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Get Involved

- Pray for the school, its staff and teachers, and its students and families.
- Volunteer with a partner organization, like Reading Partners or Big Brothers Big Sisters. Regular one-on-one time with a student increases the likelihood that they will be present at school.
- Support students and teachers through UUMC donation drives.
- Volunteer to help in classrooms or for the walking school bus. More information on this is to come.
- Tell the External Ministries Team if you have other gifts and skills that could benefit the elementary school.

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- Pray for the Kendall Whittier neighborhood.
- Volunteer with Kendall Whittier Inc.
- Donate items to the Kendall Whittier Inc. food pantry.
- Support organizations working in the neighborhood.

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Homelessness is an increasing and multi-layered problem in our city. UUMC's efforts in this area focus on supporting the professionals and organizations doing both the hard work for systemic change and the mercy ministry to meet physical needs.

Get Involved

- Pray for our homeless neighbors, the organizations working on this issue and our city officials.
- Learn about the compounding causes for homelessness by reading books by sociologist Matthew Desmond.
- Prepare and distribute blessing bags to homeless neighbors.
- Stay civically engaged at the city level and educated about policies being proposed around homelessness and related issues.
- Partner with St. Paul's UMC to participate in mercy ministry. More details on this to come.
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