

1. Foodstock

Foodstock is our annual partnership with Rise Against Hunger that organizes community volunteers to assemble dehydrated meals for children in need across the globe. During the pandemic, the need is greater than ever. We are excited to announce that Foodstock will still take place this year on **Saturday, Nov. 14 and Sunday, Nov. 15**. We have worked diligently with community leaders to ensure that appropriate protocols are in place for the safety of all volunteers. There will be nine different shifts to choose from. With a successful Foodstock this year, we will eclipse the 3,000,000th meal mark in our history with Rise Against Hunger! Please visit dunwoodyumc.org/foodstock for more information. Registration should open in early October.

2. Foodstock Preparation Opportunities

In advance of November's Foodstock event, there are at-home service opportunities. Each meal bag needs to be labeled with an information-sticker. We should have "take home kits" of bags and stickers available by September 28. We can also set up "sticker parties" at the church for interested small groups, Sunday school classes, or scout troops using safe social distancing protocols. We hope everyone has the opportunity to contribute, even if they can't attend in-person on Saturday, Nov. 14 and Sunday, Nov. 15.

3. Donate and Volunteer at The Community Assistance Center (CAC) Food Pantry

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

4. Collecting Donations for Wellroot Family Services

Residents in the Transitional Living Program at Wellroot (previously known as the United Methodist Children's Home) are involved in life skills development, including learning how to keep a clean and hygienic home. We are currently collecting donations of household cleaning supplies for them. Please view their flyer of most needed items [here](#).

5. Virtual Reading Buddy Program

Hightower Homework Club continues to serve at-risk students in our community. They welcome volunteers at their after-school campus, but have also created an at-home opportunity.

Volunteers can help students improve their reading skills over Zoom. For more information email Travis Sanders at travis.sanders@cornersoutreach.org, or [click here](#).

6. Local Agencies that Help

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 anyone that needs assistance. [Click here](#) to view the full list.

7. Celebrations

Sincere thanks to everyone who has helped in various ways over the past few weeks. We have had plenty of successes worth celebrating including the assembly of 400 meal-bags for Trinity Table, a food drive for the CAC, and a Digital Learning School Supply collection for Hightower Elementary. You are truly making a difference and loving your neighbor.

8. Final Note Regarding Our Impacted Calendar:

The Great Day of Service committee has voted to move our annual event to March 20, 2021, so they can make appropriate plans during this unprecedented time. The Holiday Festival committee has voted to cancel this year's event, but this will not impact our 2021 Habitat for Humanity build since it has already been fully funded. 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.