

# Mission:1

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That they may all be 1

ONE UNITED CHURCH on a  
shared mission for 11 powerful days  
to feed the hungry and confront  
food-related injustice



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Nov. 1-11, 2011

*God is still speaking,*



**UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST

# St. Paul's Mission: 1 Campaign

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**ONE UNITED CHURCH ON A SHARED MISSION FOR 11 POWERFUL DAYS TO FEED THE HUNGRY AND CONFRONT FOOD-RELATED INJUSTICE. THIS IS MISSION :1.**

## **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GOAL:**

1 million food & household items donated to local food banks  
\$111,111 donated to Neighbors in Need  
11, 111 letters to Congress  
WITHIN 11 DAYS!

## **ST. PAUL'S GOAL:**

111 Letters to Congress  
1,111 food & household items donated to local food banks  
Increased awareness of poverty and food – related injustice  
WITHIN 11 DAYS!

*What is Mission: 1? Mission: 1 is an opportunity for us to live out our faith – in unity – with members of the United Church of Christ congregations around the United States. During 11 days in November, UCCers join together to loosen the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry. United Church of Christ congregations, colleges and seminaries, will join together to:*

**Compelling facts cause us to act with compassion and to be voices for justice.**

- 925 million people suffer from chronic hunger worldwide – 90 million higher than in 2000
- In U.S. alone, 50.2 people are food insecure
  - This is up from 35.5 in 2006
  - 17.2 million of that number are children
- In 2005, the last year for which data are available, 1.4 billion people in developing countries lived in extreme poverty – on less than \$1.25 a day.

- In the U.S. 14.6 % of households struggle to put food on the table. Nearly one in four children is at risk of hunger.
- Poverty – focused development assistance accounted for just 0.6 % of the entire U.S. budget in fiscal year 2010.
- The world is facing a hunger crisis unlike anything it has seen in more than 50 years. Worldwide, 1.4 billion people live in EXTREME poverty.
- We live in the world’s wealthiest nation. Yet 13 % of people living in the United States live in poverty.
- Project SHARE, Carlisle serves 2,000 + individuals each month during distribution alone. Over 30% of those individuals are children and almost 20% are senior citizens.
- 96 % of the people served by the Harrisburg Food Bank have a roof over their heads, but can’t afford to buy food.

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## **Schedule of Events:**

### **October 30<sup>th</sup> – “Offering of Letters” - Letter Writing Campaign**

Check out the table in the Commons. Prepare your letter for Congress. Send it. You can -

- Sign a prepared letter
- Send a post card with a short note
- Write your own letter - Check the link [www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org](http://www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org) to complete your letter.

### **November 1 thru November 13 - Food Collection**

Food and household items can be dropped off at the church in the Commons. Drop off food at the “Drop Off” location. Do not place food in the display area. All food/household items need to be counted before placing it on the display table. The donations will be dropped off at local food banks starting the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **November 6 – Poverty: In Our Community?**

New Hope is our guest during both services and Sunday School. New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts towards stability. New Hope Ministries, with our

assistance and support, provides a variety of assistance and services in the Dillsburg, Dover, Mechanicsburg, and West Shore areas of Pennsylvania.

## **November 13<sup>th</sup>:**

### **Sunday school (Adults and Senior High Youth) - The Hidden Rules of Poverty**

Can you survive in Poverty? Join us in fellowship hall during the Sunday school hour to explore the impact of generational poverty on families and society. Take the "Could you survive in poverty" quiz. Learn about the hidden rules that facilitate life in poverty and how the "Tyranny of the Moment" robs folks of the time needed to plan for the future.

### **8:15 & 10:30 Worship Service of Blessing and Celebration & Stewardship Sunday**

### **Following the 10:30 Service - Public Commitment to Fighting Hunger /Demonstration**

This Public Demonstration will showcase the passion and compassion that St. Paul's UCC has for the community. Grab a sign and join us in front of the church for a 30 minute demonstration. We will be publicly sharing our commitment to combating hunger and encouraging our community to do the same. Local Press will be invited.

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## **➤ Track our Progress**

- Check out the tote board to see how we are reaching our goal.
- Check out [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) website for the national tote board – a recording of all UCC efforts to combat hunger.
- Find Mission: 1 on face book!