



Project URGE Fall 2007 Newsletter

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An URGEnt Weekend

October 12th & 13th

Many reading this newsletter are aware of the Project URGE *Concert of Praise* celebrations from past years. While we spend time working diligently in our ministries to serve those in poverty, as well as spending hours in strategic planning meetings, there must also be a time when we pray and worship together collectively. The *Concert of Praise* is that appointed time.

Project URGE is calling this upcoming event “*URGE*nt”. Most of the challenges and dialogue that center on the City of Rochester are deemed urgent. We rely upon God to lead us through these challenges, with this verse from Nehemiah 1:11 becoming our plea for the coming days, “*O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant favor in the presence of this man.*”

*URGE*nt – A Concert of Praise

Guest speaker:

Pastor George Nicholas
from Grace United Methodist Church.

Where:

Crosswinds Wesleyan Church
3360 Middle Cheshire Rd., Canandaigua

Time: 7pm

When: Friday, October 12th

Cost: FREE

*Music, dance, prayer,
artists, speakers and more...*

Project URGE presents: an **URGE**nt weekend!

with a

Concert of **PRAISE**



When: October 12th, Friday – 7pm

Where: Crosswinds Wesleyan Church

3360 Middle Cheshire Rd. (just off Rte. 5 & 20)
Canandaigua, NY 14424

“O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant favor in the presence of this man.” Nehemiah 1:11

Also:

****URGE*nt Workshops- implementation is key! – Sat. Oct. 13th 11am
at Grace United Methodist Church 21 Driving Park Ave.-Rochester
(near Lake Ave.)**

Topics include: Church partnerships, 4 Point Plan, Entrepreneurial investment, Health, Homeless Transition, Children's Ministry, Rebuilding neighborhoods & more!

An URGEnt Weekend Continued

URGEnt – Workshops

Topics: CCDA concepts, 4 Point Plan, Business & Entrepreneurial model, Beginning Church Partnerships (urban/suburban), Health, Children's Ministry, Homeless

Where: Grace United Methodist Church (library) – 121 Driving Park Ave., Rochester

Time: 11am – 2pm

When: Saturday, October 13th

Cost: Free and includes lunch when pre-registered

Registration: 458-5927 ext. 104 or e-mail: jane@projecturge.org

These workshops and speakers will focus on implementation of the listed topics. Our intent is for people to walk out of the event and begin strategically working toward accomplishing the tasks at hand.

The speakers will include: David Dey, from Risego, Inc., Pastor George Nicholas, Garry Manuel, (founder/director) Project URGE, Inc., and Jane Ames, MSW and others.

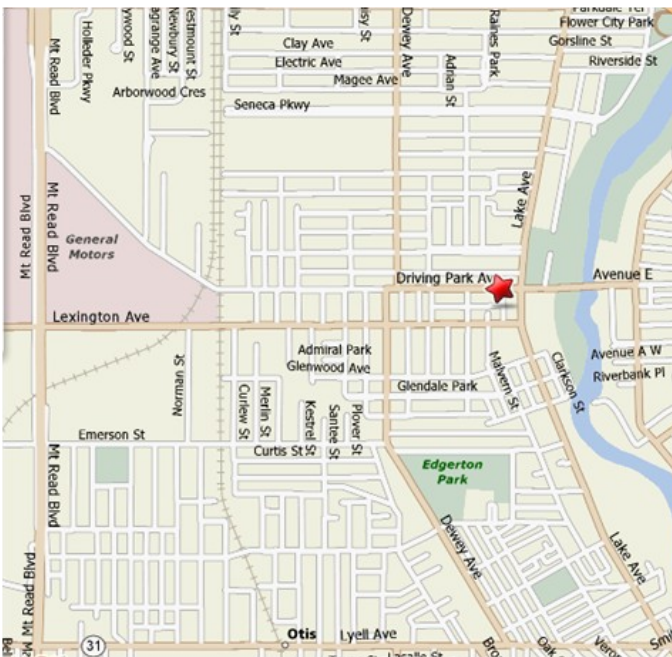


Grace Community Village is a separate 501(c)3 faith-based organization that operates out of Grace United Methodist Church, located on Driving Park Ave., between Dewey and Lake Avenues. The model they are building closely aligns with many of the strategies touted by CCDA (Christian Community Development Association), of which Project URGE is a member and in fact, sponsored CCDA Institute classes back in April 07.

The church features a free morning breakfast on Saturday's which feeds those in need, as well as serving as a central meeting place for conversation in the city. They have begun educating the community about health issues, and will be housing the *His Hands* Drop-in-nursing center shortly. Grace also houses a clothing store, called "Wear & Wearables", as well as sewing classes. During weekday afternoons they host an after-school program, which covers literacy, videography, dance and music. Soon, they will be forging ahead with a building and renovation business, that will rehab houses in the neighborhood and offer affordable housing to low-income families while at the same time create jobs and workforce training opportunities.

In addition, Grace UMC has a church partnership with the Farmington UMC, which fits closely with the model that was featured at the CCDA Institute class.

Follow Me To Grace



Please join us for these two events!

It will be an awesome time to energize your efforts in ministry.

Project URGE Calendar of Meetings and Events

Project URGE General Meeting 9/23/07 4:00pm
 General Kick-off
 Grace United Methodist Church
 121 Driving Park
 Rochester, NY
 (near Lake Ave)

URGEnt Weekend!

10/12/07 Friday Concert of Praise
 at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church
 7:00pm-9pm Worship, music, speakers, dance
 & prayer
 3360 Middle Cheshire Rd., Canandaigua

Part 2 of URGEnt Weekend

10/13/07 Implementation Workshops
 At Grace United Methodist Church
 121 Driving Park
 Rochester, NY
 (near Lake Ave)
 11am – 2pm
 Lunch will be served – must register

Project URGE General Meeting 10/19/07 7:00pm
 Planning for upcoming
 URGEnt Presentation & Tour
 and other business
 Church of the Assumption
 20 East Ave.
 Fairport 14450

URGEnt Presentation and Tour 11/3/07
 9:00am-12:30pm
 Browncroft Community Church
 2530 Browncroft Blvd., Rochester

Project URGE Board Meeting 11/10/07 12:00pm
 Grace United Methodist Church
 121 Driving Park
 Rochester, NY
 (near Lake Ave)

Project URGE General Meeting 12/2/07 4:00pm
 Community Lutheran Ministries
 942 Joseph Ave
 Rochester, NY

Project URGE Board Meeting 1/11/08 7:00pm
 Fairport United Methodist Church
 31 W. Church St
 Fairport, NY

Project URGE General Meeting 2/27/08 7:00pm
 Grace United Methodist Church
 121 Driving Park
 Rochester, NY
 (near Lake Ave)

Project URGE Board Meeting 3/2/08 4:00pm
 Fairport United Methodist Church
 31 W. Church St
 Fairport, NY

Project URGE Annual Dinner 3/30/08 4:00pm
 Location to be announced

Project URGE General Meeting 4/27/08 4:00pm
 Outreach Temple
 218 Murray Street
 Rochester, NY
 (off Lyell Ave)

Project URGE General Meeting 5/16/08 7:00pm
 Walnut Hill Community Church/New Song
 359 W. Bloomfield Rd.
 Pittsford, NY

Project URGE Board Meeting 6/18/08 7:00pm
 Fairport United Methodist Church
 31 W. Church St
 Fairport, NY

Project URGE Annual Picnic 7/13/08 3:30pm
 Ellison Park—off Blossom Rd.

Project URGE Coatlink 2007

"The person who has two coats must share with the person who has none..." Luke 3:11

The Project URGE Coatlink Team is asking for your participation in our yearly winter goods appeal. As the cold weather heads our way, the needs of the under-resourced are greatly increased.

WHAT IS COATLINK? Our annual fall appeal with the aim of collecting new or gently-used winter wear, including coats, hat, mittens, gloves, and winter goods such as blankets, sheets, and towels for distribution to the clients of Rochester's homeless shelters, community centers, and service organizations in time for the cold weather. This year we are also accepting canned goods and non-perishable items in this collection!

WHEN IS IT? Sponsoring Churches should start publicizing and organizing collections now in preparation for delivering items to the drop off site on Saturday, November 3rd, the day of the Project URGE Presentation & Tour at Browncroft Community Church, 2530 Browncroft Blvd from 9am til noon. The success of this project requires ongoing publicity through newsletters, church bulletins, and from the pulpit within these next few weeks. Perhaps volunteers or a group from your church could create a service project by sorting, bagging, or transporting the collected goods.

WHERE IS IT? All collected items should be placed in heavy duty bags and brought to the designated drop off site (TBD). From this site, volunteers will be needed to sort and deliver the collected goods to the recipient agencies.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT? If you are organizing a donation drive, or requesting donated items for your clients, you will need to register for this project with the Coatlink Team Captain, Kathryn Pridey or Jane Ames. Kathryn can be reached by phone: 585-425-7429 or Jane: 585-458-5927ext.104 or email: pridey-mom@hotmail.com. Please include an evening phone number where you can be reached.

Please consider being a part of this important project to bring warmth and God's love to those in need in our community.



URGEnt Presentation & Tour

When: Sat. November 3rd, 2007

9:00-9:30am sign-in

Continental breakfast provided at sign-in

The tour will end approximately at 12:30pm

Where: Starts at Browncroft Community Church

2530 Browncroft Blvd., Rochester

How to register: Call Jane Ames (585) 458-5927 x 104

or e-mail Jane@projecturge.org

with name, phone # and number of people attending the tour

Seating is limited!

Cost: Free

though we will accept donations of coats, gloves, mittens, hats, canned goods and non-perishables.

Thoughts About the Tour...

There are committed people and organizations in our community who are diligently facing hard societal challenges daily. This is a chance to meet with some of the organizations, as well as tour some of the area homeless shelters, soup kitchens, drug and alcohol rehab facilities, children's ministries, after-school programs, and much more. We hope by spending your Saturday morning with us you will gain information about some of these vital initiatives, which in turn will open the door to greater volunteer participation, understanding and a strengthening of our community.

In past tours over 70% of the participants had never known about the activities of the organizations or about the possibilities of volunteering.

Please take some time to discover what others are doing and what **you** might do to help. . It's a great opportunity for churches, small groups and other community minded organizations to learn how to make an impact for positive change.

Though the cost of the tour is free this year Project URGE will be collecting coats, gloves, mittens, hats, canned goods and non-perishables at Browncroft in conjunction with the

Coatlink mission that takes place each Fall. These goods are distributed to many agencies affiliated with Project URGE, that help the under-resourced.

We hope you will join the Tour!!

Project URGE Mission Statement—
Connecting and uniting churches, organizations and individuals in working together to break down barriers of poverty, race and despair in the name of Jesus Christ.

Project URGE, Inc.
is a faith-based, non-profit
501(c)3 organization.
See page 6 for more details!

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Jacob's Ladder

Our apologies for inadvertently leaving out our thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Rochester, for their contribution to us in 2006, and thanks to those who continue to give so generously to Project URGE, Inc.!

Please consider a \$25-50 monthly donation. We are hoping to have 25 donors commit to \$50 a month to help support the additional expenses we will incur for 2007. Our programs and initiatives speak for themselves. We remain committed to our mission:

Connecting and uniting churches, organizations and individuals in working together to break down barriers of poverty, race and despair in the name of Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:18 - "let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

Contributions can be sent to:

Project URGE, Inc.
31 W. Church St.
Fairport, NY 14450

Or through PayPal on our website:
www.projecturge.org

This group has been active since 2003, with painting, patching walls, sorting and delivering coats, installing, building shelves, re-siding buildings and much more. The team is centered around helping to restore and renovate facilities of organizations who serve the under-resourced and who rely heavily on donations (often hanging on by a shoe-string). We also were involved in the City Clean Sweep effort. A priority is usually given to those affiliated with Project URGE, because these organizations have shown a willingness to collaborate with others. The Jacob's Ladder team works two Saturdays a month, which may not at first appear significant; however, these efforts in 2006 alone account for a collective savings to these organizations of over \$10,000 in labor! They have helped at His Branches, Catholic Family Center Homeless Shelters, Community Lutheran Ministry, Risego, Teen Challenge, Mercy Residential, Little Lakes Church, Rochester Family Mission, and others.

For more information or to volunteer contact fred@projecturge.org (229-7496 day)



Prayer for our mission, affiliated ministries, and volunteer is an important aspect of Project URGE.

Please consider
Joining this team!

Contact: Eva Daughtery @328-0390 or e-mail: ldaught@rochester.rr

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."
Ephesians 6:18*

Project URGE Annual July Picnic

On a warm Sunday in July at the Island Pavilion in Ellison Park, Project URGE once again hosted its 5th annual picnic, headed up by Eva Daughtery from Outreach Temple (COGICU). The food was amazing, with some of the best baked beans and pasta you'll ever taste! Not to mention, there's nothing like hots, hamburgs and sausages done on the charcoal grill.

Once again, Bobo, from Clowning Glory Ministry was there to entertain the children with face painting and games, along with the help from JoAnne Rosato. Chris Boss and JoAnne also brought along their canoes, with folks taking turns paddling down Irondequoit Creek in the park. No pastors up the creek without a paddle here!

All year long we attend meetings and work together, yet also find it important to get together to become better acquainted and socialize. We thank those who brought food and refreshments, and also thank Foodlink for adding to the delights for the 50 or so adults and children who attended.



Summer Camp 2007

The kids at the Community Lutheran Ministry Summer Camp visited Crosswinds Wesleyan Church for the fifth summer. It was hot, hot, hot and fun, fun, fun!

Once again, kids from CLM and CWC teamed up for a great time with a visit to Grimes Glen in Naples, learning how to build and launch rockets with the help of Mike Dutch and the Potter Youth Rocketry Organization (PYRO), numerous games headed up by Chad Snyder, Bible study with youth pastor, Jon Stephens and learning about qualities of leadership through the example of Dr. John Perkins. And of course, what could be a better finale to a 90+ degree day, than a water balloon toss?!

We are VERY thankful for the many dedicated volunteers who helped make the camps a success.

We encourage churches to consider hosting or helping with Summer Camps in 2008. It's not too early to consider how you might help out at one of our affiliated ministry camps. Community Lutheran Ministry (Joseph Ave.), Rochester Family Mission (Tremont St.), Grace Community Village (Driving Park Ave.), Nevaeh (Genesee St.), A Horse's Friend (Mendon), Grace Urban Ministry (Dewey Ave.).



Project URGE Ministries,

A Horse's Friend

910 Center Place—Suite D, Rochester, NY 14615 Stables: High View Farms 128 North Wilmarth Road, Pittsford, NY 14564

Contact: Matthew Doward—Founder & Program Director (585)272-7019

Website: www.ahorsesfriend.com

Catholic Family Center Homeless & Housing Services

Contact: Ruth Fischer, M.S. Program Development Coordinator (585)277-7550

Sue Barnes Fund Development & Volunteer Coordinator (585)277-7550

Website: www.cfrochester.org/org8.asp

Center for Christian Social Ministries (CCSM) Roberts Wesleyan College

2310 Westside Drive, Rochester, NY 14624

Contact: Leoard Erb (585)594-6032

Website: www.roberts.edu/academics/divisions/social_work/ccsm

Clowning Glory Ministries

188 North Main Street, Apt. B, Naples, NY 14512

Contact: Bob Webster (585)374-9157

Comfort In Crisis

202 E. Commercial St., East Rochester, NY 14445

Contact: Sky Ferguson (585)924-4054

Community Lutheran Ministries, Inc.

942 Joseph Avenue, Rochester, NY 14621

Contact: Ms. Maggie Harris (585)338-2420 or Chris Gruschow (585)494-2434

Crosswinds Downtown (Canandaigua)

120 N. Main St., Canandaigua, NY 14424

Contact: Lynn McHenry, Crosswinds Downtown Director (585)393-4310

Tammy Clarke, Crosswinds Downtown Office Manager (585)393-4310

Website: www.crosswindsonline.org/ministries_Cdowntown.html

Foodlink

936 Exchange St. at Flint St. Landing, Rochester, NY 14608

Contact: Please call to speak with a Foodlink Representative (585)328-3380

Website: www.foodlinkny.org

Friends Helping Friends

333 Child St., Rochester, NY 14606

Contact: Andrew Stanevich (585)436-5605

Website: www.friends-helping-friends.org

Grace Community Village

121 Driving Park Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613

Contact: Leslie DeLong, Director (585)458-5927 x102

Website: www.followmetograce.org

Grace Urban Ministries

858 Dewey Avenue, PO Box 13109, Rochester, NY 14613

Contact: Jennifer Wolfly, Director of Client Services (585)458-7296

Rev. Mary Martin, Volunteer Coordinator (585)359-3759

Website: www.graceurbanministries.com

His Branches

342 Arnett Blvd., Rochester NY 14619

Contact: Dr. William Morehouse (585)235-9000

Website: www.hisbranches.org

Partners and Affiliates

Rochester Youth Organization

342 Arnett Blvd., Rochester NY 14619
 Contact: Jessica Spears, Director (585)235-9000
 Website: www.hisbranches.org/ryo

Jacob's Ladder-Project URGE Building and Renovation Team

Contact: Fred Stresing, Coordinator (585)229-7496
 Website: www.projecturge.org/jacobs-ladder.html

Mercy Residential

198 Oriole St., Rochester, NY 14613
 Contact: Susan Aiello, Executive Director (585)254-2175
 Website: www.mercyresidential.org

Moms in Touch International

Contact: Joanne Rosato (585)554-3762
 Website: www.momsintouch.org

Nevaeh

168 Genesee St., Rochester, NY 14611
 Contact: Craig Dade, President (585)527-8362
 Website: www.nevaeh.org

Outreach Temple Home Mission (COGICU)

218 Murray St., Rochester, NY 14606
 Contact Eva Daughtery (585)328-0390

Recovery House of Rochester

1600 East Ave. Suite 804, Rochester, NY 14610
 Contact: Van Smith Jr., Director (585)802-8709

Risego

336 Arnett Blvd., Rochester, NY 14619
 Contact: David Dey (585)223-9210

Rochester Family Mission

388 Tremont St., Rochester, NY 14608
 Contact: Barbara Thomas, Executive Director or Melissa Sample Admin. Asst. (585)436-7523
 Website: www.rfmission.org

Rochester Teen Challenge

1140 Norton St., Rochester, NY 14621
 Contact: James West, Executive Director or Jeanna Irwin, Admin.Asst. (585)325-7123
 Website: www.rochestertc.org

The Salvation Army Rochester Area Services

10 Franklin St., PO Box 41210, Rochester, NY 14604
 Contact: Carolyn Lauber (585)987-9500 x2320 or Rosemary Davis (585)987-9500 x2309
 Website: www.rochestersalvationarmy.org

Touching & Agreeing Faith Ministries, Inc.

1449 Norton St., Rochester, NY 14621 or PO Box 60194, Rochester, NY 14606
 Contact: Pastors Michael and Phyllis Jackson (585)647-2579

His Hands FREE Drop-In Nursing Center (a ministry of Touching & Agreeing Faith Ministries)

121 Driving Park Ave., Rochester, NY 14613
 Contact: Phyllis Jackson RN (585)458-5927



Visit the Project URGE website at www.projecturge.org where you can download the Project URGE 2007-2008 Booklet. This booklet includes an in-depth description for all of these ministries.

Teen Challenge News

Summer was active at Teen Challenge. We worked together with Adonai Community Fellowship with their outreaches at local schools, and community centers. We have also worked together with Hope Initiatives with their moving and furniture building services. This gave our staff and students the opportunity to reach out to people in the Rochester area, and also partner together with other Christian agencies. Shown below are pictures of some of our students giving “Moonwalk” rides to neighborhood children, and also manning one of the various games.



We also had 8 bunk beds constructed, and we finished them here at the center. This gives us a needed upgrade for our students, and also helps us prepare for the future in a greater way to serve our students.

We have also had the opportunity to do drug prevention in 2 new schools. These new contacts have taken place as a result of our relationship with David Scherr, who worked for Spencerport High School as a health teacher for over 30 years. The presentation was well received by students, as well as teachers and administration. We look forward to greater outreach this coming school season.

Current Needs List

Monthly faith partners.

Pillows, pillow cases, sheets, blankets, disposable razors, shampoo, soap, deodorant, canned goods, paper towels, napkins, meat products, milk, paint, writing tablets.

Thank you for standing with us here at the center, and for your investment in the lives of our students, and their families. Your continued prayerful and financial support is appreciated very much, and needed. May God bless you abundantly in every way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James L. West".

Meet Phillip

Hi, my name is Phillip. I am 53 years old, from Annapolis, Maryland.

I have 4 children; 3 boys and 1 daughter.

I started using drugs at the age of 18, drinking beer and wine, and smoking pot with all my friends. At the age of 30, I started smoking crack. Because of my drug use I did not care anymore. Life was all downhill from there for many years. A friend told me about Teen Challenge, and that my life could be changed.

On May 1, 2007, I came to Teen Challenge. Two weeks after coming in to Teen Challenge, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I now know the reality of God's Word found in John 15:5. It reads: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." I realize that I can't live to please God in my own strength, but only with God this is possible.

My favorite verse in the Bible is:

Phil. 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me."



Giving to Teen Challenge

**United Way Donor Choice Option # 1136,
Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) #74956,
State Employees Federated Appeal. (SEFA)**
Partnership with Rochester Teen Challenge is available through these payroll deduction programs available at participating Rochester employers. A donor choice option card is available from your employer, and must be filled out each year. *Our special thanks to all who participate in this way, and help touch the lives of our students here!*

Will and Estate Planning

Do you have a will? Teen Challenge offers free Will and Estate Planning services. For information please give us a call at 585-325-7123. You can also contact us by e-Mail: roctc@juno.com.

Visit our online store by going to: rochestertc.org. Then click on the "Online Shopping" link. Our online store is linked to nearly 1000 online stores, with thousands of items that you normally use. Each purchase online returns a percentage to Teen Challenge. Do your normal online shopping, and help touch a life!

Teen Challenge Pasta Diner

At the Bethel Body Shop
14 Anson Place

Thursday, November 8th
at 6PM

\$7 per person, family price \$17

We look forward to a great time of testimony of what the Lord is doing in the lives of our students.

Come on out, and bring a friend!

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Friday, October 26, 2007
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
First Unitarian Church of Rochester
220 S. Winton Rd.

Tickets Available at Wegmans or at the Door

For \$35.00 per person:
Choose a Stoneware Bowl to Take Home
(all bowls hand-crafted by local potters)
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