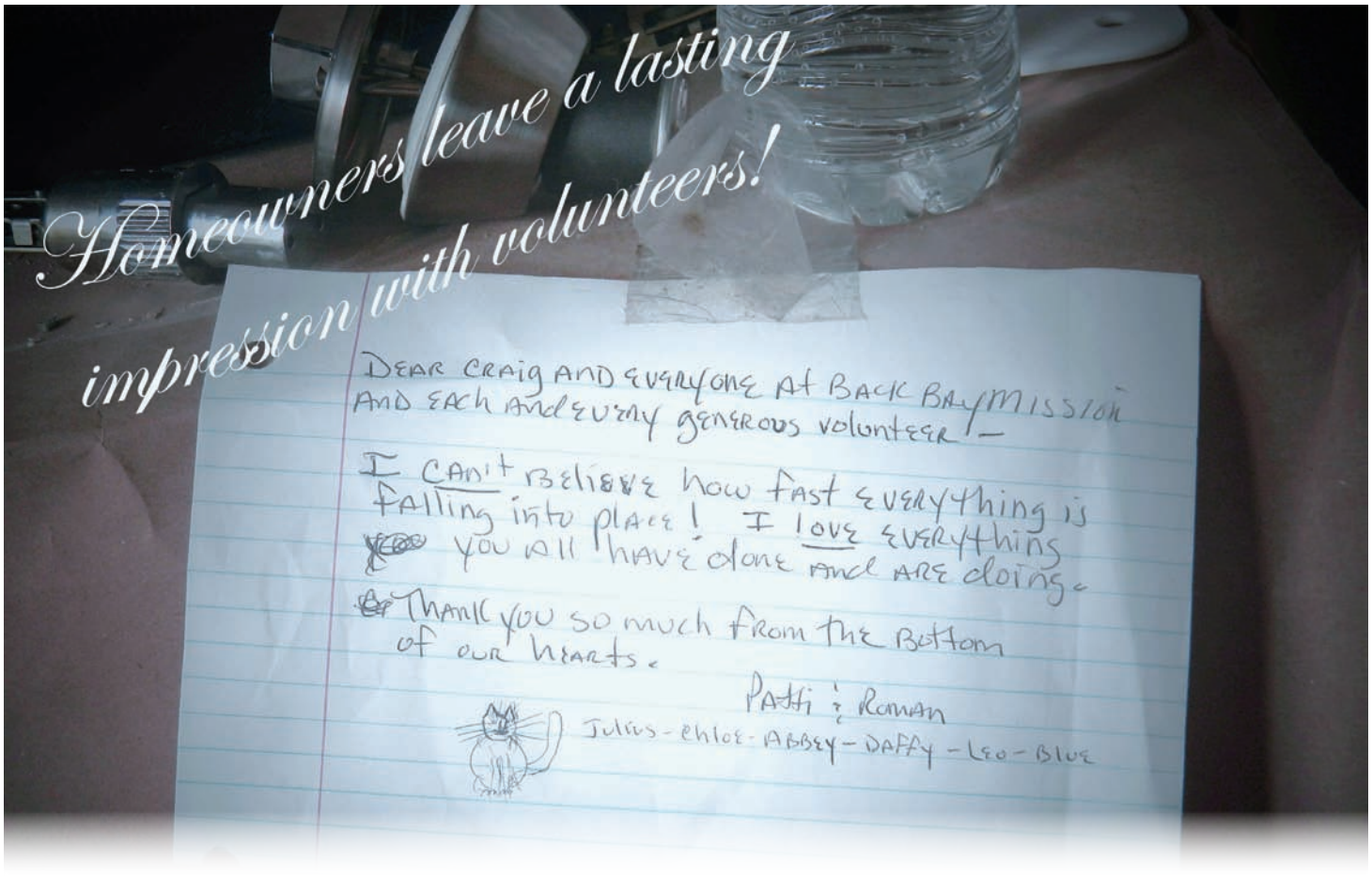
Ravenna Ohio
First Congregational UCC
Houston Texas
First Congregational UCC
De Kalb Illinois
First Congregational UCC
Jefferson Ohio
First Congregational UCC
Concord New Hampshire
First Congregational UCC
Elyria Ohio
First Congregational UCC
Mt. Vernon Ohio
First Congregational-Women's Fellowship
Watertown Connecticut
First UCC
Northfield Minnesota
First UCC-Women's Fellowship
Irwin Pennsylvania
First United Methodist
Gulfport Mississippi
Friedens Church-Womens Fellowship
Washington Texas
-G-
Golden Congregational Church
Ryan Iowa
Grace Congregational UCC
Rutland Vermont
Granite Falls UCC
Granite Falls Minnesota
Greenbelt Community Church
Greenbelt Maryland
Greendale Community Church
Greendale Wisconsin
-H-
Hope UCC
Sturgeon Bay Wisconsin
-I-
Immanuel UCC
Needville Texas
Immanuel UCC
Kettlersville Ohio
Immanuel UCC-Women's Guild
Kaukauna Wisconsin
-J-
Jordan UCC
Allentown Pennsylvania-
-L-
Little Farms UCC
New Orleans Louisianna
Lytton UCC-Helping Hand Society
Delta Ohio
-M-
Mitchell UCC
Mitchell South Dakota
Mosaic Ministries
Ocean Springs Mississippi
Mt. Zion UCC
Wapwallopen Pennsylvania
-N-
Naples UCC
Naples Florida
Nekoosa UCC
Nekoosa Wisconsin
New England Congregational Church
Aurora Illinois
North Congregational Church
New Hartford Connecticut
North Congregational Church-Women's Fellowship
Woodbury Connecticut
Northwest Ohio Association-Women's Board
Tiffin Ohio
-P-
Parkway UCC
St. Louis Missouri
Peace UCC
Berrysburg Pennsylvania
Peace UCC
Greensboro North Carolina
Peace UCC
Schofield Wisconsin
Peace UCC-Women's Guild
Berrysburg Pennsylvania
Philippus UCC
Cincinnati Ohio
Pilgrim Church
Port Charlotte Florida
Pilgrim UCC
Cincinnati Ohio
Pleasant Hill UCC
Pleasant Hill Ohio
Plymouth Congregational Church-Women's Fellowship
Coconut Grove Florida
-R-
Redeemer UCC
Marion Texas
Redlands UCC
Redlands California
Round Grove UCC
Lewisville Texas
-S-
Salem UCC
Doylestown Pennsylvania
Salem UCC
Lena Illinois
Somers Congregational Church
Somers Connecticut
South Central Conference UCC
Houston Texas
South Congregational Church
East Hartford Connecticut
St John UCC of Woodland
Wyatt Indiana
St Peter & St Paul UCC
Cincinnati Ohio
St. Andrew UCC
Sarasota Florida
St. John UCC
Defiance Ohio
St. John UCC
Freeport Illinois
St. John UCC
Rosenberg Texas
St. John UCC-Endowment Fund
Defiance Ohio
St. John's Christian Church
Archbold Ohio
St. John's Evangelical UCC-Mary & Marthas
St. Louis Missouri
St. John's UCC
Strasburg Ohio
St. John's UCC
Port Huron Michigan
St. John's UCC
Elkhart Indiana
St. John's UCC
Allentown Pennsylvania
St. John's UCC-Women's Fellowship
Waverly Iowa
St. John's UCC-Women's Guild
Fairmont Minnesota
St. Matthew UCC
Wheaton Illinois
St. Paul UCC
New Bremen Ohio
St. Paul's UCC
Downers Grove Illinois
St. Paul's UCC
New Orleans Louisianna
St. Paul's UCC
Oak Harbor Ohio
St. Peter's Church of Coupland
Coupland Texas
St. Peter's UCC
Elmhurst Illinois
St. Peter's UCC-Women's Fellowship
North Tonawanda New York
Swiss UCC
New Glarus Wiconsin
-T-
The Community Church-Women's Fellowship
Vero Beach Florida
The First Church in Windsor
Windsor Connecticut
Trinity Community Church
Cincinnati Ohio
Trinity Congregational Church
Gloucester Massachusetts
Trinity UCC
New Lebanon Ohio
Trinity UCC
Brookfield Wisconsin
Trinity UCC
Canton Ohio
-U-
UCC
Weimar Texas
UCC
Southbury Connecticut
UCC
Sylvania Ohio
UCC Congregational
Boxboro Massachusetts
UCC-Sunday School
California Missouri
Union Church-Unit 6
Hinsdale Illinois
Union Congregational Church
Wollaston Massachusetts
Union Congregational Church-Men's Fellowship
Tavares Florida
Union Congregational UCC
Peterborough New Hampshire
United Church
Rockville Centre New York
United Church Boards Planned Giving Program
Boston Massachusetts
United Church of Jaffrey
Jaffrey New York
United Church of Spring Valley-Women's Guild
Spring Valley New York
United Church of Sun City
Sun City Arizona
United Church of Byron
Byron Illinois
-V-
Vermont Conference UCC-Women's Fellowship
Middlebury Vermont
-W-
Wells River Congregational Church
Wells River Vermont
West Adrian UCC-Women's Fellowship
Adrian Michigan
Wisconsin Conference UCC
DeForest Wisconsin
-Z-
Zion Evangelical & Reformed Church
Hagerstown Maryland
Zion UCC
Clifton Texas
Zion UCC
Waukon Iowa
Zion UCC
North Canton Ohio

VOLUNTEER GROUPS THAT SERVED

April – September 2011

Community UCC – St. Germain, Wisconsin
Congregational Church – East Hampton, Connecticut
Dublin Community Church – Dublin, Ohio
Faith Community UCC – Bensenville, Illinois
First Community Church – Columbus, Ohio
First Congregational – Glen Ellyn, Illinois
First Congregational Church – Atlanta, Georgia
First Congregational Church – Ithaca, New York
First Congregational UCC – Eau Claire, Wisconsin
First Congregational UCC – Longmont, Colorado
First UCC – Green Bay, Wisconsin
Hands of Hope – Fon du Lac, Wisconsin
Hope UCC – Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin
Immanuel UCC – Darlington, Wisconsin
New England Congregational – Aurora, IL
North Community Church – Marshfield, Massachusetts
Peace UCC – Duluth, Minnesota
Penn Northeast Conference – Pennsylvania
Pilgrim UCC – Duxbury, Massachusetts
Renee & John Osborne – Lake Mills, Wisconsin
Rocky Hill Congregational UCC – Rocky Hill, Connecticut
Share Kindness – St. Louis, Missouri
St John's Evangelical UCC – Mehlville, Missouri
St. John UCC – Collinsville, Illinois
St. John's UCC – Elkhart, Indiana
St. John's UCC – Sheboygan, Wisconsin
St. Paul's UCC – St. Marys, Ohio
St. Phillips UCC – St. Louis, Missouri
Sylvania UCC – Sylvania, Ohio

Although several churches may have collaborated in a service trip, only the name of the church that organized the group is listed. Thanks!



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