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**OUR PURPOSE  
AND MISSION**

We are a richly blessed, loving and spiritual family of Christ who shares god's love through our personal and congregational ministries. Our mission is to share Christ's love with all, through our tradition of scripture, sermons, music, and fellowship. We believe strongly in sharing our blessing with those in need.

Our church family welcomes you to join us in our bible based worship, prayer, and discipleship.

**MAY 8, 2011**

**Native American Ministries**

Join United Methodist everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports the Native American Ministries. This ministry will assist the deputy of the 70,000-member Muscogee (Creek) Nation respond to tribal concerns of troubled families, at-risk-youth, illiteracy, unemployment and substance abuse.

**--MISSION EMPHASIS--**

**HEARTS IN MOTION  
(GUATEMALA)**

Terry Ratcliff will once again be going to Guatemala for 10 days in July to support the Hearts in Motion Mission to local rural people who live in the Zacapa area. Many of them need basic medical support, food and small construction projects completed, as they are extremely poor. The team will be doing well-checks for children and families, providing eyeglasses, food to many people who live at the local dump and surrounding area, a few building repairs, and a Vacation Bible School. They will be visiting orphanages, centers for malnourished children, senior citizen centers, and many villages where people do not have access to health care. The Guatemalan government does not have a Social Security system, or medical care and food program for children and families. They are responsible to find their own food and care.

Terry will be taking eyeglasses, vitamins, over the counter medicines (aspirin, vitamins), like-new children's clothing and small hand toys with her. If you would like to donate any of the items, please place them in the Guatemala box in the narthex. If you would like to donate to Terry's trip to Guatemala this summer, please indicate by writing "GUATEMALA" in the memo line or on your offering envelope. If you would like to donate to Hearts-In-Motion Mission, please write "H.I.M." in the memo line.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25: 40

**FOOD EMPHASIS  
FOR THE MONTH**

This year the Missions Committee has elected to designate a specific food each month to be provided to the Salvation Army. The food item for **May** is:

**REFRIED BEANS**