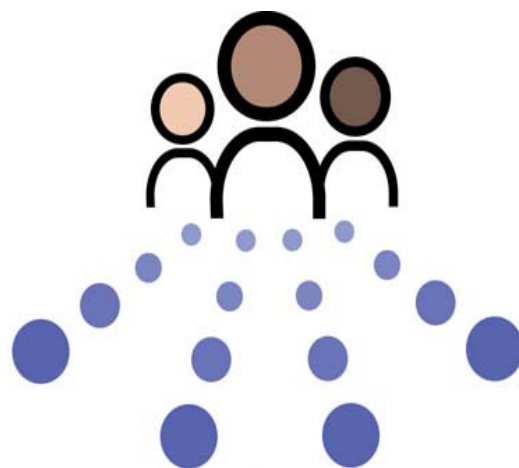


How
OUTREACH
Transforms



The Outreach Activities of
Grace United
Methodist Church

2011



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Building up the church to the glory of God (Ephesians 4:12)

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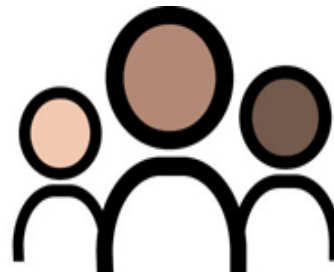
Our Values

*We, the family
of Grace, value:*

Music Ministry
Christian Education
Mission and Outreach
Youth Ministry
Pastoral Care

Our Mission

We the people of Grace
are called to build up
the body of Christ
and our community
to the glory of God
through worship,
education and service.



Outreach Vision

100% participation by Grace
members in community
service by 2009.

Introduction

Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville has a long history of providing significant outreach to the community, to the nation and to the world. This book attempts to document all of the tremendous work that occurs at Grace in outreach areas.

The goals of this book are:

- to celebrate the outreach ministries of Grace
- to increase awareness of outreach ministries
- to encourage new participation
- to create organizational groundwork for more effective outreach ministries

Please communicate any errors or omissions in this book to Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1784, ext 226.

To the People of Grace,

How well the apostle puts it, in I John 3 and 4:

“But if we have wealth, and see a brother or sister in need, yet close our heart against them, how does God’s love abide in us? Little children, our love should not be just words and talk, it must be true love which shows itself in action...For we cannot love God whom we have not seen, if we do not love our brother or sister, whom we have seen. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made perfect in us.

And in James 1 and 2: “Be doers of the word, and not hearers only... Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith...For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.”

Brothers and sisters, here in this booklet are the ways the people of Grace seek to walk the walk of faith, to be the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in our world today! Look through this book, and see where you fit in: all outreach areas offer opportunities for the people of Grace to have a part in the mission of Christ. Contact names and numbers are listed for each mission opportunity. If you have further questions, contact Pastor Lisa Telomen, the committee or class chair, or the organization itself. Let us continue to build up the body of Christ, at Grace and around the world! If you are not yet involved in one of these mission opportunities, I encourage you to search your heart: If we believe in Christ, but do not live in Him, where is

our faith, and what is its worth? How important is our faith in our lives, if we never make time for it to be practiced, if we never dedicate part of our living, part of our income to it? How much do we value Christ, if we never put any of our time into serving Him in our neighbor, as he commanded? And if we say we are a Christian, but never practice being one, aren't we deceiving ourselves and Christ?

We give so much of our time and money to practicing and enjoying sports, our work, our food, our hobbies...yet how much of our time and money do we give toward being the family of God, caring for all of God's children? Let us take up the challenge of faith and Grace: 100% participation of our members in at least one mission opportunity by 2009 or sooner!

In Christ's Love,

Rev Lisa E. Selomen

Our Scriptural Call to Discipleship

"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness." (Matthew 9:35)

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me...whatever you did for one of the least of these, brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 35, 36, 40)

"When Jesus asks Peter if he loves him, three times Jesus tells him to 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:15-17)

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." (Luke 12:48)

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity." (Colossians 4:5)

Individual Participation In Outreach

As you read through this booklet, you will undoubtedly be impressed by the vast amount of outreach work that is carried out by Grace. Behind every one of these outreach efforts are volunteers who spend a little or a lot of their time to support these efforts. Often their efforts represent a continuous commitment, not just a one time, spare time, “just for fun” involvement. Their efforts represent a commitment that sometimes requires inconvenience and forgoing other enjoyable activities.

For you readers who identify with this commitment, your work is truly appreciated. For you readers who identify with the previous call to outreach outlined by Christ in our Scriptural Call to Discipleship, but have not found a level of satisfaction, this booklet is intended to add a sense of accomplishment in your life. Find an activity in this booklet that appeals to you. Locate the associated mission coordinator and ask how you can help, perhaps in some small way, and experience first-hand How Outreach Transforms. From then on, the Lord will guide you along the path to fulfill his purpose for you and for those in need. “Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.”

Understanding the United Methodist Church

In order to talk about outreach activities at Grace, we first need to understand the goals of the United Methodist-General Board of Global Ministries, our mission obligation to Northern Illinois Conference, and apportioned Church-wide Benevolences.

Goals of the General Board of Global Ministries

1. **Make disciples of Jesus Christ**- We will witness by word and deed among those who haven't heard or heeded the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will initiate, facilitate and support the creation and development of communities of faith that seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ and challenge them to Christian discipleship. Where direct proclamation is not permitted, a caring presence becomes the means of Christian witness.
2. **Strengthen, develop and renew Christian congregations and communities**-We will work mutually with mission partners in common growth and development of spiritual life,

- worship, witness and service.
3. Alleviate human suffering-We will help to initiate, strengthen and support ministries to the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of people.
 4. Seek justice, freedom and peace-We will participate with people oppressed by unjust economic, political and social systems in programs that seek to build just, free and peaceful societies.

Northern Illinois Conference-Rainbow Covenant Program

The requirements of the Rainbow Covenant Program are as follows:

- Contribute 100 percent of apportionments
- Embrace all colors of the Rainbow Covenant by giving to:
 - International Advance projects (Burgundy)
 - U.S.A. Advance projects (Red)
 - United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) (Orange)
 - Children's Fund for Christian Mission (Yellow)
 - Northern Illinois Conference projects (Green)
 - District projects (Blue)
 - Missionary personnel (Indigo)
 - Benevolences and Special Sundays (Purple)

Northern Illinois Conference Apportionments

These funds are used to fund the mission and ministry of the Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) and the Conference's apportioned payments to the denomination's Church-wide Benevolences.

Northern Illinois Conference Mission and Ministry

- Developing Leaders for the Church- The NIC develops systems to identify, recruit, train, support and evaluate leaders, with particular attention to youths and young adults.
- Developing and Redeveloping the Church- The NIC must continue to provide direction and financial, human and spiritual resources for new church development and the redevelopment of existing congregations.
- Reconnecting the Connection- The NIC must strive to repair our disunities and strengthen our connection, our "vital web of interactive relationships," within our cultural,

- ethnic and theological diversity.
- **Claiming Christ on the Margins-** The NIC heeds the historic call of John Wesley to “offer them Christ” and asserts its commitment to serve the neediest in our midst by undertaking several mission projects within northern Illinois.
- **Conference Administration-** In order to implement these priorities, the NIC maintains a core of financial and administrative services which support the ministries of Conference boards and agencies.

Apportioned Church-wide Benevolences

- World Service Fund
- Black College Fund
- Episcopal Fund
- General Church Administration Fund
- Interdenominational Cooperation Fund
- Ministerial Education Fund
- Africa University Fund
- Jurisdictional Administration Fund

NOW Council Outreach Statement

*The mission of the NOW (Nurture · Outreach · Witness)
Council of Grace United Methodist Church is to:*

- **Strengthen and develop the individual NOW Ministry teams**
- **Coordinate NOW activities among the ministry teams**
- **Celebrate the Nurture – Outreach – Witness ministries of Grace**
- **Encourage new participation in our NOW ministries**
- **Build up the church to the glory of God
(Ephesians 4:12)**

Missions

CARES
DuPage United
Families Helping Families
Habitat For Humanity
Harvest Home
Hurricane Disaster Relief
Kenya Mission
Methodist Church of Myanmar
Missionary - Kenya - Luhahi
Missionary - Senegal - Ndjungu
Naperville Community Outreach
Youth and Family Services
Nur Niwa's High School, India
Partners in Mission
Rebuilding Together - Aurora
Redbird Mission
Redbird Missionaries-Smallwood
Russia Initiative
Sharing Connections
Teen-Parent Connection (MYM)
Wayside Cross
YMCA Resource Center

Religion & Race (See Appendix 2)

Exodus World Service
Global Refugee Response
International Refugee and
Immigrant Families Mission
JUST of DuPage
Native American Ministry
North Central College Diversity
Scholarships
Peace and Justice Witness
Trinity UMC Christmas Gift Program
Urban Camp Scholarships
West Suburban Faith-Based Peace
Coalition

Music Ministries

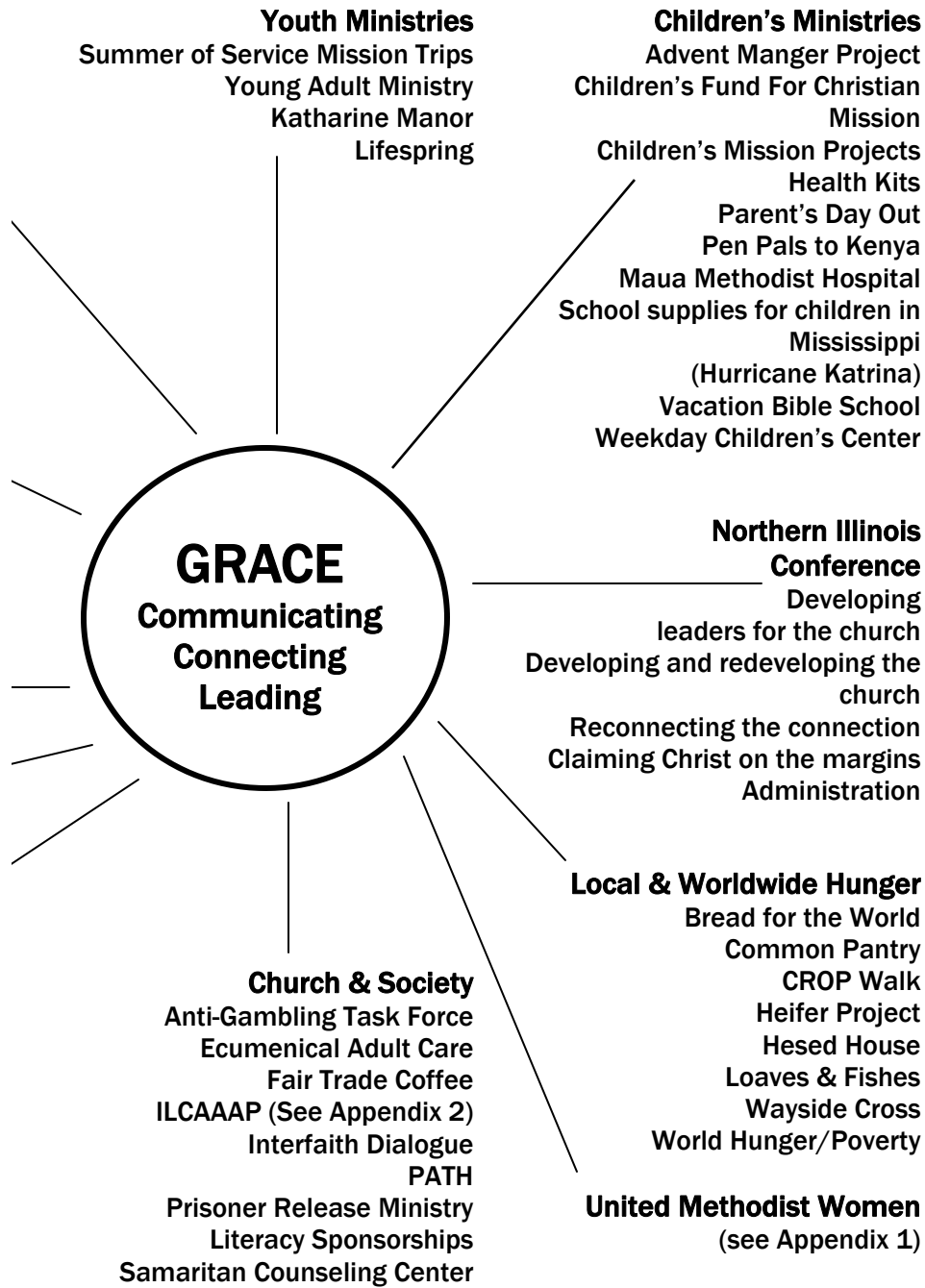
Community Performances

Health & Wellness

Blood Drive
Cancer Support
ChildServ
CPR Recertification
Depression Screening
Flu Shots
Golden Cross
Marcy-Newberry
Methodist Youth Services
Parish Nurse
Rainbow Ridge
Respite Care
Rosecrance Health Network
United Methodist Homes
and Services
United Voices for Children
World AIDS Day

Adult Ministries

11:00 a.m. Adult Studies
Beth Moore Bible Study
Beyond Disciple Class
ChristCare Groups
Disciple Classes
Faith and Family
Fellowship of Christian Men
Forum (see Appendix 1)
Grace Seekers
Questors (see Appendix 1)
Over 50 Fellowship
Sisters Bible Study
Widows and Widowers



Local Outreach Program Descriptions

CARES

CARES provides resources—financial, transportation, and case management—to individuals who are residents of Naperville or members of a Naperville congregation. Financial resources are provided through fundraising activities, in combination with contributions from churches, as well as public and private social service agencies. These resources help residents with payment of rent and utility bills as well as mortgage and child-care expenses, and more. The services of a professional case manager are available to clients at no charge. Trained volunteers provide referrals to other agencies for additional resources. A car program provides donated cars to clients who cannot afford to purchase an automobile. A new child care assistance program provides funds to daycare providers, including Weekday Children’s Center at Grace, to cover the interval between the time a low-income family applies for state-funded support and the time it is awarded.

Objectives

The objective of the Grace CARES ministry is to assist CARES in providing its services to Naperville residents who are experiencing financial or transportation difficulties. These include:

- providing awareness about CARES in our congregation and beyond
- providing financial and in-kind donations
- soliciting donations of used cars in any condition
- soliciting and providing volunteers for ongoing CARES work and special projects
- publicizing and supporting CARES fundraising activities
- referring people to CARES who can be helped by its services

Accomplishments

Since the beginning of the CARES operation in 1999, almost 400 cars have been provided to Naperville residents needing transportation for work or medical-related needs. In 2007, CARES received 818 requests for assistance and provided \$110,000 in emergency funding for Naperville families. The majority of assistance, 61%, went for housing needs, and 27% went for utility bills. The remaining 8% was paid out for child

care, medical expenses, and other miscellaneous expenses. Grace provides financial support to Naperville CARES.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Working in the CARES office answering phone calls, following up on requests in progress, completing applications for assistance, or assisting with various administrative tasks
- Assisting with fund raising efforts

Grace Contact: Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346

Organization Contacts: Tom Cordaro, 630-631-3961, and Janet Derrick, 630-922-0837

ChildServ

ChildServ was founded in 1894 by Methodist deaconesses for the purpose of helping children and their families lead better lives. ChildServ is a non-profit, faith-based mission serving children and their families in economically disadvantaged communities throughout the Chicago area. Programs include foster care, adoption, group homes, child care for working parents, parent training for at-risk mothers, tutoring, Ways to Work car loan program and immigration assistance. ChildServ also works with churches to help them provide direct service and advocacy for children in their own congregations. A major goal of ChildServ is to provide a safe environment for adolescents who have been abused or neglected or who cannot be managed in their own homes. ChildServ has three group homes in DuPage County for long- and short-term care for teens ages 12 to 18.

Objectives

ChildServ helps children and their families lead better lives through a variety of support services.

Accomplishments

In 2006, ChildServ continued to provide a wide range of support programs and facilities in DuPage County and in 15 locations throughout the Chicago area, supporting about 3,700 children and their families. Our church continues to provide financial support to ChildServ.

Volunteer Opportunities

ChildServ's group homes welcome volunteers age 21 and over. Opportunities in DuPage County include mentoring to

teenagers living in group homes in Naperville, Lisle and Downers Grove, sharing hobbies and interests with the residents, helping the staff with cooking, presenting life skills topics at evening meetings, and helping with office work at the group home administrative office in Naperville.

Grace Contacts: Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226.

Organization Contact: ChildServ, 630-778-7250

Common Pantry

Established in 1967, Common Pantry is Chicago's oldest continuously operating food pantry, now serving over 350 families per month.

Objectives

- To involve the entire church community in feeding the hungry
- To connect in all our hearts, minds and souls the Christian principle of justice—that the needs of each person are equally important
- To educate Grace toward understanding the needs of those who are hungry
- To provide an opportunity for family mission involvement and multigenerational participation and cooperation in serving

Accomplishments

Common Pantry distributes food two times per week to needy families, with each family receiving groceries once per month. Money and groceries are distributed to the pantry from what is donated on the first Sunday of January, April, July, October.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Collect food, stock and clean the pantry
- Serve clients and/or do clerical work
- Bring food or donate money on the first Sunday in January, April, July or October

Grace Contact: Catherine Page, 630-420-8239

Organization Contact: Scott Best 772-327-0553;

www.commonpantry.org

CROP Walk

Crop Walk is a Church World Service project which partners with organizations to eradicate hunger and poverty. The Naperville CROP Walk supports both international and local hunger relief efforts.

Objective

To encourage youth and adults from all denominations and faiths in Naperville to walk in unity and to raise money for the hungry.

Volunteer Opportunities

Each October, the Grace Hunger Ministry helps coordinate the Naperville CROP Walk. You may participate directly by walking and working to raise funds, or you may sponsor a walker. In addition, volunteers are needed to assist in the organization of this event (i.e., register walkers, distribute water, and ensure the safety of participants). Sign up for specific opportunities at the information table in the Grace Activity Center each Sunday in the fall.

Grace Contacts: Sue Marseille, 630-717-9374; Margaraet Blake, 630.420.2235; Phyllis Pepiot, 630-355-1748, ext. 222

Organization Contact: CROP Walk, 888-CWS-CROP;
www.churchworldservice.org

DuPage PADS

With the support of over 130 congregations and organizations, 4,000 volunteers, 288 PADS Partners, and numerous community advocates and other service organizations, we were able to offer hope in 2010 for more than 900 men, women and children in our communities through programs and services that embrace multiple solutions to end homelessness.

Objectives

Ecumenical Adult Day Care

Sponsored by the Naperville United Way and area churches, Ecumenical Adult Day Care provides an alternative social daytime environment in a protective setting for frail adults. EAC of Naperville was founded in 1983 with the support of Grace United Methodist Church and ten other area churches. Its mission is to provide an alternative social daytime environment in a protective setting for any adult who cannot be left at home alone safely because of mental or physical challenges. Grace Church continues to provide support through representation on the EAC Board and annual financial support, along with the Naperville United Way, grant resources, other local churches and local fundraising organizations. EAC operates Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m., at the Riverwalk Commu-

nity Center, 305 W. Jackson Avenue.

Volunteer Opportunities

Church and school groups, scouting organizations and families have an opportunity to provide intergenerational contact through pet visits, crafts, outings and celebrations.

Organization Contact: Ecumenical Adult Care, 630-357-8166 or Ecumenicalads2@aol.com.

Exodus World Service Tutor Volunteers

This program is aimed at tutoring refugee immigrants who have held their Green Card for five years and have applied for U.S. citizenship. Refugees are provided to us by Exodus World Service.

Objectives

- To help immigrants learn English as a Second Language by having conversations with them, help them to read and write English to pass the U.S. citizenship test, and to help them to learn the basics of U.S. history and U.S. government so that they may pass the test to become a U.S. citizen
- To serve as a mentor in assisting immigrants in learning about American culture: what is junk mail, what is important mail, what are telemarketing calls, what are important calls, etc.
- To help immigrants assimilate into American society to become active participants as full U.S. citizens and to share with them our friendship and our Christian values and beliefs so that they may better understand Americans as a whole.

Accomplishments

Since 2006, when we began this effort, we have assisted eight immigrants in becoming U.S. citizens. They have come from Sudan, Liberia, Mexico and Iraq. We have tutored them, accompanied them to take their tests, and witnessed them being sworn in as U.S. citizens. We continue to keep in touch with them, and we have learned about their food, their culture, and their reasons for coming to America.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Mentor and tutor an immigrant. Exodus World Service will help you get to know the immigrant family, provide you with the necessary study materials, and encourage you as you work

with your immigrant family.

- Greet newly arrived immigrant families, providing them with basic food supplies, appliances and household items

Grace Contacts: Ralph Keiser, 630-961-0869; Pastor Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748

Exodus World Service Contacts: Julie Carlsen (julie.carlsen@e_w_s.org) and Jessica Davis (Jessica.davis@e_w_s.org)

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Cocoa

People in the United States drink one fifth of the world's coffee. Most coffee farmers live in isolated communities in some of the poorest countries in the world—El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Tanzania, and 20 million people who live near the equator depend on coffee for their livelihood. With these facts in mind, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) launched The Coffee Project in the spring of 2002. The Coffee Project is a partnership between UMCOR and an organization called Equal Exchange to build fair trade for small farmers in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Coffee is the second most heavily traded commodity in the world. The chain of events that lead from the coffee farm to the consumer's cup is long and expensive, often leaving the farmer with little to live on. Our missions/outreach goal is to reach out to our neighbors overseas with the things we purchase (coffee, tea and cocoa) as well as the offerings we give. The UMCOR Coffee Project offers an opportunity for justice ministries linking our congregation and people in need in other countries.

Objectives

Equal Exchange, an employee-owned fair trade organization founded in 1986, is committed to the following principles:

- To pay a fair price with a guaranteed minimum, ensuring the farmers a fair return for their labors
- To work with cooperatives that are owned and governed by the farmers themselves
- To buy directly from the farmers so the benefits of trade go to the farmers and their cooperatives
- To offer credit that farmers can afford, helping them break the cycle of debt
- To encourage ecologically sustainable farming practices, such as organic and shade-grown agriculture, which builds a

long-term economic base for farmers while protecting community health and the environment

Accomplishments

The project is currently supported by over 300 United Methodist churches. Fair Trade Coffee is served at all Grace Church events.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Serve fairly traded coffee, tea and cocoa at all church events
- Make coffee, tea and cocoa available to members for home use (we need an organization to take on this project)
- Design fund raising projects, offering fairly traded coffee, tea and cocoa
- Discuss fair trade issues in adult forums, with youth, men's and women's groups
- Spread the word about fair trade by encouraging business owners to offer fair trade products

Grace Contact: Rev. Carol Madalin, 630-355-1748

Organization Contact: Equal Exchange, 774-776-7366

Families Helping Families

Families Helping Families is a grassroots organization started by a Naperville mother in 1994 with the sole focus of helping homeless families in DuPage County. Families Helping Families provides apartments and supportive services to homeless families while they are working to reclaim their lives. Prospective families are thoroughly screened at Bridge Communities, Inc. Families stay in the program for one to two years. Specific educational/vocational goals dictate the exact length of each family's stay.

Objective

The objective of FHF is to help qualified homeless families reach a level of economic and social self-sufficiency, while emphasizing a supportive home environment and education of parent and child.

Accomplishments

FHF currently supports ten families, all but one headed by a single mother. Seven families have purchased their own homes. Currently, four families have parents or children attending college. Grace has provided financial support and

mentoring services.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to work as a team of “life coaches” to provide home furnishings, professional guidance and mentoring. Volunteers are also needed to help with administrative work and fund raising.

Grace Contact: Bob Elazan, 630-355-7890

Organization Contact: Vicky Joseph, 630-355-1043

Fellowship of Christian Men (FCM)

FCM is a group of men that meet quarterly on a Friday night to discuss various topics that relate specifically to issues men are facing in today’s world. 2009 meetings are on January 23 (with guest speaker United States Marshal Kim Widup); April 3; July 25 (Saturday with youth, followed by the Kane County Cougars game); and October 23. 2009 topics will focus upon “God and Country”.

Objectives

FCM allows men an opportunity to openly discuss issues that are not often put on the table. All men are welcome.

Volunteer Opportunities

FCM is responsible for several service projects throughout the year: church picnic, church clean-up, food pantry, and yard clean-up for the needy. FCM also facilitates such career transition resources as the Career Transition Workshop (see below).

Grace Contact: Bob Pacanowski 630-355-0804 or BobFOD@aol.com

Career Transition Workshop

Career Transition Workshop is an eight-week workshop held several times per year at Grace on Saturday mornings for job seekers and career decision makers. The workshop series offers practical, down-to-earth information integrated with scriptural insight to help those in career transition in their job searches, career decisions or career planning activities. Led by career consultant Dr. Robert Parker and other career experts, the workshop uses a tested curriculum developed by Dave Cox, a professional career consultant and executive coach.

Grace Contact: Dr. Robert Parker, 630-717-6050

Hesed House

Hesed House is a center for ministry to very poor and homeless persons, serving those in need of food, medical care, shelter and hospitality. The shelter is located in Aurora, Illinois. Grace's missions/outreach goal is to help feed people who are malnourished and hungry and to fulfill our directive from Christ to feed the hungry. In March, June, September and December, our food pantry collections benefit patrons of the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry at Hesed House.

Objectives

- To involve the entire church community in feeding the hungry, by making a casserole, salad, cookies, or serving at Hesed House
- To impress upon our hearts, minds and souls the Christian principle of justice: that the needs of every single person are equally important
- To educate our members in understanding the needs of people who are hungry
- To provide an opportunity for family mission involvement and multi-generational participation and cooperation in serving others

Volunteer Opportunities

- Grace Church helps at Hesed House on the second Tuesday evening of each month by providing and serving dinner, checking the clients in, cleaning up, packing lunches, serving breakfast the following morning. People are also needed to be present at all times of the day and night to supervise clients. For those who cannot go to Hesed House, casseroles, salads and cookies can be made and brought to Grace.
- Help Hesed House clients with other life skills

Grace Contact: Bob Owensby, 630-416-4513; Catherine Page 630-420-8239

Organization Contact: Hesed House, 630-897-2156 or www.HesedHouse.org

Katharine Manor

The Katharine Manor mission provides services to individual apartment owners to help them complete everyday tasks that they may not be capable of completing on their own. Their

goal is to lend a friendly hand and to show the love of Christ through mission to physically impaired apartment owners.

Objectives

- To build relationships with physically impaired persons living near our own church home
- To offer support through friendships and work day experiences with renters at Katharine Manor
- To involve youth in services to their own community
- Volunteers are made available to recipients, who direct their efforts for short-term projects

Volunteer Opportunities

Youth volunteers with a little extra time, a friendly spirit, and some “elbow grease” are needed to help renters complete simple, everyday tasks

Grace Contact: Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346

Organization Contact: Katharine Manor, 630-357-0077

Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry is a food pantry located in Naperville. In December of 2010, Loaves & Fishes distributed food to 5,490 people, helping 365 single moms to feel their families and providing food to 661 seniors and 2,279 children.

Objectives

- To involve the entire church community in feeding the hungry
- To impress upon our hearts, minds and souls the Christian principle of justice: that the needs of every single person are equally important
- To educate Grace in understanding the needs of those who are hungry
- To provide an opportunity for family mission involvement and multigenerational participation and cooperation in serving others

Accomplishments

Loaves & Fishes distributes food two times per week to needy families living in Naperville. Money and groceries are distributed to the pantry from what is donated by the Grace congregation on the first Sunday of the month

Volunteer Opportunities

- Collect food, stock and clean the pantry

- Serve the clients and/or do clerical work
- Shop for food
- Bring food or donate money on the first Sundays in February, May, August, and November

Grace Contact: John Bushnell, 630-527-9672

Organization Contact: Charles P. McLimans, 630-355-0562
or www.loaves-fishes.org

NCO Youth and Family Services

Naperville Community Outreach Youth and Family Services is a non-profit organization that provides counseling to youth and families on a sliding fee scale, specialized programming for youth with ADHD, and prevention education in District 203 and 204 schools. NCO operates a group home in Lisle for boys aged 13-17 and transitional housing for young adults aged 18-21. NCO also provides parent mentoring services. Grace Church began financial support of NCO in 2006.

Volunteer Opportunities

Mentors may be needed to assist the NCO staff. Grace will continue to provide financial support to NCO.

Grace Contact: Julie Lichter, 630-961-2992, ext. 228

Organization Contact: Ron Hume, 630-961-2992

North Central College Scholarships

Naperville's North Central College is an independent, comprehensive college of liberal arts and sciences affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Founded in 1861, it is known nationally for excellence in teaching and is dedicated to helping young people grow in knowledge and faith. Our missions/outreach goal is to provide financial scholarship assistance to outstanding Christian students of color, who otherwise may not be able to afford a quality education. The Race and Religion Commission currently supports 3-4 deserving students with scholarship funding totaling \$12,000 each year.

Objectives

- To provide financial scholarship assistance for students of color at North Central College
- To offer encouragement to these students throughout the

school year by sending them care packages

- To invite them to Grace Church to meet the congregation, involving them with the people of Grace. This includes a dinner with the Race and Religion Commission to meet the students receiving the scholarships, getting to know them and their career objectives, and encouraging them in their efforts
- To support them in their campus activities (i.e., Gospel Extravaganza, concerts, Bible study, etc.)

Accomplishments

The scholarship program has been in existence since 1995

Volunteer Opportunities

- Work on care packages
- Send notes of encouragement
- Attend Grace or NCC events with these students

Grace Contact: Pastor Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext 226

Organization Contact: Rev. Lynn L. Pries, Campus Chaplain, 630-637-5100

Parent's Day Out

Parent's Day Out, an intermittent child care program, has been part of the outreach children's ministry at Grace United Methodist Church since 1994. The program provides age appropriate care to 162 children from 1-4 years old, one day a week, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., from September-May. Children adjust to separating from their parents/guardians and to trust new people in a caring environment. They are treated with respect, accepted and encouraged to try new experiences through the program provided.

Objectives

- To reflect the Grace United Methodist Church mission statement to "build up the body of Christ and our community to the glory of God through worship, education and service"
- To show concern for families by caring for children
- To nurture and strengthen our own congregation, families in Naperville and surrounding areas
- To offer a program with a Christian basis, incorporated into singing time, craft projects, gross motor play, prayer at snack/lunchtime and story time with Bible stories

Accomplishments

- Parent's Day Out provides scholarships to families in need
 - Children and their families contribute to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
- Grace Contact:** Claudia Hutchison, 630-355-6146

Partners in Mission

Partners in Mission is operated by the Missions Ministry Team of Grace to provide one-time support to urgent mission projects not identified in the Grace budget. The Missions Ministry Team reviews proposals for mission projects received from members of the Grace congregation or directly from the mission organizations. It selects projects for funding through Partners in Mission based on merit and funding availability, with an aim toward maximizing the impact of the church's contributions to the local and world community. The Missions Team ensures that Grace funding is provided only to those missions whose visions and values are aligned with those of our church.

Objectives

The purpose of Partners in Mission is to provide flexibility in the financial support of deserving, but unanticipated missions projects, as well as support to the overall mission program of Grace.

Accomplishments

In 2008, Partners in Mission offered funding support for Bolivian pastors and support for a container of food sent to Haiti for hurricane relief. Funds for various Naperville families in need were also provided. Partners in Mission also provided for the printing costs of this H.O.T. booklet.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are often needed to oversee and advocate for some of the mission projects that are elevated to annual funding status.

Grace Contacts: Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346; Rev. Lisa Telomen (630-355-1748, ext. 226)

PATH– People Assisting with Transitional Housing

PATH is Grace Church's name for the work that we do with Bridge Communities. Grace Church's PATH mission provides

assistance with monthly rental and utility payments through Bridge Communities and CHAD (government subsidized housing) for a homeless family that is completing job training and obtaining full time employment. Bridge Communities and the Ball Foundation screen these families.

Objectives

- To show the glory of God by providing gifts and food, shelter and mentoring for recovering homeless children and families in need
- To educate recovering homeless families on financial management, family relationships and Christian fellowship. This is done through weekly mentoring sessions with Grace Church members

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several ways to serve on the PATH Committee:

- Be a PATH mentor, assisted by a professional case worker from Bridge Communities (training provided)
- As a committee member, support the PATH mentors by listening and offering to help them when possible
- Help with advertising, tracking finances, fund raising, organizing donations, moving and other activities of the committee in support of the PATH family

Grace Contact: Joan Stokely, Convener, 630-904-2735

Organization Contact: Bridge Communities, 630-545-0610, ext. 2

Peace and Justice Witness

Vision Statement—We seek a just and peaceful world that utilizes the talents and abilities of all people.

Mission—Seeking social justice, freedom, peace, and alleviation of human suffering. Our mission/outreach goal is to bear non-violent witness to Christ's call to peace by studying peace and justice issues, creating local opportunities for Grace's involvement as a community of faith, and educating ourselves and others regarding the biblical concept of peace and justice. We are guided by the *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church*—we believe that war is incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ.

Objectives

- To live as peacemakers, building a culture of peace

- To discover and create alternatives to violence and war
- To seek reconciliation through compassionate action
- To engage in prayerful discernment, education, and public witness
- To network with other faith-based peace initiatives
- To stand in love and courage with our global brothers and sisters who are victims of violence, oppression, exploitation, and other injustice—especially when this stand is unpopular, not politically correct, or leads to persecution

Accomplishments

Grace held a prayer service at the beginning of the Iraq war and lit candles for peace at subsequent worship services. On September 11, 2005, Grace Church planted a peace pole with 12 different languages. Worshippers from all three services wrote peace prayers, which were planted by service people and their families to “fertilize” the peace pole. This peace pole has been the center of prayers at various critical times since then.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Attend local peace initiatives, such as prayer vigils
- Volunteer for a faith-based peace group in an area that interests you, such as education, humanitarian relief, networking/ outreach, spirituality of peace and non-violence, legislation, public action, or small group formation
- Contact or meet with elected officials regarding peace and justice issues
- Pray at our peace pole

Grace Contact: Nadia Kanhai-Zamora, 630-859-1030

Rebuilding Together - Aurora

Rebuilding Together - Aurora, formerly an affiliate of Christmas in April USA, provides home repair and rehabilitation service to low-income elderly and/or disabled homeowners. RTA occurs on the last Saturday in April (this year’s date is April 25, 2009), when Grace United Methodist Church is one of 21 churches or sponsors in the area that help “rebuild” a house in Aurora, IL. A group of Grace members, both skilled and unskilled, gather at a selected home site to perform rehabilitation or repair projects, including carpentry, plumbing, electrical installation, roofing, painting, and other building skills. The homes are qualified and selected early in March by RTA.

Objective

The goal of RTA is to help disabled, low-income and elderly homeowners live in dignity, safety and independence.

Accomplishments

Each year RTA rehabilitates 20-22 houses. Grace has been involved in this ministry for the past eight years. In addition to skilled volunteers, Grace provides financial support to this organization.

Volunteer Opportunities

Grace provides 20-30 volunteer builders with various skills and skill levels. Sign-ups begins on Mission ("H.O.T.") Sunday on February 1, 2009, and continue through March and April, when the work begins.

Grace Contact: Thatch Irwin, 630-961-3278 or tirwin@wideopenwest.com

Organization Contact: Rebuilding Together - Aurora, 630-375-7446

Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Services

Mission—Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center exists to alleviate suffering, facilitate change and bring about mental, emotional, and spiritual healing and growth for persons of diverse backgrounds and varied financial means through pastoral counseling/psychotherapy, consultation, and education/training.

Objectives

Through the support of local congregations, Samaritan Interfaith is able to provide:

- pastoral counseling to people experiencing mental or emotional stress or trauma
- healing and hope to individuals, families, and couples
- outreach to the community through education programs
- service to persons of all faiths and backgrounds, regardless of their ability to pay

Accomplishments

- Samaritan's 17 professional counselors (including a bilingual therapist) have completed some degree of religious training or have a strong spiritual background. Some counselors are ordained ministers as well as certified counselors

- For more than 36 years, no one seeking help has ever been turned away for lack of funds
- Samaritan Interfaith provides more than 12,000 clinical hours each year
- Samaritan Interfaith is nationally accredited by the Samaritan Institute of Denver, CO

Volunteer Opportunities

Supporting congregations such as Grace are vital to Samaritan Interfaith. The ongoing financial support of local congregations provides pastoral counseling and psychotherapy for those who need financial assistance to pay for services.

Grace Contact: Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Organization Contact: Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center, 630-357-2456

Sharing Connections

Sharing Connections has served economically disadvantaged people since 1986. Sharing Connections reclaims furniture and household items and receives donations of clothing, infant supplies, and personal care items, passing them along to families in financial need who are in the process of establishing homes. By collaborating with over 100 local service agencies, Sharing Connections positively impacts the lives of tens of thousands of individuals and families each year. Sharing Connections establishes a link between caring people and people who need care. Sharing Connections strengthens this link between giver and receiver by educating congregations such as Grace on the problems and needs of people in our community who are attempting to establish homes.

Objectives

The missions/outreach goal of Sharing Connections is to provide assistance to economically disadvantaged families and individuals who may be in traumatic life situations.

Accomplishments

Sharing Connections serves about 5,000 families and individuals each month by providing household materials and supplies and through referrals to other care agencies. Over the past several years, Grace has made financial contributions to Sharing Connections, donated used furniture, and supplied personal and household care items requested monthly by Sharing

Connections to satisfy urgent needs of their clients.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sharing Connections is always in need of contributions of gently used furniture and household appliances as well as clothing and personal maintenance supplies for adults and children. Volunteers are also needed to pick up donations and to work in the Sharing Connections warehouse in Downers Grove.

Grace Contacts: Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346; Missions Ministry Team

Organization Contact: Sharing Connections, 630-971-0565, ext. 224

Teen-Parent Connection (formerly MYM)

Teen-Parent Connection is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1985 to deliver comprehensive services to adolescent parents and their families in DuPage County. Services include education and counseling on the realities and responsibilities of teenage pregnancy, development of self-esteem, parenting skills, and empowerment towards self-sufficiency, pregnancy prevention education, doula services during pregnancy, a parents' pantry and scholarships. The goals of TPC are to reduce subsequent pregnancies of at-risk young mothers, reduce cases of child abuse, increase immunization rates, and deliver pregnancy prevention programs to more than 10,000 students in 28 schools in DuPage and surrounding counties. Since 1985, more than 3,000 adolescent parents have received support. In a recent year, zero child abuse cases were reported; fewer than 4% of participants experienced a subsequent pregnancy; and 92% of children's immunizations were up to date. In a real sense, TPC produces stronger young families and helps prevent poverty before it begins. Grace Church provides financial support and mentoring to TPC.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to present a wide variety of counseling and educational services and material support for the parents' pantry.

Grace Contact: Dr. Karen Druzak, 630-637-0545

Organization Contact: Lora Boryszewski Vitek, 630-790-8433, ext. 269

Trinity UMC Christmas Gift Program

Objective

To establish a relationship with a growing Hispanic congregation in the Chicagoland area. Trinity UMC is a small Anglo congregation on Joliet's east side with a Hispanic mission congregation that shares the building. The two congregations participate in some programs together. Grace UMC participates by sharing in a meal and a Christmas program at Trinity UMC with the Hispanic congregation and by giving their children Christmas gifts of much needed clothing and a toy for each child. The Hispanic congregation has no source of music but their own voices. Our commission will continue to explore other ways to partner with this congregation for further sharing.

Accomplishments

- 2005 Harvest Home program and collection
 - 2005 Delivered over 80 Christmas gifts for children
 - 2006 Delivered gifts to over 90 children at Christmas
 - 2007 Delivered gifts to 64 children at Christmas
 - 2008 Delivered gifts to 90 children at Christmas
- Grace Contacts:** Margaret Harrison, 630-355-1748, ext. 241; Rev. Lisa Telomen, Religion and Race, 630-355-1748, ext. 226; Steve Southworth, Religion and Race, 630-357-9429.

Wayside Cross Ministries

Founded in 1928, Wayside Cross Ministries shares the Gospel with members of the Fox Valley community whose lives lack hope and direction due to poverty, addiction, abuse and violence. Wayside Cross achieves this through material help, counseling, education and training, operating six ministries:

- *Master's Touch* – a men's residential program that addresses the needs of the total person
- *Lifespring Ministry* – a residential program for women with children and for those hurting alone, without children
- *New Life Corrections* – brings the light of Christ to the incarcerated and their hurting families
- *Wayside Center Elgin* – an oasis of comfort and Christian hospitality to destitute persons
- *Urban Youth Ministry* – helping at-risk kids build positive relationships with each other, with adult Christian role models, and with Jesus Christ
- *Hope Outreach* – providing practical, material assistance to

our community's needy

Objectives

Wayside Cross responds to Christ's command to love our neighbor and demonstrate His compassion by helping people in need find new hope in Christ, grow in spiritual and social maturity, build self-esteem, gain control of their lives, and return to their families.

Accomplishments

Grace provided financial support directly to Wayside Cross to disburse to its six ministries. Separate financial support is also provided to Lifespring Ministry. In addition, a Grace team delivers weekly donations of food from local supermarkets throughout the year as well as clothing and personal care items contributed by Grace members. Volunteers have helped prepare and serve meals at the Wayside Cross Center in Aurora.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to collect and deliver donated food, clothing and household items to the Wayside Cross facility in Aurora on Saturday mornings. Grace members may also donate clothing, furniture, household appliances and other items that they no longer need.

Grace Contact: Bob Rothe, 630-420-8006

Organization Contact: Wayside Cross Ministries, 630-892-4239, ext. 214

Weekday Children's Center

Weekday Children's Center (WCC) is the non-profit preschool and child care program that has been sponsored by Grace United Methodist Church since 1965. WCC offers Preschool, Full Day Preschool, and School Age Care to families in Naperville and surrounding communities. Children ages 2.5-12 years benefit from reliable care, safe and healthy environments, enriched educational programs, and services that support their physical, cognitive, emotional, social, and spiritual development.

Objectives

- Provide an outreach ministry to care for, support, and nurture children in the Grace Church family and the surrounding com-

munity. 80-85% of clients come from the wider community

- Offer high-quality programs that support child, family, and society as a whole

- Celebrate the diversity of children and families, help children and families value diversity, and provide opportunities to learn about and share traditions, beliefs and stories

- Model love, forgiveness, trust, honesty in human relationships, reverence for nature and all living things, and understanding of the difference between right and wrong for children and families

Accomplishments

- Tuition scholarships are provided for families in need. From August 2008-July 2009, Weekday Children's Center anticipates providing nearly \$10,000 in scholarships. Families are referred through Bridge Communities, Families Helping Families, and by word of mouth

- Over 125 children and their families have benefited from Weekday Children's Center programs in the past year.

- Each year at Christmas, the school-age class participates in a community service project to reinforce the importance of caring for one another

Volunteer Opportunities

Day-to-day operations are overseen by the Executive Director. Policy decisions and program direction are provided by a volunteer Board of Directors. Consider volunteering if you have interest or experience with:

- Planning education/recreational programming for children ages 2.5-12 years

- Fundraising

- Marketing

- Personnel/human resource management

Grace Contact: Margaret Harrison, 630-355-1748, ext. 241

Organization Contact: Erin Cetera, 630-355-5495

YMCA Resource Center

The Heritage YMCA Group provides after school and summer-time programs for the under served population of the Naperville area at the YMCA Naperville Family Resource Center and YMCA Madison Junior High Teen Program. The programs were originally opened in 1996 by the Naperville Police Department and the City of Naperville to combat an area of high crime and

at-risk children and teens. In 2003, the Heritage YMCA Group assumed the leadership role for the programs and is exclusively responsible for the management and financial operation of the programs. The programs focus on creating a safe and healthy environment for young people, building strong families and strengthening community ties. The programs are open to families that reside within the Scott Elementary School and Madison Junior High School attendance area. Families must show a financial need, generally by applying for the free and reduced lunch program through the schools.

The YMCA Naperville Family Resource Center is located in a mobile unit on the grounds of Scott Elementary School. All students are given nutritional snacks. The students are offered after school homework assistance, math and reading tutoring, art classes, dance classes, and educational field trips. In the summer months, these students attend YMCA summer camps.

The Madison Junior High program is located in the F.A.C.S. room in Madison Junior High School. The YMCA program offers a healthy environment for at-risk pre-teens and teens attending Madison Junior High School. The program focuses on helping the teens make healthy choices. We offer opportunity for team building, volunteering, and life skills education. Tutoring and homework assistance is offered to the teens in reading and math. In the summer months, teens attend YMCA summer camps.

All students attend the programs free of charge and the centers are supported by the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign and by collaborative and financial support from the City of Naperville, Naperville Police Department, Naperville Community School District 203, NCO Youth and Family Services, local service groups, and Grace United Methodist Church.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Center has one full-time and one part-time paid staff. Volunteers are needed to assist the staff in working with children after school and all day during the summer as tutors, activity directors and mentors. The Center especially needs male volunteers to support and counsel middle school and high school age boys.

Grace Contact: Candyce Krumwiede, 630-717-6192

Regional Outreach Program Descriptions

Golden Cross

The Golden Cross is a local benevolence supported by an annual special offering taken at Grace on the first Sunday in May. Proceeds from this offering are used to support the six retirement and long-term adult care facilities within the Northern Illinois Conference. They are also used for scholarships for persons pursuing careers in the field of adult services. This is one of six local benevolences benefiting from special Sunday offerings encouraged by the Northern Illinois Conference to support ecumenical projects and local ministries.

Grace Contact: Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Hurricane Disaster Relief

Hurricane Disaster Relief is a Grace Church project to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina through the UMCOR hurricane disaster relief program on the Gulf Coast. The project involves financial contributions through UMCOR, material contributions to UMCOR warehouses and distribution centers, and hands-on labor to clean up and rebuild the devastated area. Grace has worked in concert with a greater Naperville community program, Naperville Responds, to aid the recovery of Pass Christian, Mississippi.

Accomplishments

In 2005, immediately after Hurricane Katrina, Grace provided financial support through UMCOR, sent a team of volunteers to Mississippi to help in storm clean-up, and collected and transported food, clothing and household supplies to the Gulf Coast. In 2006, Grace volunteers joined four other Naperville United Methodist churches for a reconstruction mission trip to Pass Christian, Mississippi. Seven damaged homes were repaired. Grace also provided financial support to UMCOR and directly to the First United Methodist Church of Pass Christian.

Grace also assisted the Naperville Responds fund raising project by hosting a gospel brunch in September. In 2007, Grace's Summer of Service program sent a team of 26 people to New Orleans to assist Habitat for Humanity in building new homes in that area.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers will be needed to travel to the Gulf Coast for future reconstruction trips and to coordinate the collection of materials and supplies as needed for recovery efforts.

Grace Contacts: Youth Ministry Leaders or Pastor Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

International Refugee & Immigrant Families Mission

This mission was founded to help refugee families located in the Chicago area, usually sponsored by World Relief or Interchurch Refugee & Immigration Ministries (IRIM), to become established by providing assistance with housing, furniture, food, clothing, transportation, education, language skills, and employment.

Objectives

- To do God's will and demonstrate God's love by helping refugee families
- To provide material assistance and friendship to refugees
"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2) "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)
- To lobby for the rights of undocumented immigrants who are seeking a better life for their families

Volunteer Opportunities

- Financial assistance is needed to help a refugee family that needs assistance from an organization such as World Relief or IRIM and a sponsoring church group such as Grace. These groups help the family get established in their new home by providing initial rent, furniture, clothing, food, etc.
- Volunteers are also needed to provide transportation and assistance in obtaining state benefits, learning English, going to job interviews, etc. This can be quite demanding on the volun-

teers, so good organization and a large number of volunteers are essential. This should be a church-wide mission and not left to a small number of volunteers

- Lobby for immigrants' rights. With an organization like IRIM, usually the request is for funds, because transportation issues into Chicago become more complicated

Grace Contact: Bob Elazan, 630-355-7890

Organization Contacts: Interfaith Refugee & Immigration Ministries, 773-989-5647; World Relief Aurora, 630-906-9546

Marcy-Newberry Association

Founded in 1883, the Marcy-Newberry Association is a social service agency related to the United Methodist Church, providing social and residential support to low-income mothers and children. The 119-year old Community Center now serves in 17 locations, most on the west side of Chicago. Two of their programs are described below:

The **Parent-Child Education Center** provides quality childcare for children ages six weeks to five years while their teenaged mothers attend literacy, GED and computer classes to complete high school. Unique to this program is the time shared by children and young mothers during mealtimes and snacks.

The **Emergency Family Response** program offers emergency placement and serves up to nine homeless mothers and their children. An average stay is two to four weeks. This program provides immediate, accessible, safe and clean shelter with basic support on a 24-hour basis.

The Marcy-Newberry Association is the only national mission institution of the General Board of Global Ministries Women's Division in the Northern Illinois Conference.

Objectives

The Marcy-Newberry Association helps mothers and children to overcome the barriers created by poverty by providing comprehensive social and residential services, including education, counseling, nutrition and transitional housing support.

Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to financial support through the Grace budget, United Methodist Women and various Sunday School classes, Marcy-Newberry always accepts classroom supplies and equipment, and volunteers are needed for parenting workshops,

training for teenage mothers, and special events, outings and retreats.

Grace Contact: Miriam Lehman, 630-355-3630

Organization Contact: Benjamin J. Kendrick, 312-829-7555

Methodist Youth Services

Methodist Youth Services is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian child welfare agency that serves abused and neglected youth under the direction of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. With the guidance of the United Methodist Health and Welfare Ministries of the Northern Illinois Conference, the agency provides clinical, rehabilitative, and case management services to disadvantaged youth. Methodist Youth Services is licensed by the state of Illinois and certified as a provider of Medicaid-eligible services. For nearly 40 years, Methodist Youth Services has helped youth reach greater potential through a variety of programs. Methodist Youth Services operates two group homes for boys as well as the Independent Living program, an independent living arrangement for young men and women transitioning from foster care and group home settings to living successfully as independent and productive adults. Grace provides financial support to Methodist Youth Services through the Northern Illinois Conference.

Grace Contact: Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Organization Contact: Methodist Youth Services, 312-733-8810 or www.myschicago.org

Missionary-Red Bird-Smallwood

Mark and Rebecca Smallwood are Associates in Mission Service with the General Board of Global Ministries, serving at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. They came to the mission in 1988 to serve as teachers at Red Bird Mission School during its first year as a private Christian school. Mark teaches music, and Rebecca teaches Christian education. Grace Church is a covenant partner of the Smallwoods through the General Board of Global Ministries, providing financial support every year for their work.

Grace Contact: Bekki Hamilton, 630-369-9127

Prisoner Release Ministries

Prisoner Release Ministries, located in Joliet, Illinois, provides

support to former inmates seeking employment when they are returned to the mainstream community. Prisoner Release Ministries has a contract with the State of Illinois to fund approximately 430 clients per year.

Objective

Prisoner Release Ministries assists people recently released from prison to find a job so that they can support themselves and their families and return to a productive and lawful life.

Accomplishments

Last year, more than 1,200 men and women were aided by Prisoner Release Ministries. Since its founding, Prisoner Release Ministries have helped more than 11,000 people, and they have never turned anyone away.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to assist Prisoner Release Ministries.

Grace Contact: Ed McCutcheon, 630-369-6348

Organization Contact: Roger C. Logue, 815-723-8998

Rainbow Ridge

Rainbow Ridge Mission provides individualized services to adults with physical and developmental disabilities living in community-based houses and in their own homes or apartments. Support is provided on a 24-hour basis for those in group homes. Regular periodic support includes budgeting, medical support, socialization, connection to resources and decision making. Rainbow Ridge is the only United Methodist facility in northern Illinois serving the needs of disabled adults. Residential services are provided at group homes and apartments in Galena, Stockton, Freeport and Warren, Illinois.

Objective

The objective of the Rainbow Ridge Mission is to promote growth and participation in all areas of life for adults with disabilities. Grace provides financial support through the Northern Illinois Conference.

Grace Contact: Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Organization Contact: Aileen Donehower, 815-777-9525 or rainbow@galenalink.com

Red Bird Mission

Red Bird Mission, located in Beverly, Kentucky, is an institution in the Red Bird Missionary Conference related to the General Board of Global Ministries. Red Bird Mission operates several ministries:

- Education Ministry
- Health and Wellness Ministry
- Economic Opportunity Ministry
- Community Outreach Ministries
- Community Housing Improvement Ministry

Objectives

The objective of Red Bird Mission is to be a witness for Christ in the heart of Appalachia through education, health, wellness, economic, community and housing outreach.

Accomplishments

Red Bird Mission helps more than 2,000 families and completes more than 250 home repair projects annually. Grace Church has provided financial support to Red Bird for many years. Since 2006, Grace has continued to provide financial support to Red Bird by establishing a covenant relationship with missionaries Mark and Rebecca Smallwood.

Volunteer Opportunities

Grace members can directly support the work of Red Bird Mission by volunteering for work projects at Red Bird or by collecting soup labels and Box Tops for Education. Periodically, Red Bird Mission crafts are sold locally to raise awareness of the mission. The Grace general budget provides funding to Red Bird Mission.

Grace Contact: Bekki Hamilton, 630-369-9127

Organization Contact: Red Bird Mission, 606-598-3155

Rosecrance Health Network

Rosecrance is a not-for-profit organization that provides a full continuum of addiction treatment services for children, youth, adults and families who cannot afford substance abuse treatment. Rosecrance is accredited with Full Standards Compliance by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and is nationally recognized as a premiere provider of addiction treatment services. Rosecrance operates separate adolescent and adult programs, serving over 5,000 children and adults annually. Rosecrance operates outpatient

and residential programs. In addition to several recovery homes, it has three main treatment locations in Rockford:

- Rosecrance Adult Facility on Harrison
- Rosecrance Eastrock Adolescent Clinic
- Rosecrance Griffin Williamson Campus Adolescent Facility

Rosecrance also has some extension campuses and services in other communities across northern Illinois.

Volunteer Opportunities

Grace extends financial support to Rosecrance through the Northern Illinois Conference.

Grace Contact: Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 246

Organization Contact: Rosecrance Health Network, 815-391-1000 or www.rosecrance.org

Summer Youth Missions

Grace youth and adults have worked with various mission organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Group Work-camps and MissionLab, combining efforts to provide suitable housing for needy families in several areas of the country. All of these organizations rely heavily on churches and organizations like Grace Church to provide monetary and labor donations to beautify communities and repair, build or complete homes. Our missions/outreach goal is to provide adequate housing for less fortunate families and to introduce the power of prayer and Jesus to anyone we encounter.

Objectives

Mission organizations rely heavily on churches and other organizations to provide monetary and labor donations to complete community beautification projects and repair, build and/or complete homes. This is a church-wide, intergenerational project involving at least two week-long summer projects in which the people of Grace repair homes, build homes, and do community beautification projects as well as provide other community service support in communities other than our own.

Accomplishments

-Home building in Clarksville, TN, in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007

-Home building and property repair and beautification in New

Orleans, LA, in 2008 and 2009

-Home repair, community support and beautification projects in: Rockford, IL (2006); Indianapolis (2008); and St. Louis (2007 and 2009)

Volunteer Opportunities

- Provide funds for individual volunteers and overall projects
- Volunteers are needed, with recruitment starting in February
- Our next mission trips will be in June 2009 (Side x Side—youth aged 14-adult) and July 2009 (Junior High—youth age 12+ and adult chaperones)
- Provide other support for the project, such as transportation, materials, prayer support, cookie ministry

Grace Contacts: Youth Leaders, Howie Snyder and Gaye Lynn Loufek, 630-355-1748, ext. 234

United Methodist Homes & Services

Located on the northeast side of Chicago, United Methodist Homes & Services has provided care to older adults since 1898. Non-profit and non-sectarian, United Methodist Homes & Services offers a variety of services to support older adults throughout the aging process. United Methodist Homes & Services has several facilities. The Methodist Home is a 127-bed skilled nursing facility that offers four different levels of care, from moderate nursing care to dementia care. Harwell House, a former convent from the early 20th century, was recently renovated to become an elegant assisted living community. United Methodist Homes & Services additionally operates a Community Support Program, which provides reliable and qualified in-home caregiving. In addition to the physical and emotional support provided by staff, the UMHS Chaplain provides spiritual support to residents. Grace provides financial support to UMHS through the Northern IL Conference.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are welcome to offer special concerts or craft projects with residents or help with other planned social events. Special gifts are welcomed at the holidays, on the advice of staff for content.

Grace Contact: Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Organization Contact: United Methodist Homes & Services, 773-769-5500

United Voices for Children

United Voices for Children is an umbrella organization supporting the agencies related to the United Methodist Church that work with children, including ChildServ, Marcy-Newberry, Methodist Youth Services and Rosecrance. United Voices for children promotes the Fifth Sunday Appeal, which provides financial support to these organizations through special offerings on the fifth Sundays of the year. Additionally, United Voices for Children provides information that can help United Methodist congregations, their child advocates, pastors and church leaders better understand the issues that affect children and their families. It encourages congregations to advocate for the children in their local communities through their supportive ministries that assist families in the nurturance of their children. Grace continues to provide financial support to United Voices for Children through the Northern Illinois Conference.

Grace Contact: Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Organization Contact: Judith Grote, 630-668-3199 or www.umvoices4kids.org

International Outreach Program Descriptions

Bread For the World

Bread For the World's 50,000 members contact their senators and representatives regarding legislation that affects hungry people in the United States and worldwide. Bread For the World does not provide direct relief or development assistance. Rather, it focuses on using the power we have as citizens in a democracy to support policies that address the root causes of hunger and poverty. Thousands of local churches and community groups support Bread For the World's efforts by writing letters to Congress and making financial gifts to the organization. Bread For the World groups across the country meet locally to pray, study and take action. Members meet with their representatives in Congress, organize telephone trees, win media coverage and reach out to new churches.

Volunteer Opportunities

Participate with the Hunger Ministry when an "offering of let-

ters” is planned. The team will help identify specific legislation in Congress that requires our support.

Grace Contact: John Bushnell, 630-527-9672

Organization Contact: Mariah Priggen, 800-4470-BFW or www.bread.org

Children’s Fund for Christian Mission

The Children’s Fund for Christian Mission is designed as an opportunity for children to learn about and make contributions to a select group of mission programs chosen for their value in helping children understand the meaning of “being in mission.” In 2008, the following projects were selected for study and support:

Four Homes of Mercy - Bethany, Palestine

My Daughter's Place - Liberia, West Africa

North **Rampart Community Center - New Orleans, Louisiana**

White Swan Children's Program - White Swan, Washington

Each year, new projects are selected. Contributions to this fund are divided equally among the designated projects.

Objectives

The goals of this project are to witness the gospel of Jesus Christ while serving the needs of children around the world and to help our own children understand the meaning and value of mission and outreach.

Accomplishments

This project is part of the Rainbow Covenant program of the Northern Illinois Conference.


Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers may be needed to help plan and coordinate the involvement of our children and youth throughout the year.

Grace Contact: Margaret Harrison, 630-355-1748, ext. 241

The Heifer Project

Heifer project’s motto is “not a cup but a cow,” signifying Heifer’s approach to providing global assistance to struggling countries through long-term development, rather than short-term relief. Heifer works within communities to empower disaster survivors with economic means, such as livestock, training and other resources. Heifer helps to rebuild their families,



neighborhoods and their hope for a sustainable future.

Objective

Heifer's goal is to "pass on the gift." As recipients share their animals' offspring with others, as well as their knowledge, resources and skills, an expanding network of hope and dignity is created, reaching all across the world.

Volunteer Opportunities

Each December, the Hunger Ministry sponsors the Heifer Project at Grace Church. Members of the congregation are encouraged to purchase an animal for the ark, either as a donation or as a Christmas gift in someone's name.

Grace Contact: Cindy Stonecipher, 630-229-0003; Linda Hunziker, 630-369-6602

Organization Contact: Heifer Project, 800-422-0474 or www.heifer.org

Kenya Mission

In the fall of 2001, Grace became acquainted with Florence Mubichi, Director of Nursing Education at Maua Methodist Hospital in Meru, Kenya. As friendships grew between Florence and members of Grace, God planted seeds of inspiration, interest and passion for the health and well-being of the people of Kenya. This led to a mission to Meru, Kenya, by a Grace Volunteers in Mission (VIM) group in August of 2005. The 18-person team took needed medical supplies to the Maua Methodist Hospital, worked in the hospital and on a bio-intensive farm, built a home for AIDS orphans, and shared in fellowship and worship with the people of St. Peter's and Kaa-ga Methodist Churches, visited with our supported missionaries at the Kenya Methodist University, and assessed the needs of the Meru community for future support by Grace.


Objectives

The missions and outreach goals of the Kenya Mission are to strengthen partnership between Grace and the people of Meru, Kenya, for the purpose of sharing God's love with truth and action and witnessing to God's work among the people of Kenya.

Accomplishments

Grace Church generously supports various works of mission in Kenya, including Maua Methodist Hospital, Kenya Methodist





University, Seeds of Grace, and more. Some of the specific project support for 2008 includes: an UMCOR project aiding persons displaced as a result of the political unrest following the presidential election, a library at a primary school, and antibiotics for free health clinics.

Volunteer Opportunities

Mission team leadership is needed to facilitate a Volunteer in Mission trip to Kenya as well as prayers and support for peace and justice for those living in extreme poverty.

Grace Contacts: Julie Utter, 630-922-4157; Annette Swanson, 630-420-9638

Methodist Church of the Union of Myanmar (Burma)


For 125 years, the Methodist Church has had a presence in Myanmar (formerly Burma). Until 45 years ago, foreign missionaries provided the leadership. A change in government required that missionaries abandon their post to the Burmese congregations. Suddenly cut off from the outside world, Burmese Methodists struggled to maintain their churches in a

In March of 2009, some of us will attend the 14th Annual Russian Initiative Consultation in San Diego. This is always a wonderful opportunity to hear about all the Spirit is accomplishing in Russia and to plan how we can be of service.

Grace Contacts: Dave and Julie Kronbach, 630-369-0503

Missionary - Kenya - Luhahi

Lahi and Yema Luhahi serve in Kenya. Lahi is assigned to the Kenya Methodist University in Meru as a member of the faculty of business education, where he teaches mathematics. Yema works in the nursing education program of Maua Methodist Hospital and its clinic on campus. Through the clinic, she also helps with AIDS outreach and education in the community. Before going into mission training, the Luhahis served five years as Missionary Interpreters in Residence, first in the North Central jurisdiction and then throughout the United States. Prior to that, they were International Persons in Mission for two years in Kenya. In that tenure, Yema tutored in a nursing program and worked to upgrade the level for registered



country which was only 2% Christian. Foreign mission work is still discouraged, but evangelism by nationals is well tolerated. Since 2000, Bishop Zothan Mawia has pumped new energy and organization into Myanmar Methodism. Bishop Mawia has visited Grace Church three times since his induction.

Objective

Our mission objective is to support the efforts of native Methodist pastors, church officials, and church members in Myanmar through prayer and financial support.

Accomplishments

The 2008 Cyclone Nargis devastated Yangon and the Irrawaddi Delta, presenting new challenges to our Burmese brothers and sisters. Thanks to quick action by Grace Church staff, we were able to send more than \$3,000 to Myanmar through Bishop Mawia two weeks after the tragedy, 100% of which went to relief efforts at a very good exchange rate. Funds were used by native Methodist volunteers to carry love and emergency supplies into Bagaly Township. The Myanmar Methodist Church now has three full time graduate pastors, one full time worker (with logistics expertise) and one full time nurse's aid working in the delta. To date, they have built 19 homes and one community hall in Nget Pway Taw and have started to build 10 houses for Yan Aye village. Volunteers are digging an artesian well in Sein Yetthi village. They are also providing medical assistance and trauma counseling.

In addition to emergency aid, Grace Church continues to support the native Methodist effort in Myanmar through direct financial contributions to the conference of the Methodist Church of Lower Myanmar. We have also extended financial support to Buddhist Monks from Mandalay, as they struggle to care for and educate 60 children from the delta region orphaned by Cyclone Nargis.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Pray for the new generation of committed Christian workers that the Lord is raising up through Cyclone Nargis
 - Pray for good water at the well site
 - Pray for health and physical strength for volunteers who venture into these remote regions
 - Support mission giving to Myanmar as opportunities arise
- Grace Contact: Bobbi Khant, 630-961-1505**

Organization Contact: General Board of Global Ministries, 800-862-4246

Russia Initiative



Grace Church is in its 15th year of bringing the love of Jesus Christ to the peoples of Russia. We are privileged to have established warm friendships with Russian Orthodox priests, leaders within the Orthodox school system and with many civic leaders in Troisk, just west of Moscow. Through caring dialogues, we were able to establish many programs to improve the quality of life for the least, lost and lonely of the city. We are humbled by the great things the Holy Spirit has accomplished through our efforts. Over the course of time, as the Russian economy improved, the Troisk city government began to fully fund not only many of the programs we helped establish, but several other similar social programs.

Following our most recent visit, we concluded that we had accomplished all that we could in Troisk and began exploring a partnership with Sulamita United Methodist Church in Zelenograd, north of Moscow. After about 18 months of efforts to support the growth of their congregation without any meaningful feedback, we believe we are being called to again explore a new partnership. At the suggestion of Bishop Hans Vaxby, we will consider a partnership with Hope United Methodist Church in Volograd. By the time this booklet goes to press, we should have much more information about Hope UMC and will have made decisions about how we might support the growth of their congregation.

Accomplishments

We have begun supporting the development of a conference center in Voronezh. The Eurasian Conference was able to purchase the property of an abandoned sanitarium. All buildings on the property were in need of major repairs. It will take many years and many volunteers to turn it into the Camp and Conference Center of which we dream, but that work has been underway for some time and progress is being made. Voronezh is close enough to Volograd that we could possibly combine both ministries.

Volunteer Opportunities



nurses. Lahi helped to develop the curriculum for the Kenya Methodist University in Kaaga, Meru (Kenya). They are members of Mbomu UMC in Kinshasa, Congo, and Community UMC in Naperville. Grace is a covenant partner of the Luhahis through the General Board of Global Ministries, providing financial support every year for their work.

Grace Contact: Julie Utter, 630-922-4157

Organization Contact: General Board of Global Ministries, 800-862-4246

Missionary - Senegal - Ndjungu

The Rev. Nkemba and Mbwizu Ndjungu are missionaries with the UMC General Board of Global Ministries assigned to Dakar, Senegal. Rev. Nkemba's ministries include evangelism and church growth in this predominately Muslim country located on the western coast of Africa. Ms. Mbwizu's responsibilities include women's ministries, children's ministries and health programs in the West African country. Born in Malonga, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Nkemba's previous appointments have been as pastor in Kazembe and Lubumbashi and as a district superintendent in Sandoa, all in the DRC. Born in Kasaji, DRC, Mbwizu has previously worked as a midwife in Kazembe and Sandoa, DRC, and was coordinator of an "Alphabet Center for Women" in Lumbumbashi, DRC. Grace is a covenant partner of the Ndjungus through the General Board of Global Ministries, providing financial support every year for their work.

Grace Contact: Ruth Dover, 630-907-1036



Appendix 1 Other Grace Outreach Activities

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women (UMW) Mission giving for 2008 totaled about \$21,471.94. In addition to individual memorials,

World

Advance 140160, Maua Hospital,
Kenya
Advance 418656, Healthcare and
Medical Mission, Haiti
Advance 14365A, Hope for the Deaf
Program, Mary Zigbuo, Liberia
Nothing but Nets
Heifer Project

National

Henderson Settlement
Marcy-Newberry
Red Bird Mission

Local

Life Spring (Wayside Cross)
Families Helping Families
Companions Journeying Together
Illinois Transitional Living Center
(Katharine Manor)
ILCAAP (Illinois Church Action on
Alcohol and Addiction Problems)

Bridge Communities
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Family Shelter
Naperville CARES
Aurora Child Development Center
NCO (Naperville Community
Outreach)
Church Women United (Least Coin)

UMW contributed to the below organizations. UMW has a long record of substantial contributions and service to the many missions/outreach organizations they support.

Church

Side-by-Side Mission Trip
Seeds of Grace
Weekday Children's Center

Undesignated Gifts (Individual Memorials & Honorarium)

Pledge to Mission - Aurora District
Special Mission Recognition
Gifts to Mission
Gifts in Memory
World Thank Offering

Prayer and Self-Denial
Love Gift
Mission Pennies (Northern Illinois Conference)

Forum Class

The Grace Forum Class is an adult Christian education class that provides ample opportunities for questions and lively “give and take” during its varied programs. Programs may be presented by clergy, Grace members with special knowledge or expertise, representatives from Grace committees and activities, Northern Illinois Conference representatives, North Central College professors, scientists, or speakers from mission and community outreach areas.

Ministries supported through financial contributions:

- ChildServ
- Heifer Project
- Hesed House
- Katharine Manor
- Kenya Methodist University Clinic
- Little Friends
- Loaves & Fishes
- North Central College Scholarships
- Senior Home Sharing
- Side-by-Side
- UMCOR
- Wayside Cross

Questors Class

The Grace Questors Class is an adult Christian education class that welcomes all who are interested in growing their faith and fellowship. Members share in open-discussion lessons led by class members, ministers, and guest speakers. Topics include the Bible, Discipleship, Christian Family Life, and contemporary issues. Questors are also actively involved with many other Christian fellowship activities outside of the Sunday morning class.

Ministries supported through financial contributions:

- Family Needs Ministry**
- Pastor’s Emergency Fund
 - Loaves & Fishes

- Hesed House
- Sharing Connections
- Christmas Families
- Naperville CARES-School Supplies
- Naperville CARES
- Salvation Army
- NAMI of DuPage County

Mission Ministry

- Myanmar (Burma) School
- Mar Elias (West Bank) School
- Brady School (Aurora)
- Maua Hospital (Kenya)
- Red Bird Mission

Work Camp/Missions Ministry

- Side-by-Side (Grace UMC Youth-Summer Missions)
- Habitat for Humanity

Prison Ministry

- Prisoner Release Ministry

Community Ministry

- Wayside Cross
- Serenity House
- Community Counseling of Fox Valley
- Ecumenical Day Care
- Weekday Children's Center
- Stuart/Sonnefeld Family Support for Children's Memorial Hospital
- Missionary Athletes International

Other Ministries

Four times a year, Questors collects a variety of items and donates them to various programs. These may include canned goods, personal hygiene items, clothing, etc. Questors also participate in and support church functions, such as work days and other special church functions. They also volunteer time to local organizations and assist those in need of help, such as painting, yard work and transportation.

Children's Mission Projects

Children at Grace United Methodist Church are given opportunities to participate in mission projects throughout the year.

These projects are used as a way to educate children about the needs of other children in the local area, the United States, and around the world. They learn about caring, sharing, and helping other children.

Accomplishments

During Vacation Bible School in 2008, the children helped with several different mission projects. School supplies were brought and taken to ChildServ, an agency that gives the supplies to children in the Chicago area who participate in their foster care program, after-school programs and group homes. School supplies were also put in backpacks that were given to the Jirani Children's Choir. Backpacks were donated to the Pilgrimage Church in University Park to give to children in their neighborhood. Food was collected and given to Loaves and Fishes and to the Jirani Children's Choir. An offering of \$500 was sent to the United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission and \$100 was sent to Nothing But Nets. The children were also given bags to bring items for baby kits or school kits for Church World Service. The completed kits were taken to the Annual Northern Illinois Conference so that they could be distributed.

In May, Grace children helped to bring supplies that filled sewing kits and health kits. The complete kits were taken to the annual Northern Illinois Conference in June for distribution. In the fall of 2008, our children brought their pennies, dimes, nickels, and quarters totaling \$85 to help the children in Africa through "Nothing but Nets." Throughout the year, cards and craft items are made and taken by Grace Home Visitors to give to our home-bound friends.

General Contact: Margaret Harrison, 630-355-1748, ext. 241

Appendix 2

Ministry Team Information

Church and Society Ministry Team

The Church and Society Ministry Team works on ministry and mission opportunities linking Grace to local and worldwide initiatives seeking peace and justice for all peoples and better understanding and cooperation among the differing faiths in Naperville and the world. The Church and Society Ministry Team seeks to be a vehicle for healing among those addicted to drugs, alcohol, gambling, etc. We will advocate for the poor and marginalized, whether U.S. citizens or immigrants. We will be working with the Commission on Religion and Race, as issues of race impact many of these issues. We will support ministries such as ILCAAP (Illinois Church Action in Alcohol and Addiction Prevention), which is a statewide, interdenominational ministry that provides information, legislative action and education about alcohol, other drugs, and gambling. We will also support outreach ministries such as PATH, Prisoner Release Ministry, Samaritan Interfaith Counseling, Ecumenical Adult Care, etc., and advocacy groups seeking to promote Christ's vision for a local and global community of Shalom for all.

Grace Contacts: Revs. Lisa Telomen and Bill Bryan, 630-355-1748

Hunger Ministry Team

The Hunger ministry team works with ministries that are guided by Matthew 24:35: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." The Hunger Commission aids both local and world-wide hunger through financial support and participation in the following projects: Hosed House, Loaves & Fishes, Common Pantry, CROP Walk, Heifer Project, Bread For the World, and Wayside Cross. There are many opportunities for volunteering.

Grace Contact: Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226; Catherine Page, 630-420-8239

Missions Ministry Team

The Missions Ministry Team is an organized group of mission project leaders who are responsible for a wide variety of local, regional and international mission activities supported by the Northern Illinois Conference and Grace United Methodist Church. The team proposes specific mission projects, requests annual funding levels for each project, and supplies the Grace contact, oversight and advocacy for the project. Missions Ministry includes projects in Naperville and Northern Illinois, Kentucky, the Gulf Coast, the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Russia. Most projects are selected from the "Advance for Christ and His Church" (or simply the "Advance") special projects of the NIC. By supporting at least one project in eight categories of projects, Grace has consistently achieved "Rainbow Covenant" status. Other projects may also be proposed by individual members of Grace.

Objectives

The Missions Ministry Team seeks to provide opportunities for the People of Grace to serve their Lord, Jesus Christ, by following his commands to tend to the needs of those who are less fortunate and live in poverty, oppression or poor health, while spreading the word of the Gospel. Our goal is to achieve 100% participation of Grace membership in one or more mission activities by 2009, or sooner!

Accomplishments

- \$18,500 in financial aid was given to Wayside Cross-Lifespring, Rebuilding Together-Aurora, YMCA Resources Center, Naperville Community Outreach, Naperville CARES and Sharing Connections in 2008
 - \$8,000 in financial aid was given to Red Bird Mission, Red Bird Missionary and Children's Fund for Christian Mission Continue to support missionaries Lahi and Yema Luhahi in Kenya and Mbwizu Ndjungu in Senegal in 2008
 - Gave financial support to Bishop Mawia and the Methodist community in the Union of Myanmar in 2008
 - Expanded our support of mission work in Kenya in 2008
 - Continue to support the Russian Initiative
- Grace Contact:** Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346

Religion and Race Ministry Team

The Religion and Race Commission seeks to establish connections with racial, ethnic and cultural minority groups for mutual understanding and increased tolerance toward one another. We focus on programs such as North Central College diversity scholarships, refugee and immigration work, and issues such as diversity and inclusiveness, racism and discrimination, peace and justice. We give financial support to a variety of other programs and projects working to bring justice, racial tolerance, education and aid to minorities.

Religion and Race also endeavors to strengthen the community of God by building bridges of understanding, respect and commonality for differences through dialogue, education, worship and service. In 2010, Grace was led through a Seder meal by friends from Congregation Beth Shalom as part of our Lenten observance. Each year, our confirmation students and parents attend worship at Congregation Beth Shalom, the Islamic Center of Naperville, and a Hindu temple to learn about these different faiths and their observances. They seek to understand that our Christian roots of faith in one God come from Judaism and that Christianity, Islam, and Judaism worship the same God of Abraham. In 2010, Religion and Race attended a Ramadan Open House sponsored by the Islamic Center of Naperville to help us grow in our understanding of our many Muslim neighbors. Our Grace youth invited a Muslim speaker to one of their weekly study groups so that they might grow in their understanding of their fellow Muslim students. The Commission on Religion and Race has been interacting with Trinity UMC in Joliet, a Hispanic church, for the past two years, inviting them to our 11:00 worship service, followed by our All Church Picnic, each July. For many years, we have been providing gifts of clothing, shoes, books and toys to the children and youth of Trinity at Christmas and have shared in a worship service at Trinity, followed by lunch and a Christmas program.

Accomplishments

- Planted a peace pole on Sept. 11, 2005, and bury prayers for peace at the pole each year
- Hosted a luncheon in 2006 for Grace, regional and national leaders of the Commission on Religion and Race, honoring 25-year regional and national leader Harriet McCabe and 25-year

CORR committee leader Bob Elazan

- Hosted an African dinner with Seeds of Grace in 2008, 2009 and 2010, raising funds for Wells for Darfur and a children's hospital in Kenya. We served a catered African meal in Fellowship Hall and shared traditional African music and African children's stories with attending children and families
- Participated in various interfaith and multiracial events, including a Ramadan Open House in 2010, Ramadan Breaking of the Fast in 2009 and 2010, a Methodists and Muslims meeting at North Central College in 2008, the Trinity UMC Joliet gift program for over 10 years as well as worship and picnicking with Trinity in 2009 and 2010
- Observe World AIDS Day each first Sunday in December.
- Participate in yearly jurisdictional events
- Provide four scholarships to minority students at North Central College each year
- Provide tutoring to Exodus World Service to help refugee immigrants in the Chicago western suburbs to become U.S. citizens
- Serve as Peace and Justice witnesses

Volunteer Opportunities

- Participate in events for peace and justice organized by the Commission on Religion and Race
- Share in interfaith dialogues at conferences, meetings and events
- Work as a tutor for Exodus World Service immigrants
- Provide Christmas gifts for needy Hispanic children and youth of Trinity UMC
- Participate in the annual African dinner to raise money for church-sponsored causes in Africa. The Religion and Race Commission seeks to develop relationships and further understanding of our interfaith and multiracial community

Grace Contact: Rev. Lisa Telomen 630-355-1748, ext. 226;
Ralph Keiser, Race and Religion, 630-961-0869



Grace Organizations—Outreach Leaders

Grace Staff Resource

Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Missions

Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346

Religion and Race

Ralph Keiser, 630-961-0869

Local and Worldwide Hunger

Catherine Page, 630-420-8239

PATH (People Assisting with Transitional Housing)

Joan Stokely, 630-904-2735

Youth Ministries

Rev. Howie Snyder, 630-355-1748, ext. 239

Children's Ministries

Margaret Harrison, 630-355-1748, ext. 241

Health and Wellness

Barb McCarthy, 630-579-4588

Music Ministries

Dan Wagner, 630-355-1748, ext. 232

United Methodist Women

Sandy Bray, 630-420-0923

ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRIES:

Beth Moore Bible Study:
Annette Swanson, 630-420-9638 and Julie Utter, 630-922-4157

Disciple: Margaret Harrison, 630-355-1748, ext. 241

Faith & Family: Bob Pacanowski, 983-6031

Forum: Bill Abe, 630-355-1030

Grace Seekers:
Julie and Dave Kronbach, 630-369-0503

Questors: Bill Gavin, 630-357-7577

Sisters Bible Study:
Candyce Krumwiede, 630-717-6192, and Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748

11:00 a.m. Studies:
Rev. Don Niswonger, 630-355-1748, and Rev. Dr. Carol Findon, 630-355-1748

Beyond Disciple:
Ginny Lacy, 630-420-7440

Missions Coordinators-Team Leaders

LOCAL MISSIONS

CARES

Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346

CROP Walk

Catherine Page, 630-420-8239

Sue Marseille, 630-717-9374

Phyllis Pepiot, 630-355-1748

Ecumenical Adult Day Care

Ecumenicalads2@aol.com

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Cocoa

Rev. Carol Madalin, 630-355-1748, ext. 246

Families Helping Families

Bob Elazan, 630-355-7890

Fellowship of Christian Men

Bob Pacanowski, 630-355-0804

Katharine Manor

Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346

Loaves & Fishes Pantry

Scott Abderhalden, 630-778-9483

Naperville Community Outreach

Julie Lichter, 630-717-7815

North Central College

Scholarships

Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Parent's Day Out

Claudia Hutchinson, 630-355-6146

Partners in Mission

Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346

PATH

Joan Stokely, 630-904-2735

Peace and Justice Witness

Nadia Kanhai-Zamora, 630-859-1030

Rebuilding Together

Thatch Irwin, 630-961-3278

Samaritan Interfaith Counseling

Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Sharing Connections

Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346

Teen-Parent Connection (MYM)

Dr. Karen Druzak, 630-637-0545

Trinity UMC Christmas Gift Program

Margaret Harrison, 630-355-1748, ext. 241; Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226; Steve Southworth, 630-357-9429

Wayside Cross

Bob Rothe, 630-420-8006

Weekday Children's Center

Margaret Harrison, 630-355-1748, ext. 241

YMCA Resource Center

Candyce Krumwiede, 630-717-6192

Missions Coordinators-Team Leaders

REGIONAL MISSIONS

Golden Cross

Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Hurricane Disaster Relief

Youth Ministry, 630-355-1748, ext. 234; Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

International Refugee and Immigrant Families Mission

Bob Elazan, 630-355-7890

Marcy-Newberry

Miriam Lehman, 630-355-3630

Methodist Youth Services

Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Missionary-Red Bird-Smallwood

Bekki Hamilton, 630-369-9127

Prisoner Release Ministries

Ed McCutcheon, 630-369-6348

Rainbow Ridge

Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Red Bird Mission

Bekki Hamilton, 630-369-9127

Rosecrance Health Network

Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Side-by-Side Mission

Rev. Howie Snyder; Gaye Lynn Loufek, 630-355-1748, ext. 234

United Methodist Homes and Services

Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

United Voices for Children

Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Bread For the World

John Bushnell, 630-527-9672

Children's Fund for Christian Mission

Margaret Harrison, 630-355-1748, ext. 241

Heifer Project

Cindy Stonecipher, 630-229-0003

Kenya Mission

Julie Utter, 630-922-4157
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