

principles. At this meeting the youth also discussed two proposed community service projects: helping a local family with holiday and winter needs and raising money to donate to Heifer International, as a way of fighting global poverty. The youth decided to donate \$100 of the money raised from football parking to help the local family, and to plan several fund-raisers in the spring with the goal of raising \$500.00 for Heifer International.

As a result of generous contributions from many members of the congregation and the Oxford community, we were able to collect a large supply of non-perishable food, buy warm clothes and other presents for the family, and to help pay for their utilities for the winter. The youth shopped together for the presents and held a gift wrapping party to prepare the gifts for the family. A good time was had by all.

The success of this project was the result of the work of many people. Special thanks go to Ann Phillipi, Gail Stratton, Elaine Gelbard, Ashley Brewer, and Susie Pedigo.

TUPELO GROUP: The UU Fellowship of Tupelo meets the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month at 11 a.m. in Temple B'Nai Israel, 1301 Marshall Street. Visitors are welcome. Check out our website, <http://www.UUTupelo.org>

>>>>>>>> BOARD NEWS <<<<<<<<<

At the November 8 UUCO Board meeting, the board welcomed our new vice- president Larry

Shaffer. In building-related matters, Larry also was thanked for investigating and repairing a gas leak. The board received a proposal for purchasing guidelines for building needs and other items. The proposal was approved in principle, with some fine-tuning needed before it is considered for final approval. In financial matters, David Smith reported that October was a deficit month for us. This will be investigated further, to see if it is typical of UUCO finances for this time of year, and necessary adjustments will be made. The board considered the feasibility of contributing to a state-wide ad campaign of short radio spots on Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB) and decided to wait for more information. Pat Miller and others in membership were thanked for their fine work in bringing in new members this fall. In December, the board had an email discussion concerning a new proposal to fund MPB spots. That proposal was accepted. Looking ahead to the January meeting, the UUCO board hopes to approve building use guidelines for implementation in 2007. Board Meetings are open to the congregation, but agenda items must be forwarded to the President, Gail Stratton, a week before the meeting. The next UUCO board meeting is Sat., Jan. 13 at 10:00 a.m.

>>>>>>>> OTHER NEWS <<<<<<<<<

Welcome, New Member

A big "welcome" to Shanna Flaschka who became a member of UUCO Sunday, December 17. We all look forward to having her in the congregation.



Youth Group Community Spirit

The youth group spent \$100 of money they earned this fall, as well as money donated by UUCO congregation, to shop for Christmas presents for the Toles family. They delivered gifts and food to the Toles last Sunday. Way to go, UU YOUTH!