

United Church of Cloverdale Outreach

The Board of Mission and Outreach was created to extend God's love past our own church walls. On this page you will find descriptions of some of the missions the United Church supports through the donation of resources and members' time and talents.

WALLACE HOUSE

Wallace House is located just north of The Church of The Good Shepherd at 126 North Main Street. It is available on a first come first served basis for emergency shelter and transitional housing for families working from homelessness to independence.

There is currently one emergency unit (that sleeps up to two adults and two or three children) and one transitional unit (that sleeps up to two adults and two children). Only one family can be housed in each unit at any one time. A family may consist of one person.

A staff person is generally at the Wallace House Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. During these hours the "emergency Room" is open for those in need of a shower also.

Outside of these hours, you may refer homeless persons to the Wallace House phone number. The call is forwarded on to someone who will assist them. The phone number is 894-2727. The emergency unit does not have cooking facilities. If the individual or family needs food, we can refer them to St. Peter's Rectory where a bag of food may be obtained. Wallace House does provide some vouchers to local restaurants and supermarkets, but these are very limited at this point.

Donations are welcome at

"Cloverdale Community Outreach Comittee" (or simply CCOC)
PO BOX 504
Cloverdale, CA 95425

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

“Bringing an End to World Hunger Through Unimaginable Blessings”

Today, millions of people who were once hungry will be nourished by milk, eggs and fresh vegetables. Families who for generations knew only poverty will be building new homes and starting businesses. Children who once headed out to the fields to do backbreaking work will be heading into schoolrooms to learn to read. And people who never thought they'd be in a position to help someone else will be experiencing the joy of charitable giving. How is this possible? With Heifer's proven approach:

- Almost 60 years in the making – to helping people obtain a sustainable source of food and income.
- Cornerstones guide our efforts to end world hunger and care for the earth.
- Long-Term Solutions emphasizing community involvement distinguish our work from that of global relief organizations. “Passing on the Gift” means recipients agree to share the offspring of gift animals with others in need, making them equal partners with Heifer in the fight to end world hunger.

The aim is to assist people in becoming self-sufficient and masters of their own destiny. The approach taken to achieve the mission is to assist community groups with the necessary training and animals. Training provided includes: Heifer Project cornerstone training; leadership and committee skills training; basic bookkeeping and financial training; animal husbandry training, including crop production and vegetable garden production. Communities and families are assisted in evaluating and assessing their current situation, planning their future and developing strategies by which they can bring about the required transformation from the present to the future.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging provides comprehensive services to seniors in Sonoma County, including dining rooms, meals on wheels, legal assistance, financial management, transportation, respite care, care management and transportation. There are dining rooms for seniors in Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Windsor. For more information you may go to www.CouncilOnAging.com.

CLOVERDALE FOOD PANTRY

Our church, along with First Baptist and St. Peter's Catholic Churches, along with the Kiwanis Club, have teamed up to provide a local food pantry. The Food Pantry is located at the corner of 2nd. Street and Commercial Street, and is available from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Fridays. Some of the food comes from the Food Bank of Sonoma County, and some comes from the generosity of merchants such as Ray's Food Market in Cloverdale and Andy's Produce in Sebastopol. We typically serve 75 to 80 families each week, with an average family size of around 5.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes real the love of Christ for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disasters, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time.

Church World Service is the leading ecumenical agency in the United States that works in refugee assistance, relief, and development work in over 80 countries around the world. A part of the funds raised in local churches through One Great Hour of Sharing support Church World Service work.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors In Need expresses the United Church of Christ's commitment to ministries of justice

and compassion in the United States and Puerto Rico, as we speak prophetically to those in power and advocate for the voiceless. In the spirit of Christ, we seek to confront evil in the world and to alleviate suffering through justice advocacy and direct service.