

ASHFORD MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
Missions Newsletter
February 2021



FAMILY PROMISE OF ATHENS

Thank you to our Ashford members who were able to provide dinner or volunteer their time as we helped Union Christian Church host the guests of Family Promise during the week of January 24 – 31 at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church!

This organization provides shelter, meals, and support services to families without homes, who are not chronically homeless, but are in temporary need of housing.

During the pandemic, the guests of Family Promise are currently staying at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church and the volunteers from various churches are serving their hosting duties at this static site.

The below link is a tour of the Milledge Avenue Baptist Church facility:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkPWspSkbcE&feature=youtu.be>

There may be some open slots in the next 2 weeks, as those host churches needed help filling slots. If you have time and are able, please sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-fpainterfaith>

If you are not yet trained with Family Promise yet, you can do so virtually at the below link:

<https://familypromise.org/volunteer-training-videos/>

Please save the date of April 18 – 24, as this is our next hosting week!

FAMILY PROMISE LA TABLE FUNDRAISER

Below is the invitation for the annual Family Promise of Athens La Table fundraiser on February 23. This year's event will be virtual, with one session being held at 12:00 and another session at 6:00. If you would like to host a table or purchase a ticket, please contact Wanda (wandabellculpepper@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

La Table



2021

Please Join Me for La Table
A Virtual Benefit for
Family Promise of Athens

As a table Host / Hostess for La Table 2021, I invite you
to join me for a virtual event to benefit FPA

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Time: 12:00 Noon or 6:00 PM
It's Your Choice!

Place: Online in your home or a friend's home

Donation: All guests are asked to make a donation of
at least \$50 to FPA. Donations can be
mailed to FPA, 355 Pulaski Street, Athens,
Ga. 30601 or online at:

<http://www.ihnathens.org/donate-now.html>

Presentation link and more specific details to follow

Event sponsored by Callie Waller, Realtor, CJ&L

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE American Red Cross

Thank you to all who either donated blood or donated their time as a volunteer during our January Blood Drive! Our community donated 20 units of blood, potentially saving 60 lives! Great job, Ashford!



SPARROW'S NEST *the Sparrow's Nest*

Our church was again able to prepare 60 Sack Lunches for The Sparrow's Nest to pass out as a curbside pick up to our neighbors in need on the 5th Friday of January, January 29. Through monetary donations from Ashford members, we were able to purchase all items needed for the Sack Lunches, including individually wrapped PB&J sandwiches, apple, chips, cookies and water. Thank you for your continued support of this mission!



OCONEE AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL resource council

During the month of February, OARC is asking the community to join them in helping to collect food items for Food for Kids as part of their 2021 Love Your Neighbor Campaign. Our church has been asked to donate Peanut Butter and Graham Crackers to support this campaign. There will be a collection bin in our Fellowship Hall during the month of February. Thank you for helping us support OARC's Food For Kids program!



Graham Crackers & Peanut Butter



Thank you for supporting Food for Kids!
Learn more at www.oconeconnection.org



ACTS

Thank you to those who were able to volunteer at ACTS in January!

The next ACTS Volunteer opportunity will be on Friday, March 27. Volunteer responsibilities include stocking shelves, checking expiration dates on food items, filling baskets for clients and working at the front desk. Please see the Sign Up Genius to offer your time to this Mission!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>



ATHENS HOMELESS SHELTER ATHENS AREA HOMELESS SHELTER

The Athens Area Homeless Shelter has been working harder than ever to provide safe shelter for families experiencing homelessness during the COVID 19 crisis. The AAHS has partnered with Best Western Athens to house their staff and 12 families in order for the families to stay in safe, healthy emergency shelter during this pandemic. They are helping to house 31 children and their parents!

Thank you to our Ashford family to allow us to cover the \$80 per month cost of a meal in lieu of our Ashford families providing a meal at the homeless shelter.

We will continue this opportunity until the families can safely be housed back in the Homeless Shelter and meals can be provided in person.

Thank you, Ashford Memorial, for your continued generous and giving spirit!