

OUTREACH

“Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40

This command of Jesus Christ is acted upon by the congregation of First United Methodist Church by supporting projects, both with hands on work and financial donations, which seek to serve those in need.

Our Outreach Ministries Action Group is comprised of Ministry Action Teams which seek to take the Good News of Jesus Christ out into the world through our concern and care for others.

Global Missions Team

This Ministry Action Team provides information about the mission needs of other countries. The team also supports Self-Help International, Church World Service, Personal Energy Transportation (P.E.T.) vehicles, Heifer International through the Hope Mission Market which is held each December. This market is an opportunity to give alternative gifts at Christmas time. These gifts, given in the name of the person for whom the gift is purchased, give a gift of hope to those in need.

Free Lunch Team

Prepares and serves a free lunch at the Wesley Center on the fourth Tuesday of the month. This is part of the larger Free Lunch Program which has been providing free noon time meals for over 20 years.

Habitat for Humanity Team

Working with the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity organization this team raises funds and recruits volunteers from our congregation to help with the building low cost, reliable housing for low-come families.



Food Bank Collections Team

Collect food donations from the Food Donation barrels in our church and takes the food to the Crisis Center for distribution.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Team

Each summer this team travels to the central Appalachian Mountains to work on making homes “warmer, drier and safer” as part of the larger Appalachia Service Project. During the rest of the year, the team raises funds to support the next year’s work by sponsoring a once a month smorgasbord.

Thanksgiving Ingathering Team

On the first Saturday in November, Iowa United Methodists gather at different locations across the state to contribution funds and materials to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), Iowa Nigeria Project, Heifer International, Self Help International, Church World Service and the PET (Personal Energy Transportation). The First United Methodist Ingathering Team works to coordinate our contributions to this project.

Recycling Team

Collects recycled material from our recycling boxes in the church and takes the material to the recycling center.

CROP Walk Team

Organizes and recruits congregation members to participate in the annual Johnson County CROP Walk which raises awareness and funds to address the issue of hunger in our community.



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