

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF EVERGREEN MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Getting involved with Missions through the church does not necessarily mean going overseas, although that opportunity does exist through the United Methodist Church. There are many ways to give of your time, talent and your treasure, here in Evergreen and the greater Denver area. These are just some of the Missions projects of the United Methodist Church of Evergreen is involved in:

- **Family Promise** – Family Promise works with recently homeless families, helping them with shelter, food, social services and finding steady employment. UMCE is part of the western rotation providing overnight hosts and dinner at Jefferson Avenue United Methodist Church in Wheat Ridge several times a year.
- **EChO and Mountain Resource Center** – UMCE supports Evergreen Christian Outreach (Evergreen) and Mountain Resource Center (Conifer) with non-perishable food and goods such as diapers and toilet paper. Baskets with suggested purchases for our contributions are passed around the second Sunday of each month.
- **Evergreen Emergency Shelter Program (ESP)** – UMCE volunteers provide meals for homeless persons in the Evergreen area who are sheltered in area churches when the temperature falls below 20 degrees. Other opportunities include overnight hosts and van drivers.
- **Blessing Bags** – As a thoughtful and more personal alternative to cash, our Blessing Bags are assembled and provided for distribution to people in need on street corners.
- **Alternative Gift Fair** – UMCE is a sponsor of the Gift Fair, held each November. Approved non-profit domestic and international organizations set up sales tables with 100% of the proceeds going to benefit the non-profit causes.
- **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless** – UMCE collected household goods to supply to chronically homeless persons moving into new apartment units in Denver. We are also active in supporting local affordable housing alternatives.
- **Mexican Luncheon** – Each spring, the Missions Team comes together to make a special luncheon for the congregation. Donations are usually dedicated to support the UMCE Youth Missions trips.
- **Mission trips to Kenya and Rwanda** – UMCE members support schools and churches located in impoverished areas of Kenya and Rwanda. Books, school supplies, toys and other items are collected for donation when members travel to Africa and we have provided financial support for building programs there.
- **Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Ringers** – Ring the bell at Christmas time to help support the local Salvation Army.

There are many other ways to support UMCE Missions! The Church Office can put you in touch with one of our Missions Team members if you are interested in being involved with one or more of these activities.