

SAM

(Social Action and Missions):

Our local food pantries are critically low on food, and we still want to be a help.

PICK UP

1. We will be happy to come to your home and pick up your items!

DROP OFF

2. You can deliver to church during office hours. Please call ahead.

SHIPPED

3. You can purchase groceries online and have them delivered right to the food bank address. Call Meals on Wheels for more info at: 941-747-4655

MONETARY DONATIONS

4. You can send contributions directly to Meals On Wheels at 811 23rd Avenue East, Bradenton 34208. And through this link:

<https://securepayment.link/mealsonwheelsplus/one-time-donation/>

Meals on Wheels PLUS
OF MANATEE

THE FOOD BANK
OF MANATEE

CRITICALLY NEEDED ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED VEGETABLES | <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED MEAT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED FRUITS | <input type="checkbox"/> 100% FRUIT JUICES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAC 'N' CHEESE | <input type="checkbox"/> BREAKFAST BARS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PEANUT BUTTER | <input type="checkbox"/> OATMEAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JELLY | <input type="checkbox"/> POWDERED MILK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOXED RICE | <input type="checkbox"/> APPLESAUCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOXED PASTA | <input type="checkbox"/> DRIED BEANS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED SOUPS | <input type="checkbox"/> TRAIL MIX |

Donations can be dropped off or shipped directly to:
Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee
811 23rd Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34208

Downtown Ministries

Also, we are collecting plastic food bags which the Downtown Center needs for its delivery of clothes and food to the homeless. If you have extras of those (like the plastic Publix grocery bags), please include them with your food items. Again, we will pick up!

Neighbors in Need - is a special mission offering that supports works of justice and compassion in the United States and abroad. Two-thirds of the Neighbors In Need receipts support program initiatives and direct grants offered through the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

Neighbors in Need makes available annual grants. To that end, this page highlights some of the ministries who have received a grant and how they found success with it in their communities. We are excited to share these stories of faith and transformation with you and hope you find value in their witness too.

For more extensive information about Neighbors In Need or the NIN grant process, visit the [NIN homepage](#) or email nin@ucc.org.

Houston teens learn wage activism from working adults like them

This summer, with a grant from the United Church of Christ's [Neighbors in Need](#) offering, 24 high school students from an economically challenged Houston neighborhood learned about activism and carried out a local campaign for a \$15 minimum-wage law.

The idea came from the basic insight that many Houston residents find it hard to make ends meet, especially workers in fast-food and other service industries. The Rev. Darnell Fennell serves some of those people in both his callings. He is pastor of [Just Love Church](#), affiliated with the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He also teaches high school social studies.

With a background in community organizing, Fennell knows people don't have to sit still for economic injustice. He knows the wider UCC feels the same, as seen in statements such as a 2017 General Synod [resolution](#), "A More Just Economy: \$15 Minimum Wage, Living Wages and Job Creation." So he sought the NIN grant to introduce young people to local activists in the national [Fight for \\$15](#) wage campaign and involve them in learning by doing.
[Read more via UC news](#)

Hope Station Nogales to provide reverse sanctuary to deportees in Mexico

A United Church of Christ sanctuary church offering immigrants refuge in the Arizona borderlands will soon be offering a place of hospitality, support and hope on the Mexican side of the border for people who find themselves deported from the United States. The Shadow Rock UCC Sanctuary Action Team and the Rev. Ken Heintzleman, in an extension of the spirit and intent of their ministry of sanctuary in Phoenix, are in the process of establishing Hope Station Nogales, in Sonora, Mexico.

The thought is Hope Station, which was funded in part by a \$10,000 grant from Neighbors in Need, can be a place of transition, a place where people who are deported but have family in the U.S. can find a meal, safe lodging and assistance.

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A Tiny House aims to provide big solutions for South Carolina LGBTQ community

When LGBTQ individuals near the campus of Clemson University, in the areas of upstate South Carolina unexpectedly find themselves without a home or a place to feel safe, Peace Congregational United Church of Christ will be ready to meet them.

Congregation members and the Clemson community are working side-by-side in the design and construction of a tiny house, a mobile residency for a person in the LGBTQ community who is no longer welcome in at home. The \$20,000 project is in progress with the help of a \$10,000 Grasstop Grant from UCC Justice and Witness Ministries. The first occupant could be ready to find refuge there in January.

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