



Union Congregational UCC Church in the Community

Our congregation takes seriously Jesus' charge to feed his sheep and tend his lambs. We support a number of outreach activities in our community and globally, not only with monetary support but also with our presence. These include:

- Support of Salem UCC's soup kitchen which provides hot meals to those in need in downtown Rochester
- Support of the Churchville GO Christian Center's weekly food pantry
- Assistance with residents in wheelchairs at St. John's Home so they can attend Sunday worship
- Financial support of Aurora House, a local non-profit hospice facility; members of our congregation also volunteer on a regular basis providing patient care
- Participation in the local Church World Service sponsored CROP walk to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world
- Sewing as ministry through a group of women in the church who sew dresses and prayer blankets. The dresses are sent world-wide to provide young girls with needed clothing; prayer blankets are given to people in our church and community who are ill or in need of spiritual support
- Support of the Churchville Lion's Club through participation in the annual Country Fair fundraiser so that the club may provide services such as medical device loans and scholarships
- Filling backpacks with school supplies for needy students in Churchville-Chili school district and the Rochester City School district
- Collecting Pennies for Rice in conjunction with Riga Church to support St. Mary's House where rice is purchased for refugees in Rochester.
- Assisting the American Legion by assembling Boxes From Home to send to service people overseas.
- Collecting pop tabs in support of Ronald McDonald House
- Providing two food baskets to be distributed by Southwest Ecumenical Ministries (SWEM) Community Services food cupboard at Christmas.

Annual financial support through our benevolence budget goes to:

- United Church of Christ Hunger Action Fund
- St. John's Home (a Rochester non-profit that offers a full spectrum of services from independent living to skilled nursing and hospice care)
- Sojourner House (a local home for women in transition from abusive households)
- Flower City Habitat (a local branch of Habitat for Humanity)
- Cameron Ministries (a Rochester-based church group which provides food and financial support for low-income families)
- Wycliffe Bible Translators (translates Bibles into many languages as well as helping with language development, literacy and other spiritual and physical needs)
- Back Bay Mission (a community ministry of the UCC in Biloxi, Mississippi, to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform)
- Our Church's Wider Mission (supports the full range of United Church of Christ missions across the country and around the globe)