

Urban Connections

Connecting with Christ... Connecting with People
Developing Our Community Together

Adopt-A-Project

There's a new feature on our website called "Adopt-A-Project". If you'd like to give toward the purchase of a specific item that we can't otherwise afford, please go to our website and click on the link. There are items for ministry house maintenance (like a lawnmower), community cleanup (chainsaw), Kidz Camps (T-shirts).

For more opportunities, check our website!



Lawn Mower - for upkeep
at the ministry house as
well as empty lots in the
neighborhood.



C h a l l e n g e - b y O n a l e e P i e r c e

Onalee Pierce is a board member at Urban Connections and an adjunct Professor of Historical Theology at Ashland Theological Seminary and Cedarville University. She spends her Wednesdays cooking and having dinner with UC's middle school students.

As the—ahem—chef for the Wednesday night middle schoolers for the last two and half years, my usual interaction with the kids runs along the can-we-have-shrimp-cocktail-next-week and does-this-have-mushrooms-in-it sort.

At dinner this last week I had the opportunity to sit next to Chris and he changed the way I think about the meals we eat together each week. It was Chris's first time at Urban Connections and as we sat down to partake in our taco feast he looked at me with eyes wide and awe in his voice, asking me if we do this every week. When I assured him that we do, in fact, meet every Wednesday he told me about how awesome it was to have something to do now on Wednesdays.

Somewhere around his fourth taco, Chris said, "Wow! I bet heaven is *just like this*." Now, if you have ever been at a table full of middle schoolers trying to get all the things they need to create the perfect taco, paradise generally isn't the first association you might make. But Chris's heartfelt declaration got me thinking in some ways, maybe he's right. In heaven, we'll be one great big family with everyone talking over one another, there will be fabulous fellowship, and everyone will get enough to eat.

As the meal was winding down and the dessert was being passed around the table, Chris proclaimed "This has been the best night ever!" And while I'd like to say it was my culinary skills which prompted this, I know it was much more than that: Chris was experiencing the love of Christ simply by sitting down and eating a chaotic meal. My point in sharing all of this is to relay to you who support this wonderful ministry that we are meeting a deeply-felt need whether we contribute through prayer, giving, leading the Bible study, or just cooking tacos. If Jesus can show up during the craziness of supper time, imagine what he can do when the kids are diving into the Word afterwards!

Urgent Need:

We are in need of cooks willing to make a meal every other Monday or Tuesday for our Kidz Clubs. Please call Burt Manchester if you can help.



Shopping List:

Canned Fruit
Dishwasher Detergent
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper



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Calendar - Get Involved!

February

18 - Volunteer Meeting at UC 9am

18 - Kidz Clubs outing

March

17 - Kidz Clubs outing

18-22 Athletes in Action Urban Project!

Get involved in our local schools

31 - Neighborhood Cleanup in partnership
with our Block Watch

April

6-14 - Spring Break - No Kidz Clubs

14 - Garage Sale at First Alliance Church

21 - Kidz Clubs outing

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