

# Project URGE

Urban Revitalization  
Issue 3

Newsletter

God Experienced  
October 2005

Please mark your calendars!

## **Project URGE Meetings:**

1. Sunday - 9/18 - 4 pm  
Community Lutheran Ministry  
942 Joseph Ave., Rochester

2. Friday - 10/21 - 7 pm  
Church of the Assumption  
20 East St., Fairport

**Sat. Nov. 5th - 8:45 am**  
**Ministry Bus Tour!!!**

**3. Sunday - 11/20 - 4 pm**  
**Center for Study of Civil &**  
**Human Rights - 18 Grove Pl., Roch.**

4. Friday - 12/16 - 7 pm  
Center for Christian Social  
Ministry - Arnett & Wellington

5. Sunday - 1/15 - Annual  
Dinner - TBA

6. Friday - 2/17 - 7 pm  
Grace United Methodist Church  
121 Driving Park Blvd.

**\*7. Sunday - 3/19 - 4 pm**  
**Fairport United Methodist**  
**31 W. Church St. - \*priority**

8. April meeting TBA

9. Sunday - 5/21 - 4 pm  
Outreach Temple, 218 Murray St.

10. Friday - 6/16 - 7 pm  
Walnut Hill Community Church  
359 W. Bloomfield Rd., Pittsford

11. Sunday - 7/9 - Annual Picnic

## **Project URGE Ministry Bus Tour**

**Sat. - Nov. 5th - 8:45 am - 2pm**

Make your reservation NOW!!!  
Limited seating - Free  
call (585)223-8340 or e-mail  
ProUrge@aol.com (info p. 2)

## **Project URGE's Coatlink**

by Fred Stresing

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

**This year's Coatlink and winter goods appeal is scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 5th and 6th at Project URGE team churches and other organizations throughout the area.**

For the past three years, Project Urge has organized this annual fall appeal with the aim of collecting winter wear, including coats, hats, mittens and gloves and winter goods including blankets, sheets and towels for distribution to mostly inner-city Rochester missions and ministries in time for the cold weather.

\*On the weekend of Nov. 5th and 6th, coats and other items will be collected at sponsoring churches and transported to downtown Rochester for sorting and storing. Churches involved and interested in taking part will start publicizing through their bulletins and from the pulpit three weeks prior to the collection date. An effective awareness campaign greatly increases the volume collected. One church has workers passing out reminder stickers at the end of services the week before the collection that parishioners have said are very helpful for them.

On the day of the collection, coats and other items are placed in heavy-duty bags at your church. This year we will be storing the collected items at a location on the northeast side of the city, so items will need to be delivered there following the collection. In the following week or two, proceeds of the appeal will be sorted for distribution to the homeless shelters, community centers and service organizations that provide these to their clients and neighbors.

I urge you and your church to join us in this simple and warming appeal. The visible and heart-warming results for both the giver and the receiver are incredible. The concrete example of the love of Christ is undeniable. There are also Small Group service opportunities sorting and processing collected good following the collection. Please contact the Coatlink team at our e-mail address [Coatlink2005@frontiernet.net](mailto:Coatlink2005@frontiernet.net) for more information. Please include an evening number where we can reach you.

Organizations interested in receiving coats are asked to complete an application soon. Applications are now available and are being accepted via our e-mail address. The form can be requested and returned to:

[Coatlink2005@frontiernet.net](mailto:Coatlink2005@frontiernet.net)

Our Coatlink team will review your request and assign resources to you based on availability, with Project URGE member organizations receiving priority. Please note that organizations will need to arrange pickup at our central location starting in mid-November until supplies are exhausted.

Please consider being a part of this important project. Western New York winters can be hard enough for those of us fortunate enough to be prepared and bundled up. To the needy and underprivileged, winters can be downright brutal. The love and warmth of our Lord can be shown to a hurting world through this simple act. Please join us so that we might all hear "Well done, good and faithful servant".