



## 2018 Mission Activity Summary

LCUMC continued its strong tradition of mission support and mission giving in 2018. As a church, we made an impact not only in our local community, but also around the world. Here is a summary of our work in 2018:

### **People In Need, Inc. of Delaware County** (*Delaware, Ohio*)

- Total Volunteer Hours: 848 in a number of programs
- Total Monetary Donations: \$6,088
- Total Food Donations: 7,066 pounds
- Back-to-School Shoe Fundraising Drive: \$2,291 became 91 pairs of shoes
- Re-Stock the Shelves: \$1,062 and 4,121 pounds of food
- Holiday Clearing House: Total of 275 coats donated or purchased by LCUMC and 980 coats prepared and distributed to over 900 children

### **Church for All People** (*Columbus, Ohio*)

- Preparing and Serving Sunday Breakfast: 264 volunteer hours
- General Fund Donations: \$481.00
- Annual Men's Clothing Drive: Many bags of men's business clothing provided

### **Glen Oak Elementary – Summer Program** (*Lewis Center, Ohio*)

- Donated 20 balls, 60 books, \$340 in gift cards, and over 586 volunteer hours to the program.
- Volunteers partnered with SON Ministries and Glen Oak Elementary to coordinate the entire 6 week program.
- Volunteers served lunch, provided indoor/outdoor activities, and built relationships with the children.
- Donated \$1,885 to SON Ministries to cover the cost of the lunches during the program.

### **Alpha Recovery Ministry** (*Bucyrus, Ohio*)

- In 2018, over 450 hours were spent volunteering to lead meetings at LCUMC for those persons working to overcome out-of-control behaviors through faith-based principles in a 12-step approach.
- Approximately 875 hours were spent by persons attending these meetings during the year in this ministry – with an average of 10 participants each week.

### **Special Mission Project** (*Alpha Recovery & Jericho House*)

- During our Lenten campaign, we raised awareness for the faith-based recovery services that Alpha Recovery provides. The ministry also supports The Jericho House which is a community recovery residence in Bucyrus that helps to heal those on the road to recovery from addiction - through provision of a safe place to stay, continued counseling, GED assistance, and referral to services to get them back on their feet.
- Donated \$5,277 in 2018 to Alpha Recovery and the Jericho House – which is enough to cover 17 months of living expenses for one individual. Also donated gently used housewares to be used at the Jericho House.

### **Watoto Read** (*Chad, Africa*)

- Donated \$2,151 in 2018 to Watoto Read to support their mission of providing hope of a better life through the provision of education to the thousands of refugee children who live in the GozBeida Refugee Camp in Chad, Africa. Our funds were used to provide 21 benches – each can seat 5 children and will be used in the classrooms.

### **Children's Ministry Mission Activities** (*Haiti, Delaware County, and Operation Christmas Child*)

- Vacation Bible School: Supported the Hands & Feet Project in Haiti with \$8,000 that sponsored the needs of 22 children for one year.
- Kid Connection & Lil' Kid Connection: Volunteers contributed 360 hours to teach Sunday School in 2018
- Volunteer Hours: Over 1,200 hours to support our Easter Bash, Vacation Bible School, Holy Smoke-Out, & Trunk or Treat community outreach events.
- Operation Christmas Child: Filled 183 boxes for children around the world and received donations to cover shipping.
- PIN's Holiday Clearing House: Youth members and their families donated 25 hours of service.

### **Youth Ministry Mission Activities**

- 31 Youth & 8 Adults traveled to Clendenin, West Virginia in June 2018 to provide 868 volunteer hours to help with different construction projects in this area that is still recovering from the 2016 flooding.
- Youth volunteered 133+ hours to support various community outreach events and missions within the church.
- Youth made and donated 32 fleece blankets for the Blanket/Quilt Drive.

### **UMCOR – National Mission**

- \$1,666 was donated for disaster relief from hurricanes.

### **Other Local Mission Activities**

- 78 baby and children's quilts/blankets were made by the church (or bought at the stores) and donated to Grady Memorial Hospital, Common Ground, Church for All People & Vineyard Homeless Outreach.
- 12 Pairs of Eyeglasses donated to Lions Club of Delaware County.
- Over 11,000 cookies were baked as part of the United Methodist Women's annual Cookie Tray Fundraiser. The proceeds are used to support various church ministries and unexpected expenses.

**Total Monetary Donations in 2018 to all ministries: over \$26,000!**

**Total Volunteer Hours in 2018 to all ministries: over 4,000 hours!**

### **Previous Global & Local Special Mission Projects**

- 2017 – Donated \$20,319 to Watoto Read to build two schools in GozBeida Refugee Camp in Chad, Africa in order to provide hope of a better life through the provision of education to the thousands of refugee children.
- 2016- Donated \$5,036 to build two sewing centers in North Katanga Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa. These will empower women to be self-sufficient through the creation of small businesses while also improving the local economy and allowing improved provision for their families.
- 2015 – Imagine no Malaria: donated \$10,200 for distribution of mosquito nets, medications, and other resources to combat the epidemic of malaria in Africa.
- 2014 – Ella's Room: donated \$44,000 and constructed an addition to the home of a church family for Ella.
- 2013 – Wings of the Morning: donated \$2,400 to help provide an air plane to assist with delivery of supplies and medications and to provide medical transport in remote areas of Congo.



## 2019 Mission Plans

2018 was another amazing year at LCUMC! Thanks to our congregation's Christ-focused love and compassion, we were able to serve many in need both in our local communities, nationally, and abroad. The Missions team has already been working on plans for 2019. More information will be communicated as appropriate, but the current plans are detailed below.

## 2019: Communion Offering Schedule

One of the ways that we can help the mission goals of the church is through our monthly communion offering. Through this offering we support several different missions that are important to our church. The schedule for recipient groups of our 2019 Communion Offerings is:

- **January:** People In Need to purchase clearance-priced winter coats in advance for the 2019 Holiday Clearing House.
- **February:** People In Need to assist in restocking the shelves after the holidays. PIN has very few donations coming in during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year, even though the need does not decrease after the holidays. Sarah Wilson has challenged us to donate 5,000 pounds of food this year.
- **March & April:** Watoto Read - Our Lenten campaign will support Watoto Read's mission to provide hope through education to children in refugee camps in Chad, Africa. The communion offerings for these 2 months will provide funding for classrooms and latrines for middle school girls.
- **May:** Youth Mission Trip - This annual mission trip by our youth is a tremendous mission not only for those they are serving, but also for our youth and adult chaperones. Our congregation will help to offset the cost of this year's trip to Oklahoma City.
- **June:** Church for All People to support their ministries in downtown Columbus.
- **July:** People In Need to support their fall back-to-school shoes fundraising campaign. Every \$25 donation will result in a new pair of back-to-school shoes for a child.
- **August:** Hands & Feet Project - This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year that our VBS children and our congregation will be supporting the Hands & Feet Project in Haiti.
- **September:** To Be Determined
- **October:** Alpha Recovery/Jericho House to support their faith-based recovery ministry and community recovery residence.
- **November:** People in Need to purchase winter coats for our 2019 coat drive for their Holiday Clearing House.
- **December:** To Be Determined

## 2019 Tentative Monthly Mission Plans

### January & February:

- Undie Sunday on January 27<sup>th</sup> to collect brand-new men's underwear for Church For All People's Free Store.
- PIN Clearance Coat Drive for the 2019 Holiday Clearing House
- Common Ground Free Store & Jericho House - Housewares Collection
- Restock the Shelves at PIN campaign – collection will be on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

### March & April:

- Watoto Read - 2019 LCUMC Special Mission Lenten Campaign
- Easter Bash – Community Outreach Event held the day before Easter

### May & June:

- World Vision Global 6K for Water - May 4<sup>th</sup>
- PIN Back-to-School Shoes Fundraising Drive – starts in June
- PIN Produce Market Service Day on June 26<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Mission Trip to Moore, Oklahoma – June 22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

### July & August:

- PIN Back-to-School Shoes Fundraising Drive - Continued
- Annual Men's Clothing Collection for Church for All People
- Vacation Bible School – Community Outreach Event supporting the Hands & Feet Project in July
- Hands & Feet Project in Haiti – raising money to continue sponsoring our children.
- Holy Smoke-Out – Community Outreach Event in August

### September & October:

- PIN Produce Market Service Day on October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Trunk-or-Treat – Community Outreach Event in October

### November & December:

- Blanket/Quilt Collection in November
- Operation Christmas Child Box Collection in November
- Christmas Cookie Trays in December
- PIN Holiday Clearing House Coat Drive in December
- PIN Holiday Clearing House – Youth Packing Day, Coat Preparation, & Distribution Day in December

### Year-Round Missions:

- Alpha Recovery – Thursday evenings
- Church For All People – Free Store
- Church For All People – Fresh Market
- Church For All People – Sunday Breakfasts
- Eyeglasses Collection – Lion's Club
- Lewis Center Preschool
- Kid Connection – Sunday mornings
- PIN Food Pantry Weekly Donations
- PIN Food Pantry Weekly Volunteers
- Youth Group Ministries



## 2019 Special Mission Project

Our 2019 Special Mission Project during the Lenten season will be to support Watoto Read. Watoto Read's mission is to provide hope of a better life through the provision of education to the thousands of refugee children in GozBeida Refugee Camp in Chad, Africa. Our campaign will focus on raising more awareness of the need for education for these refugee children and the funds raised will go towards providing classrooms and latrines for middle school girls. We will also be learning about Watoto Read's new partnership with the "Days for Girls" ministry and see how we can provide support.

### "How can I help?"

If you are interested in helping our church's missions, there are numerous ways you can help. Whether it is with your time, your talents or your treasure, there is an organization that would be happy for you to be involved. From helping to serve breakfast, to helping stock produce in the summer, to preparing coats for the coat drive and food for the Holiday Parade, we can help you find a place to be part of our missions. We are also happy to find opportunities for your family, neighbors, coworkers, or life groups to serve together.

If you would like more information about what we are doing, or would like to find out about volunteer opportunities, please see any of the Mission Committee members or send an e-mail to [missions@lewiscenterumc.org](mailto:missions@lewiscenterumc.org)

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