

### 1. Missions Events Update

Dunwoody UMC has always enjoyed hosting missions events like Foodstock and the Great Day of Service each fall. These two outreach events bring over 1,750 combined people onto our campus each year. It is always our desire to do the most good for the most people possible, but COVID-19 has required us to also consider social responsibility. After consulting with a variety of committees and community leaders, the leadership of Dunwoody UMC is formulating a plan that continues to serve our neighbors while maintaining healthy guidelines. The first step is to reschedule some events to allow more time for strategic planning. For example, **Great Day of Service is likely to be moved to March 20, 2021.** This will not impact our **30th Habitat for Humanity build scheduled to start April 22, 2021.** The second step is to limit group contact. Last year, Foodstock had 250 people per shift in the gym. This year, we will move Foodstock later in the fall and modify our event to create a safe environment, possibly spanning more than one day. Our current working plan is to schedule **Foodstock for November 14 and 15**, and limit interaction to 10 volunteers per 1,000 square feet. We remain committed to loving our neighbors and continuing ministry that is part of our core identity at Dunwoody UMC, but we ask for grace as we navigate these new challenges. Please continue to check our website and the weekly eConnections emails for updates.

### 2. Volunteer Opportunity: The Empty Stocking Fund Ministry

The Empty Stocking Fund Ministry (970 Jefferson St NW, Atlanta, GA) is looking for volunteers to assemble back-to-school supply kits. Learn more & register [here](#).

### 3. Volunteer Opportunity: Community Assistance Center (CAC)

The Community Assistance Center (CAC) continues to need volunteers and donations. There are multiple shifts and opportunities. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

### 5. Volunteer Opportunity: Project Transformation

Project Transformation is a UMC ministry that transforms communities by engaging at-risk children in purposeful relationships. This summer, volunteers have worked with Project Transformation to help at-risk students by reading to them online. They plan to continue these virtual support opportunities this fall. For more information, email Diane Ward at [ward@ptnorthgeorgia.org](mailto:ward@ptnorthgeorgia.org).

### 6. Volunteer Opportunity: Landscape Ministry

Dunwoody City Council continues to identify local homeowners who are having a hard time keeping up with their landscaping and basic outside home care during the pandemic. We expect to have neighbors in need referred to us, and then we hope to organize service teams. Please email Chris Mixer ([chris.mixer@dunwoodyumc.org](mailto:chris.mixer@dunwoodyumc.org)) if you are interested.

### **7. Looking for More Opportunities to Serve Locally?**

We have created a list of all the local agencies that help with food, rent or utility assistance. Dunwoody UMC always helps our neighbors in need as much as we can, but this is a great document to share with others. Click [here](#) to view the full list.

### **8. Developing Service Opportunities:**

Dunwoody UMC is working with many local partners to do even more in our community! The following opportunities are emerging, but not finalized yet. Please keep checking back for updates!

- Dunwoody UMC hopes to re-open Package of Hope (our food box distribution program the last Saturday of each month) soon, but we are determining how to do it in a safe and socially responsible way in partnership with Action Ministries' warehouse.
- Our "Friends in Christian Growth" Sunday School class has traditionally organized a Back-to-School-Backpack project that benefits local students. We are looking to proceed with the project and should have details soon.
- Corners Outreach (the organization that hosts Hightower Homework Club) has employed women in our community to make masks so they can continue to stay home with their children, while bringing in a living wage. All purchases support local mothers in caring for their families. Purchase a mask [here](#) to support them!

### **THANK YOU!**

We want to extend a sincere thanks to all of you who are finding ways to love your neighbor during this unprecedented time. Curious about DUMC's response over the past several months? Check out our [Service-In-Action Report](#) to get the full breakdown!