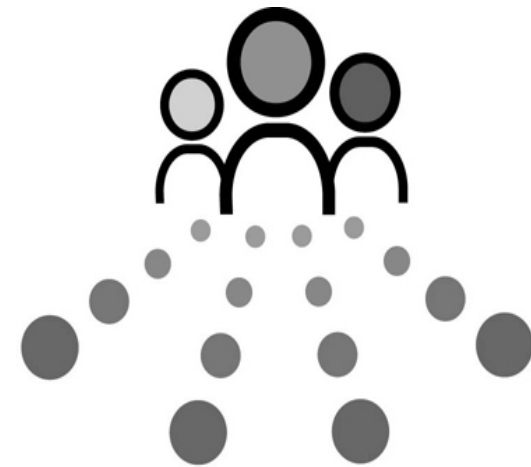


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Missionary—Cameroon—

Ndjungu

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Russia Initiative

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World AIDS Day

Steve Southworth, 630-357-9429

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Missions Coordinators-Team Leaders

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Fellowship of Christian Men Bob Pacanowski, 630-355-0804	Sharing Connections Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226
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Grace Staff Resource

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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; Lynn Leitzen, ext. 249

Church and Society

Chris St. John, 630-548-5737

Fellowship of Christian Men

Bob Pacanowski, 630-355-0804

United Methodist Women

Sandy Bray, 630-420-0923

ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRIES:

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

Faith & Family 9:30 a.m.
Bob Pacanowski, 983-6031

Forum 9:30 a.m.
Bill Abe, 630-355-1030

Grace Seekers 9:30 a.m.
Julie and Dave Kronbach,
630-369-0503

Questors 9:30a.m.
Bill Gavin, 630-357-7577

Intergenerational 9:30 a.m.
Rev. C. Kay Turner, 630-355-
1748

Sisters Bible Study:
Monday afternoons: Candyce
Krumwiede, 630-717-6192, and
Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-
1748; Wednesday evenings:
Sandy Bray, 630-420-0923

11:00 a.m. Studies:
Rev. Don Niswonger, 630-355-
1748, and Rev. Dr. Carol
Findon, 630-664-6314

Our Values

We, the family of Grace, value:

Music Ministry

Christian Education

Mission and Outreach

Youth Ministry

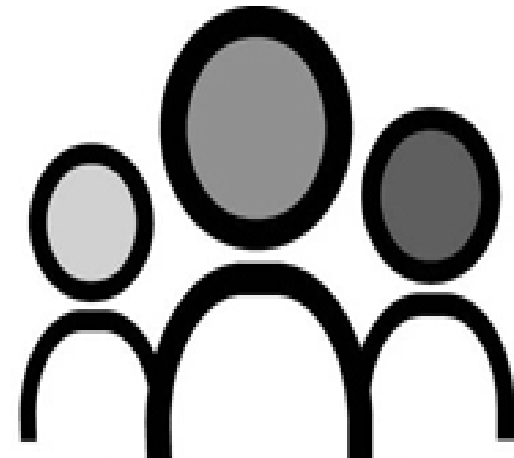
Pastoral Care

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 or world missions projects by 2010



Introduction to Outreach

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 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

Outreach Activities That Interest Me:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Whom should I contact? Turn the page for a listing of all of our Grace Outreach Leaders, Missions Coordinators, and Team Leaders.

ized or promoted by our Commission on Religion and Race
 - Help with the planning of our 2009 African Dinner and/or clean up—or just come celebrate with us and bring your friends! Also, plan to attend the concert that follows at 7:30 p.m., featuring “Thula Sizwe” South African men’s ensemble.
Grace Contact: Ralph Keiser, Race and Religion, 630-961-0869

Music Ministry Team

Throughout the year, members of the Grace Church Music Ministry reach out to the community with the invaluable gift of music.

Accomplishments

-Each year, often at Christmas time, our children’s vocal and bell choirs visit such places as Fairview Baptist Home, Katharine Manor, Devonshire Retirement Center, and Alden Rehabilitation and Care Facility. These excursions bring cheer to those who are ill, disabled, or in retirement or assisted living environments.

-In 2008, our Grace Praise Team engaged in a “worship swap” with the predominantly Hispanic Humboldt Park United Methodist Church, presenting worship music to their congregation while their praise team offered music to ours.

-Open to the public, our brand new Grace Concert Series brings world-class performing artists to our church home, offering our members and the greater community a new level of hospitality, service and worship.

Volunteer Opportunities

With vocal and handbell choirs for children, teens and adults and a broad variety of instrumental and arts opportunities, the Grace Church Music Ministry truly has something for everyone. Whatever your abilities or experience, our music ministry is open to all, and your gifts are most welcome!

Grace Contacts: Dan Wagner (adult choirs), 630-355-1748, ext. 232; Lynn Leitzen (children’s choirs and Grace Praise Team), 630-355-1748, ext. 249.

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 2010 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,

Religion and Race Ministry Team

The Religion and Race Commission seeks to establish connections with racial, ethnic and cultural minority groups for mutual benefit. 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 also 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 religious differences through dialogue, education, worship and service. In 2008, 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 and the Islamic Center of Naperville as well as a Hindu temple to learn about these different faiths and their observances. Religion and Race hopes to offer more opportunities for all the families of Grace to develop relationships and further understanding of our interfaith community.

Accomplishments

- Planted a peace pole on Sept. 11, 2005
- 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, raising money for Wells for Darfur and a children's hospital in Kenya. We served a catered African meal in Fellowship Hall and shared music and stories with the children and families in attendance.
- Participated in various interfaith events, World AIDS Day liturgy, Trinity UMC gift program, jurisdictional learning event, scholarships for North Central College students, Exodus World Service tutors for immigrants, Peace and Justice Witness

Volunteer Opportunities

- Participate in events for peace and justice organized by the Commission on Religion and Race and beyond
- Attend interfaith conferences, meetings and events organ-

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 2010, or sooner!

Accomplishments

-\$18,500 was given to local projects: Wayside Cross-Lifespring, Rebuilding Together-Aurora, YMCA Resources Center, Naperville Community Outreach, Naperville CARES and Sharing Connections in 2008.

-\$8,000 was given to national projects: Red Bird Mission, our Red Bird Missionary and Children's Fund for Christian Mission.

-\$26,475 was given to international missions: Missionaries Lahi and Yema Luhahi in Kenya and Mbwizu Ndjungu in Cameroon, Bishop Mawia and the Methodist community in the Union of Myanmar, continued mission work in Kenya, financial support for food relief sent to Haiti, financial support for the pastors of Bolivia, and support for the Russia Initiative.

Grace Contact: Ed Cunningham, 630-778-8346

- 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)
 - Sister Church Relationship (White)

Northern Illinois Conference Apportionments

These funds are used to support 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

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 initiatives that seek peace and justice for people throughout the world. We seek to promote more sustainable, responsible living here on God’s earth, realizing that humans, animals and the natural world are all equal parts of his creation. 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 they are U.S. citizens or immigrants. We will work with the Commission on Religion and Race and the Hunger Ministry Team, as many of these social problems overlap. We support ministries such as IL-CAAP (Illinois Church Action in Alcohol and Addiction Prevention), a statewide, interdenominational ministry that provides information, legislative action and education about alcohol, other drugs, and gambling. We also support such outreach ministries as PATH-Bridge Communities, Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center, Ecumenical Adult Care, etc., and advocacy groups seeking to promote Christ’s vision for a local and global community of peace and justice for all.

Grace Contacts: Chris St. John, 630-548-5737; 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: Hesus House, Loaves & Fishes, Common Pantry, CROP Walk, Heifer Project, Bread For the World, and Wayside Cross. There are many opportunities for volunteering both in planning for or participating in these events throughout the year.

Grace Contact: Catherine Page, 630-420-8239

school and summer camp programs at Wilbur-Memorial United Methodist Church. The after-school program helps children with their reading, writing and math skills. The schedule includes drug and alcohol awareness programs and activities to develop self-esteem. In the summer, the program includes trips to the local zoo and swimming pool. High school students play a vital role in leading the program, planning activities and serving as mentors to the younger children.

In May of 2008, 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

Harvest Home

The Harvest Home celebration is a Protestant tradition extending back to the early 19th Century. It has been a time-honored tradition of the Evangelical United Brethren churches in this area for over 100 years. Grace Church records date this celebration as far back as the 1920s. At Grace, Harvest Home is always celebrated on the second Wednesday in October. It has been traditionally an all church, family-oriented "pot luck" type of meal. Beautiful fall decorations in the church are also part of this event. The program given and collection taken during this celebration benefit a specific mission, chosen by the Harvest Home event coordinators, in consultation with the Grace Missions Ministry Team. Our 2008 collection of \$6,314 benefited Loaves & Fishes food pantry.

Volunteer Opportunities

As Harvest Home is a large gathering serving many people, volunteers are needed to plan the activities, provide publicity, help in the kitchen, help serve, set up, and decorate.

Grace Contacts: Bill Blake, 630-420-2235; Judy Cornett, 630-983-1851

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)

Adult Ministries

11:00 a.m. Adult Study (OHM)
 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 Studies
 Widows or Widowers

Children's Ministries

Children's Fund For Christian
 Mission
 Children's Mission Projects
 Health Kits
 Parent's Day Out
 School supplies for children in
 Chicago
 Vacation Bible School
 Weekday Children's Center
 Four Homes of Mercy
 My Daughter's Place
 North Rampart Community Center
 White Swan Children's Program

Church & Society

Anti-Gambling Task Force
 Ecumenical Adult Care
 Fair Trade Coffee
 ILCAAAP (See Appendix 2)
 PATH
 Samaritan Interfaith
 Counseling Center

Health & Wellness

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

Missions

Harvest Home
 Hurricane Disaster Relief
 Katharine Manor (IILC)
 Kenya Mission
 Methodist Church of Myanmar
 Missionary - Kenya - Luhahi
 Missionary - Cameroon - Ndjungu
 Missionary - Red Bird - Smallwood
 Naperville CARES
 Naperville Community Outreach
 Partners in Mission
 Rebuilding Together - Aurora
 Red Bird Mission
 Russia Initiative
 Sharing Connections
 Wayside Cross & Lifespring
 YMCA Resource Center

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 from Nairobi. Backpacks were donated to the Pilgrimage Church in University Park to give to children in their neighborhood. Food was collected and given to Loaves & Fishes and to the Jirani Children's Choir. \$100 was sent to Nothing But Nets and an offering of \$500 was sent to the United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission in support of the following programs:

Four Homes of Mercy—Bethany, Palestine has provided residential care for severely disabled people with both congenital and acquired neurological disorders. Each of the Four Homes houses persons of different ages or genders. The Homes provide many social activities and trips for residents.

My Daughter's Place—Liberia, West Africa is designed to help girls rebuild their lives and give them hope by offering them counseling and life-skills training. They learn to sew, garden and bake. They also learn computer skills. The most important thing they receive is love and hope.

North Rampart Community Center—New Orleans, LA provides a summer camp for children ages 7-17. The program offers swimming, tutoring, computers, music and art. The children receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at the community center. Hopefully, the after-school program will be open soon.

White Swan Children's Program—White Swan, WA reaches out to the Native American population to provide after-

Forum Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings

Ministries supported through financial contributions from the Forum Class in 2008:

- ChildServ
- GUMC Heifer Project
- GUMC UMCOR
- Hesed House
- Illinois Independent Living
- Little Friends
- Loaves & Fishes
- North Central College Scholarships
- Seeds of Grace
- Senior Home Sharing
- Wayside Cross

Questors Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings

Ministries supported through financial contributions from the Questors Class in 2008:

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)

Music Ministries

- (See Appendix 2)
- Grace Concert Series
- Community Music Offerings

Local & Worldwide Hunger

- Bread for the World
- Common Pantry
- CROP Walk
- Heifer Project
- Hesed House
- Loaves & Fishes
- Wayside Cross
- World Hunger/Poverty

Religion & Race

- (See Appendix 2)
- Exodus World Service
- Global Refugee Response
- Interfaith Dialogue
- JUST of DuPage
- Native American Ministry
- North Central College Diversity Scholarships
- Peace and Justice Witness
- Trinity UMC Christmas Gifts
- Urban Camp Scholarships

Northern Illinois Conference

- Administration
- Apportionment giving
- Developing leaders for the church
- Developing and redeveloping the church
- Reconnecting the connection
- Claiming Christ on the margins

Youth Ministries

- Summer Youth Mission Trips
- Young Adult Ministry
- College ChristCare Ministry
- Wednesday Night Bible Study
- Sunday Night Youth Fellowship

United Methodist Women

(see Appendix 1)



Local Outreach Program Descriptions

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

Appendix 1 Other Grace Outreach Activities

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women (UMW) Mission giving for 2008 totaled \$21,471.94. In addition to individual memorials, UMW contributed to the below organizations. UMW has a long record of substantial contributions and service to the many missions/outreach organizations they support.

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
 Katharine Manor (Illinois Independent Living Center)
 ILCAAAP (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)

Church

Summer Youth Mission Trips
 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)

Volunteer Opportunities

- Organize World AIDS Day publicity and hand out ribbons and educational material in the Activity Center
- Present a more extensive educational program to Grace Church Sunday School classes, using materials available through the United Methodist Church

Grace Contact: Steve Southworth, 630-357-9429

Organization Contact: World AIDS Day, 0 207 814 6767 (UK)

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: Catherine Page, 630-420-8239; Sue Marseille, 630-717-9374; Phyllis Pepiot, 630-355-1748, ext. 222

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

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 Community 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.

Grace Contacts: Ron and Katy Klepper, 630-983-9130

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

Exodus World Service Volunteer Tutors

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, helping them to read and write English to pass the U.S. citizenship test, and helping 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 mentor 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 new U.S. citizens assimilate into American society as active participants 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, culture, and 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

made decisions about how we might support the growth of their congregation.

Accomplishments

We have begun supporting the development of a conference retreat 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 the work has been underway for some time and progress is being made. Voronezh is close enough to Volgograd that we could possibly combine both ministries.

Volunteer Opportunities

In March of 2009, some of our team 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

World AIDS Day

This educational program collects special offerings for one of the AIDS related assistance programs sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Our missions/outreach goal is to assist people living with HIV/AIDS as well as to support related outreach, education and ministries.

Objectives

- To pray for people around the world afflicted with HIV/AIDS
- To inform Grace members about the current status of the epidemic and future expectations
- To provide opportunities to give financially to organizations in mission to help people living with AIDS

Accomplishments

Our Kenya VIM trip in 2005 addressed HIV/AIDS in Africa. Through our contacts in Kenya, we have continued every year to provide support for AIDS ministries there through jewelry sales for Kenyan women and other fundraising events and special offerings. We continue to seek other local and international connections.

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 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 their work yearly financial support. **Grace Contact:** Julie Utter, 630-922-4157; Annette Swanson, 630-420-9638
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 explore a new partnership. At the suggestion of Bishop Hans Vaxby, we will consider a partnership with Hope United Methodist Church in Volgograd. By the time this booklet goes to press, we should have much more information about Hope UMC and will have

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) and 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 Method-

ist 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

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 with speaker Bob Thomas, Illinois Supreme Court Justice. 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 the Career Transition Workshop.

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

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

Missionary - Cameroon - Ndjungu

The Rev. Nkemba and Mbwizu Ndjungu are missionaries with the UMC General Board of Global Ministries assigned to Cameroon. Rev. Nkemba's ministries include evangelism and church growth. Ms. Mbwizu's responsibilities include women's ministries, children's ministries and health programs. 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 Lubumbashi, DRC. Nkemba and Mbwizu most recently served in Senegal. 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: Rev. Lisa Telomen, 630-355-1748, ext. 226

Missionary - Kenya - Luhahi

Lahi Luhahi is assigned to the Kenya Methodist University in Meru as a member of the faculty of business education, where he teaches mathematics. Yema Luhahi works in the nursing education program of Maua Methodist Hospital and its clinic

Volunteer Opportunities

Mission team leaders and volunteers are needed for future Volunteer in Mission trips to Kenya. We encourage prayers and support for ongoing projects in Kenya which seek to bring peace and justice to those living in extreme poverty.

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

Methodist Church of the Union of Myanmar

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 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.

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.

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 (Illinois Independent Living Center)

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
- Volunteers are made available to recipients, who direct their efforts for short-term projects

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers with a little extra time, a friendly spirit, and some "elbow grease" are needed to help renters complete simple, everyday tasks

Grace Contact: Darlene Noerenberg, 630-355-8994

Organization Contact: Katharine Manor, 630-357-0077

Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry is a food pantry located in Naperville. In the Fiscal Year 2008, Loaves & Fishes made 60,000 distributions containing 1,200 pounds of groceries. In November 2008, there was a 140 percent increase of first-time clients over last year at this time.

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 distrib-

ject 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, shared in fellowship and worship with the people of St. Peter's and Kaaga 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 Kenyans.

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. Since 2005, we have brought some of our Kenya project leaders to Grace to further educate us on the needs of people in Kenya and projects we can support as their partners in ministry. We plan to bring leaders in 2009 as well.

Children's Fund for Christian Mission

Part of the Rainbow Covenant program of the Northern Illinois Conference, 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.

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 Pro-

uted to the pantry from what is donated by the Grace congregation on the first Sunday of the month. In 2008, Grace's Harvest Home mission offering of \$6,314 was given to Loaves & Fishes food pantry.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Collect food, stock and clean the pantry
- Serve the clients and/or do clerical work
- Shop for food
- Assist with special food collections at Grace

Grace Contact: Ron Basinger, 630-355-3994

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

Naperville CARES

Naperville 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: Katheryn Hoffman, 630-717-6572

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

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

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 assistances. 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 letters" is planned. The team will help identify specific legislation in Congress that requires our support.

Grace Contact: Bob Owensby, 630-416-4513

Organization Contact: Mariah Priggen, 800-4470-BFW

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

United Methodist Homes and 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 Illinois 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

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 learn 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

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 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 share the power of prayer and Jesus with anyone we encounter.

Objectives

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

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 also provided additional 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

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

PATH– People Assisting with Transitional Housing

PATH is Grace Church's name for the work our partnership in transitional housing does 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 with specific, tangible needs or as a sounding board for ideas
- 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

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

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 with a faith-based peace group focused on 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

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

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

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

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 recruits 20-30 volunteer "builders" with various skills. Sign-ups begin 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 Center

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 Inter-

faith 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.

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

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

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 underserved 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.

Objective

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

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

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.

Accomplishments

- 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: Rev. Lisa Telomen, Religion and Race, 630-355-1748, ext. 226; Steve Southworth, 630-357-9429

Wayside Cross Ministries and Lifespring

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* – helps at-risk kids build positive relationships with each other, with adult Christian role models, and with Jesus Christ
- *Hope Outreach* – provides 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 support its six ministries. Separate financial support is also provided to Lifespring Ministry. Clothing and personal care items are collected year-round in the green bins near the choir rooms (lower level). Volunteers have helped prepare and serve meals at the Wayside Cross Center in Aurora.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to deliver donated 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 and deposit them in the green bins.

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

Organization Contact: Wayside Cross, 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 community. 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 for our Board if you have interest or experience with:

- Planning education/recreational programming for children