

Ways to Volunteer & Donate in OCTOBER 2019



Sleeping mats made out of plastic grocery bags!

Finally! A helpful and beautiful solution for all those plastic bags!
Is your home overrun by those plastic bags you bring home from shopping trips? Are you frustrated that they can't be recycled? Put them to good use! A local woman turns them into a portable sleeping surface for those in need. It takes 750-1000 bags to crochet them into one 6' x 4" mat. The mat helps to keep people warm, dry and comfortable. **Bring your unwanted clean bags to the Mission Cove**, place them in the box marked "Plastic Grocery Bags," and we'll pass them on to the mat maker. **If you would like to learn how to create these mats yourself**, please contact **Nancy Prieskorn**.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- Every 9 seconds, a woman in the U.S. is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other.
- 1 in 4 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.

HAVEN's WISH LIST

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| • Body wash (full size) | • Sheet sets (full size) |
| • Women's underwear | • Toilet paper |
| • Women's leggings (all sizes, especially plus sizes) | • Paper towels |
| • Bath towels | • Reusable plastic cups |
| | • Boxed cereal |



LIVE WITHOUT FEAR

HAVEN

As Oakland County's only program for victims of domestic violence & sexual assault, HAVEN provides shelter, counseling, advocacy, & educational programming to nearly 30,000 people each year.

24-HOUR CRISIS & SUPPORT LINE
248-334-1274



RACISM

Recently, Antioch Lutheran Church hosted Lenny Duncan, author of "Dear Church" and a black pastor in a predominantly white denomination, who raised piercing questions and insights about the future of the church in light of shifting demographics and shrinking congregations.

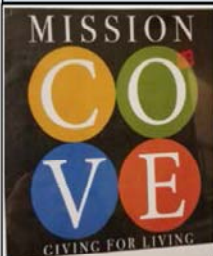
The Presbytery of Detroit is also recommending that Presbyterian churches learn about systemic racism, what we can do about it, and how we can be better allies. We would like to begin the work to understand how our vision to be the Church of the Open Hands intersects with social justice issues and our partners in missions/outreach.

If you are interested in learning more about these developing discussions, please contact **Colleen Tavor**.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

encourages the church to cast off anxiety & fear, discord & division and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world.

Presbyterian Church (USA) Special Offering



The Mission Cove - Giving for Living!

Located by the kiosk, you'll find bins for CARES, Neighborhood House, Freedom House & baskets for eye glasses, used batteries, bottle caps, greeting cards. And a place to hang clothes for Fort Street Open Door!

For we are laborers together with God. (I Corinthians 3:9)