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Local Outreach



The people of Williamson's Chapel UMC are passionate about serving those in need right here in Mooresville and throughout the surrounding community. We partner with a variety of organizations and ministries to meet as many needs as possible. We also provide our congregation with a variety of ways to love our neighbors. Seasonal projects might not be listed on our website but will be listed here. For more information on any of these mission opportunities, please contact Amy LaCount, in the church office, 704-664-3680.

Volunteers helping pack 34,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now.



Share Christmas: WCUMC partners with Mooresville Christian Mission (MCM) each year to help at-risk families provide gifts for their children. We collect hundreds of new, unwrapped gifts for our Christmas Store and invite families identified by MCM to "shop". This is our way of providing the love of Jesus, joy and dignity for families who want to give their children gifts for Christmas but are unable to afford them. We want to create a warm atmosphere where everyone feels the love of Christ. Customer service is our top priority. This is a unique way to invite our neighbors into our church and have a special opportunity to interact with them!

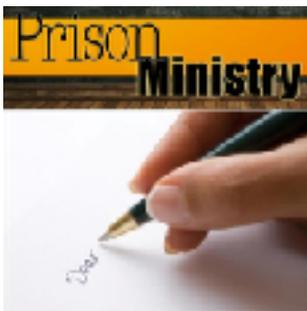


Volunteers getting ready for guests to shop!

First Food Sundays: On the first Sunday of each month at Williamson's Chapel UMC, your family can be involved in missions by bringing one of the items listed below. We take these items to local ministries such as Mooresville Christian Mission and the Soup Kitchen. This is a great way to be involved in ongoing missions at WCUMC!



End Human Trafficking Ministry: Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and is the second largest criminal industry in the world. According to the U.S. Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2010, the number of adults and children currently in forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution is 12.3 million, with estimates of up to 27 million. Estimating and measuring prevalence is difficult due to the covert nature of this crime. WCUMC is working with local law enforcement and regional agencies to determine the greatest need in our area. From education and awareness to spiritual warfare we are dedicated to doing everything we can to ending this horrific crime.



Prison Ministry: This ministry started about 9 years ago when Pastor Jan began sending her sermons with study questions to a woman in prison. That woman began sharing them with others. In time it evolved into its own ministry; one where Pastor Jan and her assistant would correspond with these women through letters. We also provide food boxes for several of the inmates a few times a year (for those who have no family to send them). We've helped with clothing when opportunities for transition arise. But mostly, we are just someone on the outside who cares. The ministry has increased. The one or two we supported in the beginning currently number thirteen (13). We need your help. We need individuals in our church that would serve as pen pals for these women. This ministry is carefully structured to retain your anonymity.



Mooreville Christian Mission (MCM) is dedicated to giving hope, resources, and life skills training to Mooreville's poorest families. They currently serve over 5,000 families in the Lake Norman area, providing opportunities and resources that help satisfy immediate needs like food and clothing, but also more systemic needs like breaking the chains of poverty. There

are multiple ways to get involved at MCM:

- Pantry Volunteer
- Bridges to Success Mentor
- Provide Meals for Bridges to Success Mentees
- Provide childcare for Bridges to Success children
- Front Desk Volunteers

After volunteering at The Mission for a number of years, I have realized more then ever the importance of giving back to our community. By being at the front desk, I hope to offer the clients a smiling face and welcoming presence to help the visit go smoothly!



Solace for the Children is an organization of volunteers taking a very practical step toward world peace. The Lake Norman group brings 20-25 Afghan children to the Mooresville community for much needed medical care. For six weeks the children stay with loving host families while they receive donated treatment from area doctors, dentists, specialists and hospitals. Learn more about this incredible project of love and peacemaking at www.s4tc.org



Mission Response Center: The Western North Carolina Conference Mission Response Center is a vital link in outreach ministry between local churches and projects all over the world. This facility serves as a warehouse for disaster response supplies for the United Methodist

Committee on Relief (UMCOR). To see the many ways you can help them serve those affected by worldwide and national disasters, check out their page, mission.wnccumc.org/mission-response-center

Mooresville HealthReach is free medical clinic that services all of Iredell County. They provide free medical care, health education, chiropractic care, and a free pharmacy to people who don't have the resources to afford health insurance. Last year alone, they saw 4,000 patient visits and dispensed over 11,000 prescriptions, all free to the uninsured residents of Iredell County. To read more about the great work HealthReach is doing in our community, visit healthreachclinic.net



BACK 2 SCHOOL bash

Back 2 School Bash is an annual community event. BASH provides back-to-school supplies for approximately 2,000 children each year. With over 750 volunteers and around 40 financial contributors, this is truly a life-giving event for our whole community.

Each year WCUMC lead the foot washing station. When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, it was one of the most incredible acts of humility in the Bible. We feel passionate about not only "volunteering" but serving with the love of Christ. Our goal isn't to "clean" feet but to say humbly, we love you and so does Christ Jesus. An optional prayer is offered in a casual non threatening way. Then the child gets fitted with a new pair of shoes.



Back to School Bash is typically held on the first Saturday in August. 50 volunteers are needed for the foot washing station. We hope you'll join us for a very meaningful experience for all involved! Check out the BASH website at www.b2sb.org and click on our "local missions" page closer to date for more detail.





Meal Packing Events: Twice a year we package thousands of meals for those in need in the U.S. and across the globe! Meal-packaging events are a great way to educate volunteers about global hunger and inspire them to get more involved in fighting it. The events

also give volunteers hands-on experience in leadership development, team-building, relationship-building, creative problem-solving, and goal-setting and achievement. Ages 5 and up can help!

“Stop Hunger Now is always a church event I look forward to. It’s a great way to make a difference and have fun doing it!”

-MCINTYRE BARNHARDT





Habitat for Humanity: Williamson's Chapel has partnered with our local branch, Our Towns Habitat, as well as other churches in the area, to build houses for deserving families to help alleviate the problems of homelessness and poverty in our community. WCUMC typically builds a house every three years.



Serenity House is a loving home for terminally ill people – providing living space, practical care, and access to hospice services. We are devoted to the care of dying people and to the support of their loved ones. Serenity House aims to meet the need of people who wish to die at home, but lack the caregiver necessary to achieve that

goal.

Mooresville SOUP Kitchen

Mooresville Soup Kitchen is a non---denominational, Christian organization whose mission is to provide nourishing meals, fellowship, and encouragement to those in need in a warm and welcoming place. They are a faith based ministry that has opened their doors to those who are hungry with no questions asked. They serve over 3,000 meals monthly, while also providing

Emergency Food Boxes and other resources as needed. Williamson's Chapel has three separate cook teams who serve monthly at the Soup Kitchen, using their time to help feed those who would otherwise go hungry in Mooresville. For more information on how the Soup Kitchen is fighting to end hunger in Mooresville, check out their website: mooresvillesoupkitchen.com

Volunteer opportunities:

- Cook teams
- Cook & Seal
- Emergency fill-in volunteers
- Floor volunteers (*assist with grocery line, serving guests, & clean-up*)
- Breakfast teams
- Drivers
- Market Helpers



Blood Drive: Williamson's Chapel hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive quarterly. There are several benefits of donating... It's something you can spare – most people have blood to spare... yet, there is still not enough to go around. You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed – most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do. You will be someone's hero – in fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation. To learn more please visit www.redcrossblood.org



Children's Hope Alliance is the combination of Barium Springs and Grandfather Home for Children joining forces to serve children and families throughout North Carolina. We work hard to provide a safe, healing journey for hurting children and families, creating hope now and in the future. Our comprehensive services and programs are designed to give hope to our clients by providing a safe home, healing their hurt and encouraging a healthy start.

WCUMC's United Methodist Women have been involved with CHA for years by providing meals, fun activities, and love. www.childrenshopealliance.org

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