

Bethesda Cares [www.bethesdacares.com](http://www.bethesdacares.com)

Bethesda Cares, Inc. is a non-profit organization serving the needs of the working poor and the homeless in Montgomery County. Bethesda Cares offers financial aid to those facing eviction and utility cut-off, as well as counseling and outreach services. For clients living on the street, they provide lunch 6 days a week and dinner on Sunday, clothing, new toiletries, medical care, prescription assistance, counseling, and referrals to other social service agencies. Bethesda Cares is able to provide these services with a small paid staff supplemented by more than 450 volunteers from local congregations and the community. BUMC is a founding congregation of Bethesda Cares. The BUMC liaison is Barbara Hilberg ([barbarahilberg@rcn.com](mailto:barbarahilberg@rcn.com)).

Bethesda HELP [www.bethesdahelp.org](http://www.bethesdahelp.org)

Bethesda HELP is a non-profit, totally volunteer organization which provides short-term and emergency service to people located in the Bethesda area. Assistance is given in the form of food, financial help with rent, utilities and prescriptions, and transportation to medical and other essential appointments. HELP is supported by the churches and synagogues in the same area and by numerous volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include Officer of the Day- receive telephone messages from those in need and Driver- transport those who need rides for appointments and to deliver food. The BUMC liaison is Sue Wells (301-598-6826).

Bread for the World [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)

Bread for the World is a nationwide Christian movement that seeks justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying our nation's decision makers. Be sure to sign up for Broadcast, the Bread for the World podcast, or listen online for a personalized radio show about Bread for the World issues. The BUMC liaison is India Hook-Barnard ([igh215@msn.com](mailto:igh215@msn.com)).

Calvary Women's Shelter [www.calvaryservices.org](http://www.calvaryservices.org)

Calvary Women's Services is a group of three small transitional housing shelters for women suffering from chronic homelessness, domestic violence and substance abuse located in the downtown Washington, DC area. Calvary's mission is to offer a safe, caring, place for tonight; support, hope and change for tomorrow. Calvary Women's Services is currently

recruiting overnight and meal volunteers. The BUMC liaison is Sharon Coale ([www.sscoale@aol.com](mailto:www.sscoale@aol.com)).

Community Ministry of Montgomery County

[www.communityministrymc.org](http://www.communityministrymc.org)

CMMC pursues social justice with an emphasis on identifying and meeting the needs of the poor, and leading and engaging Montgomery County's faith communities in service, education and advocacy. CMMC is an interfaith coalition of 135 Protestant, Jewish, Catholic, Unitarian Universalist, Buddhist, Ethical, Non-denominational, Christian Scientist, and Muslim congregations representing 65,000 families in Montgomery County. Last year 31,000 men, women and children received help from CMMC with the volunteer effort of more than 6,000 friends in the community. The BUMC liaison is Haven North ([WILLNORTH@aol.com](mailto:WILLNORTH@aol.com)).

Calvary-Casa del Pueblo

Calvary/Casa Del Pueblo UMC is a multi-cultural congregation serving the largely immigrant community of Columbia Heights neighborhood of Washington, DC. Throughout the year, Casa needs volunteers to help with the after school program by tutoring or providing materials and healthy snacks for the children. The BUMC liaison is Howard Hallman ([hwhallman@verizon.net](mailto:hwhallman@verizon.net)).

Interfaith Housing Coalition [www.ihcforhousing.org](http://www.ihcforhousing.org)

The Interfaith Housing Coalition (IHC) is a program of Community Ministry of Montgomery County that provides affordable housing and case management to formerly homeless families with an expressed desire to work towards economic and family stability. IHC seeks to match each of its client family's with a team of "mentors", who support client families for a year by offering advice on things like budgeting, parenting, career planning and accessing social services, and by going on outings.

Our BUMC mentors supported a family of a 23 year-old single mom with four children during the past year and had the opportunity to watch the mom make great progress, including a job promotion, a start at community college and getting engaged to the father of two of her children. IHC has invited BUMC to put together another team to support another family - this time two grandparents who are raising two teenage boys. Contact BUMC liaison Ern Blackwelder ([ernblackwelder@yahoo.com](mailto:ernblackwelder@yahoo.com)) to sign up.

Habitat for Humanity [www.habitat.montgomery.md.us](http://www.habitat.montgomery.md.us)

As an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, we seek to reduce substandard housing by providing a hand-up rather than a handout to help families to realize the dream of home ownership. Working in partnership with families, Habitat volunteers build affordable housing in Montgomery County, Maryland. Our homes are built by an all volunteer workforce and then sold to qualified families at no-profit and financed with affordable, no interest mortgages. The families monthly mortgage payments are paid directly to HfH-MC and go into a revolving fund which helps to build even more Habitat homes. The BUMC liaison is Bruce Smith ([smithbruce@verizon.net](mailto:smithbruce@verizon.net)).

McKenna's Wagon [www.marthastable.org](http://www.marthastable.org)

**Every 1st Sunday at BUMC is "Sandwich Sunday" and we send hundreds of sandwiches made by members of our congregation to McKenna's wagon, a mobile soup kitchen that operates seven days a week, 365 days a year. The BUMC liaison is Bruce Smith ([smithbruce@verizon.net](mailto:smithbruce@verizon.net)).**

Save Darfur Coalition [www.savedarfur.org](http://www.savedarfur.org)

Right now there are approximately 3.5 million men, women and children in the western Darfur region of Sudan trying to survive the Sudanese government-sponsored campaign of violence and forced starvation. According to recent estimates, at least 400,000 people have died in Darfur since the genocide began in February of 2003. The Save Darfur coalition utilizes media outreach, public education, targeted coalition building and grassroots mobilization to pressure policymakers and other decision-makers in the United States and abroad to help the people of Darfur. The BUMC liaison is Janet Edmonds ([j.edmonds@erols.com](mailto:j.edmonds@erols.com)).

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission [www.umvim.org](http://www.umvim.org)

UMVIM exists to promote, encourage and enable Christians to exemplify "Christian Love In Action". Our aim is to achieve the Great Commission through providing short-term mission opportunities for everyday Christians. BUMC has sent four UMVIM teams to the Gulf Coast to assist with hurricane recovery efforts and will be sending a fifth team this fall. Contact BUMC liaison Craig Alexander ([calexander67@comcast.net](mailto:calexander67@comcast.net)) for more information.

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