



HINSDALE.CHURCH/VOLUNTEER

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# HANDS + HEARTS

*Be the Change*

A NEWSLETTER FROM MINISTRY FOR CHANGE



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## AN UPDATE FROM MFC

We want to change the world...& invite you to join us! Ministry for Change (MFC) provides opportunities for Union Church members to help alleviate human suffering through direct service and financial contributions to individuals and organizations that serve those who are suffering or who otherwise face barriers to wellbeing.

This newsletter, *Hands + Hearts*, will be distributed regularly for insights into Ministry for Change's impact. Members of the congregation can also visit the events calendar, volunteer page, and blog on the church website for up-to-date information!

## HOW YOU CAN BE A CHANGE-MAKER!



Sat, 8/26: Pack sack suppers  
Tues, 8/29: Deliver sack suppers  
Sun, 9/24: Making sandwiches  
Tues, 9/26: Deliver sandwiches



The Solution to End Homelessness.

**Serve a meal**

Tues, 8/22 | 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Tues, 9/26 | 5:00-6:30 p.m.



Sat, 8/26: Shopping for  
A Just Harvest

For more details, go to: [hinsdale.church/events](https://hinsdale.church/events)



## IMPACT IN 2023

### DuPage Pads

850 meals + 80 birthday gifts

### The Night Ministry

980 sack suppers + 140 hygiene kits

### The Boulevard

70 homeless kits

### A Just Harvest

600 meals

## LIVE GENEROUSLY

Have a vision for a *different* way to make change? Our ministry accepts submissions from church members who want to **live generously!**

Send your ideas to:

[traycebiancs@yahoo.com](mailto:traycebiancs@yahoo.com)

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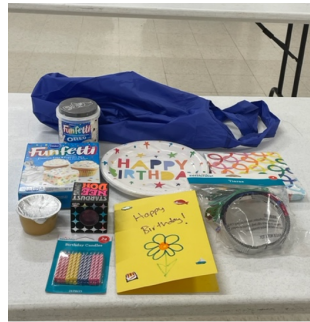
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# BRINGING THE MISSION OF OUR AGENCY PARTNERS TO LIFE AT VBS

***By: Trayce Biancalana***

Dianne and Johnathan Knight spent a day with the VBS kids sharing about the mission of the Boulevard. Dianne read a book about a little boy who was the only one who saw a homeless person until he helped his family see her and help her. Then each group of campers created "Homeless Kits" which The Boulevard hands out to homeless people on the street. The kits consisted of water bottles, lip balm, granola bars, toothbrushes, toothpaste & combs, sanitizer, flashlight and a warm hat. Altogether, they put together 70 of these! The kids also had time to decorate cards that said "A gift from the Union Church of Hinsdale". They decorated them with rainbows, flowers, and smiley faces. Some of the quotes on the cards said: "You've got this!" , "I believe in you", "Hope your day shines" and "God loves you"!

Christine Hennessey worked with our campers to share about the mission of our agency partner, The Night Ministry. She talked about how even young people can become homeless and she shared about how TNM helps them feel less alone. Our campers assembled hygiene kits that included lotion, sun screen, lip balm, snacks, comb, and toothpaste.



James Lang worked with our campers to share about PADS and how they are helping combat homelessness. Together, the children made about 75 African beaded bracelets to hand out with the traditional Cameroonian meal that was also prepared for PADS residents.

Heather Manning and her family brought the mission of HCS Family Services to our campers and explained how a food pantry can help families struggling to find healthy food in a dignified way. The HCS truck came and kids loaded food they collected during the week into the truck. They also made 20 birthday bags, including cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, napkins, party hats and fidget present for the birthday child and homemade birthday cards

