



# The First United Methodist Church *of Pine Mountain*

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## SEPTEMBER 2021 MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

### YOUTH ON A MISSION

September 6—We are putting together “Blessing Bags” for the Fellowship at Rose Hill. Rose Hill, in conjunction with The Safehouse, serves the homeless and marginalized community in the Columbus area. They provide breakfast and lunch everyday as well as dinner every Tuesday night. The blessing bags will be given out on Tuesday and will contain items that will help them throughout the week. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped, single serving items such as crackers, chips, Little Debbie's, breakfast items, water, juice boxes, etc. If you are willing to help with this mission project, please let Laura know.



September 12—We will go to The Fellowship at Rose Hill and tackle a few projects they need to be completed as well as hear the testimony of one of their employees, Ginger Goolsby. Ginger will share how she overcame some major obstacles and now is a servant to the Columbus Community.

September 25—Youth on a Mission is sponsoring the Fall Mall for children from Harris County. Kids will have the opportunity to get some new clothes, undergarments, socks, and shoes. Youth volunteers will sort and hang clothing as well as set up and break down.



Want to put a Spotlight on your ministry? Share all the details with Pam at the church office!



Our Pastor's Pantry has been very well received in Pine Mountain since our opening in 2019. Thanks to the monetary donations we are able to keep our pantry well supplied by shopping at Feeding the Valley food bank.

So far this year we have fed 187 families including 301 individuals. During the cold months we collect blankets and heavy coats, hats, and gloves to provide to our clients in need.



We have implemented a mobile service and currently have five homebound clients in Pine Mountain. We deliver groceries on the second Monday of each month. New recipients are referred to us by members of our church.

Staffed by volunteers, our hours are Monday's 9:00-12:30. However, if a client comes in on another day full bags are readily available for our Administrative Assistant to hand out.

## Hunger in America

Millions of children and families living in America face hunger and [food insecurity](#) every day.



- Due to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, [more than 42 million people may experience food insecurity](#), including a potential 13 million children.
- The pandemic has [most impacted](#) families that were already facing hunger or one paycheck away from facing hunger.
- According to the USDA's latest *Household Food Insecurity in the United States* report, more than 35 million people in the United States experienced hunger in 2019.
- Households with children are more likely to experience food insecurity. Before the coronavirus pandemic, more than 10 million children live in food-insecure households.
- [Every community in the country](#) is home to families who face hunger including [rural](#) and suburban communities.
- Many households that experience food insecurity do not qualify for [federal nutrition programs](#) and visit their local food banks and other food programs for extra support.
- The rates of food insecurity are much higher for [African American](#), [Latino](#), and [Native American](#) families because of systemic racial injustice. To achieve a hunger-free America, we must address the root causes of hunger and structural and systemic inequities.

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america>