

## **2013 MISSION & OUTREACH MINISTRY REPORT**

Hunger and poverty were the primary focus of the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team in 2013.

Our ongoing efforts include the creation The Shepherd's Shelves, where we challenged the congregation to tithe with their food giving. Through the generous donations of our congregation we provided much needed food on a regular basis to local food pantries: FISH, CUMAC-ECHO and Elijah's Promise. In addition, we gave out grocery cards to FISH and Angel Tree families at Christmas and provided Christmas and Easter meals to FISH clients. In addition, we've begun the "Fishes and Loaves Cafe" where we offer a free meal once a month to the community.

Our relationship with FISH Hospitality continues as we host guests several times a year and collect socks, mittens, hats and scarves in December.

Due to severe weather, the CROP Walk did not physically take place, but monetary support was provided to CWS. Other activities that raised funds to be used toward easing hunger include "Souper" Bowl Sunday, a portion of Pumpkin Patch proceeds, and Coins for Missions. We also provided financial support to The Church of the Epiphany food pantry.

We continue our Epiphany Food Outreach Ministry with a few changes. We now serve a meal on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month and have begun a sponsorship opportunity for those in our congregation who want to be a part of this ministry.

Our church contributed to world outreach through six special Conference offerings: Human Relations Day, Peace with Justice Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Communion Sunday, Methodist Student Day, and Native American Ministry Sunday.

Our continuing participation in Prison Fellowship's program was a great success. We hosted 24 children from 13 families at our annual Christmas party where the children did crafts, played Bingo, had lunch and snacks and got to tell Santa their Christmas wish lists.

Our annual Mission Day was held on April 28, 2013, and our guest speaker was Christy Smith from UMCOR. She provided an overview of how our donations to UMCOR are used.

We continue to respond to needs elsewhere in the world. The congregation generously purchased the specific items necessary to enable us to assemble 13 flood buckets. In addition we collected funds for the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign, and we had a free will offering for Haiti Hope House when Rev. Franck Aguilh visited us in August.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hansen  
Mission Chair