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Feel the hunger

Hunger awareness week 2011

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In 2010, the Mid-Ohio food bank served 1,671,341 meals in Franklin County alone. In total, the food bank serves 20 counties throughout mid- and eastern-Ohio.

While there are many programs in place to help prevent poverty across the state, Capital University is doing its share to help out as well. Capital will be hosting its annual Hunger Awareness week from March 21 to March 26. Various activities are planned for the week, including the Empty Bowls dinner.

The week is sponsored by the CSSP office, Phi Kappa Psi, the Student Social Work Association (SSWA), Student Government and University Programming.

SSWA hosts the Empty Bowl Campaign, an international effort to raise awareness for and fight against hunger. SSWA members encourage groups around campus to get involved in the event. This year, the dinner will be held on Monday, March 21 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Weiler Conference Suites.

"It will be a soup kitchen style dinner with soup, rolls, and drinks," Emily Locy, senior, said. "Please consider eating your dinner in Weiler on Monday and support this amazing cause."

The Empty Bowls dinner is free with a suggested donation for students being dinner three dollars. All proceeds from the dinner will go toward the Children's Hunger Alliance.

On Tuesday, March 22, there will be Prize Wheel Trivia in the P.O. lobby from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help raise awareness. That night, from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.,



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the documentary SILENT KILLER: The Unfinished Campaign Against Hunger will be shown in the Schuh room (basement of the Campus Center) followed by a discussion Amy Oehlschlaeger, university pastor.

Silent Killer was shot on location in South Africa, Kenya, Mexico, Brazil, the United States and Rome. The documentary examines the problem of hunger as well as solutions. More information for the film can be found at silentkillerfilm.org.

From last Monday, March 14 to Wednesday, March 23, students have the opportunity to participate in a canned food race hosted by the CSSP office. Any group or organization of 10 or more people could enter the race to win a pizza party. All food items donated have a designated point value. To get the values, stop by the CSSP office for a paper with details and to sign up for the race.

The winner of the canned food race will be announced at the Wicked Wednesday event on March

23. The event this week is comedian Michael Palasck, who will be performing from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Mezz.

On Thursday, March 24, Phi Kappa Psi will be hosting a hunger banquet to raise awareness about hunger across the world. The banquet will be held in the Weiler Conference Suites from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This event is RSVP only; students can sign up on the CSSP window.

The Saturday service event ends Hunger Awareness week. From 9 a.m. to noon, student can volunteer to sort food at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. To volunteer, sign up on the CSSP window. The group will be meeting in the P.O. Lobby at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday.

Throughout the week, students are also encouraged to donate their flex dollars to the cause. Each day, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be a table set up for you to donate.

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Liberation Theology and Social Justice comes to campus

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Although you may not know what liberation theology is, you can get an idea by looking at the movement's notable leaders: Martin Luther King Jr., Jesus Christ and Oscar Romero. You probably recognize these names, but you might not be aware that your Student Government's vice president also makes that list—every human being has something to offer Liberation Theology and can practice it in their everyday lives.

On March 20-25, a group of classmates will host a Liberation Theology and Social Justice Week. These students are taking a class on liberation theology with Jacqueline Bussie of the Philosophy and Religion department, and decided to introduce the campus and community to the principles and ideas of liberation theology.

Bussie's Liberation Theology class is required to volunteer in the community weekly at programs such as Lutheran Social Services,

Columbus Refugee and Immigration Services as well as tutoring programs.

Bussie says she requires service because "the primary insight of liberation theology is that following Christ means serving and loving the poor and the marginalized, just as Christ did, in our everyday lives. To do liberation theology is to love the people the world often neglects, to listen to the stories of the outcast, and to hope and work for justice and liberation for all."

This week's events seek to provide students with this very message: that liberation theology is alive and accessible for every single student.

What makes a liberation theologian? The first step is that the person chooses to view life through the eyes of the oppressed, marginalized and poor; it is a world view that comes "from below."

By viewing life from below, one becomes aware of the gross mistreatments experienced by the oppressed. However, the most important step to becoming a liberation theologian is acting upon this knowledge to struggle

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Peace Alliance aims to cure Islamophobia

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This past week's Anti-Islamophobia Week grew out of students' concern over the mistreatment of Muslims in America. Katie Wilson, junior, explains that "For the week, we're aiming at respectful dialogue and relationships between people and situations that we might not understand."

On Tuesday, March 15, the Student Peace Alliance hosted an event giving two local Muslims the opportunity to discuss how their lives have been changed since the events of September 11, 2001 and address some of the common misconceptions about the religion of Islam.

Rahma Jama, the first speaker of the night, came from The Ohio State University where she is the sister's coordinator of the Ohio State Muslim Student Association. Jama explained that her religion has always been an important part of her life.

"It [Islam] has always be around me...whether it was through praying, fasting or donating... it [Islam] has always been there," said Jama.

Jama wanted the audience to know that Islam is a religion of peace. Not all people of Islamic faith are bad or out to harm people. There are extremists in Islam, but Jama pointed out that there are extremist groups in nearly every religion.

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Friday
Hi: 68 °F
Lo: 42 °F
Chance T-storms



Saturday
Hi: 56 °F
Lo: 33 °F
Partly Sunny



Sunday
Hi: 56 °F
Lo: 44 °F
Partly Sunny

Weekend Weather