

Ministries and Mission Report

2010



A Message from the Pastor

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Do you love me?" "Then feed my sheep." (John 21:17)

The congregation of Hinton Avenue United Methodist Church has been in continual ministry in the Belmont neighborhood for over 100 years. We take seriously Jesus' directive to his followers to "feed" God's people. We seek to do this by:

- Finding others for Christ
- Equipping them in the faith
- Engaging them in mission
- Doing all to honor God.

This vision is reflected in Hinton Avenue's administrative structure and its passion. I'm blessed to serve a church that takes seriously its call to pour out its resources and its love of God to the community and the world.

Parsons



"Good Shepherd" by Del Parson (www.delparson.com)

Belmont Neighborhood

Belmont Community Clothes Closet – The only free clothes closet in Charlottesville is a well stocked “store” that provides clothing and basic household items to anyone who comes and signs in. Donations are brought by persons all around the Charlottesville area. It was awarded a Virginia Conference supporting grant in 2010. 1,808 persons were assisted in 2010 and 1330 donations were made by the community. [1]

Hinton Avenue Food Pantry – Begun in 1983, the food pantry prepares grocery bags for anyone who calls ahead needing food for themselves or their families. Over 350 bags of food for 307 persons in 2010 were provided through the church office. [2]

Hinton Avenue Soup Kitchen – A Sunday afternoon meal is prepared for persons and families who are hungry, no questions asked. Help in applying for government assistance is also provided. 108 persons were served in 2010, its first year of operation. [3]

The Hats and Mittens Tree is a partnership ministry with Clark Elementary School that brings warm hats and mittens in the winter to the high population of disadvantaged children attending the school. 45 hats, 41 pairs of gloves, 6 pair of wooly socks, and 5 scarves were delivered to the school in 2010.

AA, NA, and AlAnon are fellowships of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other in order to solve their common problem and to help others recover from alcohol, drug addiction or living with someone with those problems. Hinton Avenue church hosts 8 groups weekly, 1 large regional group for marathons over Christmas and New Year's, 3 area groups for regional planning monthly, and 1 regional group along with a subsidiary organization 4 times a year for planning conferences in Virginia. Approximately 150 persons could be hosted monthly.

Blessing of the Animals – A community event in October that gathers neighbors and church members together with their pets for an official blessing by the pastor in memory of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of all animals. Held in conjunction with the women's bazaar. It's a waggin' 'n lickin' good time! [4]

Charlottesville

Boy Scout Troop 37 is in its 50th-plus continuous year and is sponsored by UMM of Hinton Avenue. They meet on Mondays at 7:30pm, go camping often, participate in church service projects, Scout Sunday, the Klondike Derby and Apple Harvest, and the National Jamboree every 4 years. Some scouts have been to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and Camp Shenandoah. Many church parents and their sons take part in Troop 37. Approximately 30 boys and their families are involved. They are led by a scout master and 6 assistant scout masters. Hinton Avenue also hosted an Eagle Scout ceremony and its accompanying banquet. [5]

Charlottesville Alliance for Interfaith Ministries' primary purpose is to provide emergency assistance to families who are threatened with homelessness, loss of power or fuel, or other temporary financial emergencies. Hinton Avenue was in the founding group of churches in 1981 and supports AIM with a yearly contribution. It is a resource for persons who come to the church needing more assistance than we can provide. [6]

Teens Opposing Poverty is a non-profit group that empowers teens to meet the needs of the poor by providing training for the teens and their adult sponsors and assisting them with launching their ministry. The youth group at Hinton Avenue continues to be the Charlottesville area supporters and organizers of this ministry at Lee Park. Ministry also takes place in the historic mall area. Meals for approximately 35 persons are served on the Sunday afternoons when the youth head out after worship. Youth groups from several other churches in the surrounding area often join them.



Loaves and Fishes Food Bank is an award-winning food distribution project of First UMC Charlottesville and operated from the Jackson-Via elementary school on a weekly basis. Bags of groceries are prepared and distributed based upon family size. Youth, staff and families at Hinton Avenue help pack grocery bags and stock shelves. In one 4-hour period as many as 290 persons are served.

Dialogue on Race was a city-wide movement to engage every segment of Charlottesville community in an open, honest, on-going discussion of race, racism and diversity, to identify problems, and propose concrete solutions and a path to action that promote racial reconciliation, economic justice and equity. Through study circles led by trained, neutral facilitators, each dialogue group met weekly for six weeks. Once the dialogue portion finished, action ideas were submitted to the Dialogue on Race Steering Committee, who began the action phase of the initiative. Approximately 8-12 people were hosted at HAUMC for their six weekly dialogues. [7]

People Places is a Virginia-based nonprofit child welfare agency created to make healthy family living possible for troubled children who have been removed from their own homes. The agency now has sister agencies throughout North America. Hinton Avenue hosted People Places' Summer Foster Care Program for 5 staff and 12 youth and their families. [8]

Hosted Charlottesville District UMC Training Event on Intentional Faith Development led by nationally known leaders Dan Glover and Claudia Lavy. 18 churches with their pastors and lay leadership were represented.

Hintonaires - A singing group of 5-9 persons from Hinton Avenue UMC and the community who take their voices and instruments weekly to bring the melodies of oldies but goodies to persons in 7 assisted living or health care facilities in the Charlottesville area. They travel to one or two of these facilities the first four Thursdays of every month. They have also performed upon request at special birthdays or events. Approximately 180 persons' lives are touched by music each month by the Hintonaires. [9]

Virginia

Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women is a security level 3 facility located in Fluvanna County and houses approximately 1,199 women unqualified at present to be housed in a less secure facility. Worship services were led by students from the Wesley Foundation who were accompanied by those from other churches including Hinton Avenue. Attending worship was a "privilege" earned by inmates. Approximately 300-400 women participated in one of the two worship services offered by the 18 from the Charlottesville community.

World

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization run by Franklin Graham. In 2010, 8 million children around the world received shoe boxes at Christmas time that contained toys, school supplies, hygiene items, socks, T-shirts and other small clothing items. 31 shoe boxes were sent off from Hinton Avenue. [10]

Volunteer in Mission trip to Mozambique - One person was part of a team of 12 from Virginia who went to Mozambique to train pastors and lay leaders in administration, worship, Christian education, mission, nurture and evangelism. 48 Mozambicans including Bishop Nhanala and many of her district superintendents from 3 districts participated in the training. [11]

The United Methodist Committee on Relief - UMCOR is an arm of the General Board of Global Ministries which directs the mission work of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR, one of the largest and most effective international humanitarian aid organizations in the world, is usually the first to a disaster scene and the last to leave. 215 health kits were prepared for delivery to Sager Brown Depot in Louisiana for distribution to disaster sites around the world through UMCOR. [12]



Local Church Ministries

Inquirers Classes for Potential New Members
Holy Communion for Homebound Persons
Signing Class for Elementary Age Youth
5 Sunday School Classes (2 children/youth and 3 adult)
Worship
Chancel Choir
Bell Choir
Youth Ministry and Mission



And More in 2011...

Confirmation Classes (begun February 27)
Girls School
Renovation of Chancel (scheduled completion by Easter)
Member-created Lenten Brochure (distributed March 6)
Mission Trip to Recife, Brazil (scheduled July 15–23)
Dream Your dream... and live it out in service at HAUMC!

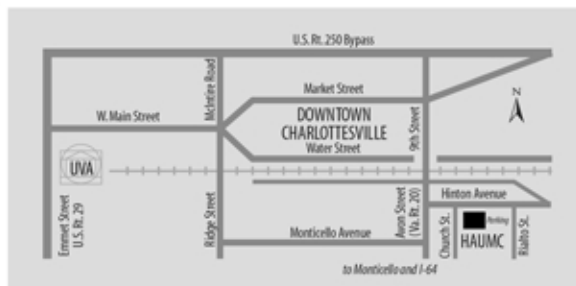


In the historic Belmont neighborhood.
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of

HINTON AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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