



Help During the Holidays

Are you looking for a way to give back during the holidays?

Do you want to serve others this holiday season?

VHUMC Missions has put together hands-on serve opportunities for you or your entire family, SS class or small group. The opportunities along with brief descriptions and contact information to register are in this packet!



First Light

First Light is a women and children's shelter in downtown Birmingham. They are looking for people to bring lunch or dinner on the following days:

LUNCH on 11/8
DINNER on 11/17
DINNER on 11/25
LUNCH on 11/29
DINNER on 11/29

Lunch is served at 11:30 and dinner at 6:30. Please confirm the number of guests prior to delivery. Guests numbers have been around 20 adults.

Contact: Deborah Everson to sign up at volunteer@firstlightshelter.org

Christian's Place Mission at Nauvoo

This organization helps the community of Nauvoo by providing food, counseling and other needs as needed.

Needs over the holidays are extra bags of food for Thanksgiving. Serving opportunities are Saturday, November 21 from 9:30-12:30 p.m. and December 19, 9:30-12:30 p.m.

Contact: Carol Newman at 205-410-7029 to sign up.

Firehouse Ministries

This shelter serves the chronically homeless male population, men who traditionally have the most barriers and are the most expensive to serve, for both the nonprofit and the community at large. They opened their doors in 1983 and have stayed true to their original mission.

There are many opportunities to serve over the holidays at this organization. To find out all the different ways to serve, visit their website at www.firehousesshelter.com. Opportunities like serving a meal, volunteering at the shelter, providing items from their Amazon wishlist can all be found on the website.

Highlands UMC-Winter Care Bags

This church provides support to people in need. They are located in the heart of 5 Points South. Families, individuals, small groups and SS classes can all provide the Winter Care Bags. These bags will be distributed to their community.

Please provide the following contents and assemble the bags and deliver to the missions office by November 19 for Thanksgiving distribution and December 17 for Christmas distribution. Also accepted Walmart and Costco gift cards if you do not want to assemble care bags. Same delivery dates for Gift Cards, too.

Winter Care Bags

Knit hat	Band-aids
Scarf	Kleenex/tissue
Gloves	Hand wipes
Socks	Mints, cough drops or gum
Chapstick	Note of encouragement or uplifting Bible Verse



VHUMC

Blankets for Birmingham

Provide a new or gently used blanket to someone in need during the colder months. Blankets can be dropped off at the VHUMC Missions Office or to your favorite shelter.

Sockfest

New socks delivered to VHUMC Missions Office in the months of November and December to be given to those in need through different organizations.

Food Pantry

Donate canned goods during the holidays to our VHUMC Food Pantry. For specific donations, visit our Advent Calendar. Visit vhumc.org/events to download your calendar.

VHUMC Thrive Student Ministry Christmas Breakfast

Donate toys for children in the Birmingham community.

VHUMC Angel Tree

Pick an angel and provide a toy for a child this holiday season.

Meal Delivery on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

Jimmie Hale Mission provides food for local people who cannot leave their homes. Volunteers are needed to deliver the meals on the mornings of these two holidays. This opportunity will be about 1-2 hours on the morning of your choice starting at 9:30 a.m.

To sign up or more details, contact: terry@jimmiehalemission.com or visit www.jimmiehalemission.com for more ways to serve.



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