

our world

Building Hope -- Building Hope is about developing a connection with a community of Kenyans who chose to form a United Methodist church because our member, missionary Julie Campbell, and our congregation, are United Methodist. We believe that God is calling us to reach out in faith and form a partnership with this new church. Our prayer is for God to guide us in this ongoing relationship with this church and community in Kenya so that Hope UMC can become a beacon of God's love and hope.

Sundress Ministry – This ministry project is dedicated to making and distributing dresses made out of pillowcases and t-shirts for little girls that live in poverty stricken areas of the world. Hundreds have been created and sent to warm climates, like Africa.

Human Trafficking Awareness – A group of people from our church and community meet regularly to promote awareness and ways to abolish Human Trafficking, an issue that affects not only those across the globe, but right here in our own back yard. People all over the world, mostly women and children, face slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. Through partnering with social justice organizations such as International Justice Mission, Love 146 and others, this group hopes to help abolish and bring about change and freedom for the oppressed, all in the name of bringing His kingdom here on earth.

Operation Christmas Child – Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse that provides impoverished children around the globe with shoeboxes every Christmas filled with gifts and necessities.

Global Aid Network – The GAIN distribution center is located less than five miles from our church. A ministry of Campus Crusade For Christ, the GAIN center gathers, packs and sends food, crisis supplies and other aid to countries in the poorest and most war-torn nations around the globe.

HOPE International – HOPE International is a Christian faith-based, nonprofit organization based in Lancaster that focuses on poverty alleviation through microenterprise development.

UMCOR – The humanitarian relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church, UMCOR's mission is to alleviate human suffering. Compelled by Jesus Christ, UMCOR provides practical, proactive support to the most vulnerable survivors of chronic or temporary emergencies due to natural or civil causes.

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ARTS

Graphic Design – Volunteers assist with various graphic design projects on an as-needed basis.

Photography – Volunteers assist with taking photographs of events and providing images for print and Web publications.

Writing – Volunteers write feature articles, conduct interviews and provide copy for print and Web publications.

Social Networking – Volunteers assist with maintaining the church's social networking profiles on Facebook and Twitter.



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TECH

Sound booth - Volunteers assist with running sound board and multi-media for worship services, children and youth programs and special events.

Video – Volunteers assist with producing, shooting and editing video for use in worship services and on the Web site.

IT – Volunteers assist with IT support in the church office.



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FACILITIES

Board of Trustees - The board that oversees the property and assets of the church. Regular meeting time is the first Thursday evening of the month.

Pew Rack Fillers – Once a month, volunteers fill pew racks with cards, pens and envelopes.

Maintenance – Volunteers assist with maintenance of the facility – i.e. repairing nicks in walls, basic carpentry and other handy-man jobs.

Events - Volunteers help with setting and tearing down tables and chairs for special events.



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our community

BIRD Ministry/House of Ruth – Beginning In the Right Direction seeks to provide women who have been in prison the spiritual and practical support to begin in the right direction. In 2007, BIRD, opened the House of Ruth, a residence where recently released women can find a safe, structured, Christ-centered family environment to love, nurture and encourage them. God calls us to bring Jesus to the hidden and isolated in prison, and to those seeking a new life that have recently been released. There are opportunities for both men and women to get involved.

Love, Inc. – The vision of Love, Inc. is to see every unmet need of the disadvantaged in our community met by churches working in partnership. They direct God's people toward works of service by connecting those interested in serving with existing needs. Needs vary, but a majority of referrals are for transportation to and from appointments, grocery shopping, house cleaning, etc.


Water Street Mission – Water Street Mission impacts people during their most desperate points of life. Through Christian faith and guidance, they challenge clients to question the choices, behaviors and patterns in which they find themselves. Our church serves the evening meal on the first and third Saturday of every month. To sign up, please visit the Missions table in the church lobby.

Community Meal Serving @ Christ Lutheran – Every other first Thursday of the month, we provide and serve a hot evening meal for more than 120 people at Christ Lutheran Church on Lafayette Street in Lancaster. We participate in this initiative with other churches who are part of the Lancaster County Council of Churches. Our team provides and prepares everything for the meal we serve.

Garden Harvest Ministry – This seasonal ministry grows, harvests and purchases fresh produce to distribute to hungry people in our community. We partner with Milagro House, Lydia Center and other community organizations, depending on the amount of harvest we receive.

LUMINA – In coordination with other United Methodist churches, LUMINA serves low-income families in the Lancaster City area.

Hempfield Area Food Pantry – We are a partner church in this regional food pantry that is committed to feeding the body and the soul. We help coordinate donations, volunteers and support for the food pantry. We serve clients on the third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



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WELCOMING

Greeters/Ushers – Volunteers serve as greeters and ushers during the 8:30 a.m. worship time.

Hosts – Volunteers welcome our guests at the doors, in the lobby and in the sanctuary.

Spirit Cafe – Volunteers greet those who come to the Spirit Cafe with a cup of coffee and a warm smile.

Welcome Center – Volunteers serve in the Welcome Center on Sunday morning, greeting guests and sharing information on church activities and room locations.

Receptionists – Volunteers welcome visitors at the door, answer phones and do light clerical work as requested. Schedules are regular Monday through Friday 4-5 hour shifts. Volunteers serve as regular receptionists or substitutes.

Night Owls – Volunteers welcome guests, answer phones and perform light operations support work as requested from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.



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TEACHING + LEADING

Small Groups – Volunteer leaders facilitate spiritual growth and personal development in the context of small groups. Leaders go through a short training program and work with staff on an ongoing basis.

Bible Studies – Volunteer leaders oversee the selection of curriculum and scheduling of women's and men's bible studies.

Learning Opportunities – Volunteer leaders oversee the development of special learning and discipleship opportunities that are offered on a short-term basis.



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CARE

Called to Care – Volunteers provide meals, transportation to appointments, help with pet care, house care and much more for people in crisis situations.

Pass It On – Caregivers visit 70+ members who are celebrating a birthday.

Coed Care – A team that sends cards, care packages and prays for our college and graduate students throughout the year.

Card Care – A team that sends cards to those celebrating special birthdays, anniversaries, newborns, homebound and those experiencing grief or recovering from injury.

Stamps of Love – Stamping enthusiasts who meet monthly to design and make beautiful cards for care ministry groups.

Caring Stitchers – Knitters and crocheters who create a variety of items in quiet prayer and contemplation.

Funeral Care – A caring team that meets with grieving families to help plan, coordinate and oversee the funeral service of their loved one.

Grief Care – A team that provides support to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one through cards and phone calls for one year.

Prayer Card Research Team – Collects and prays over all prayer cards and e-prayer requests collected throughout the week.

Telecare – Group that contacts church members by phone to ask for prayer concerns and give encouragement.

Prayer Chains – A chain of phone calls used for passing on prayer requests.


Prayer and Anchorite Team - Offers pray during and after worship services.

Emergency Response Team – Volunteer professional health care workers who are present during large church events.

Homebound Ministry – Trained Homebound ministers make monthly visits to those in our congregation who are unable to attend services due to extended illness or residency in a care facility.

Stephen Ministry – Stephen ministers are called and equipped to journey with people in need of special care. Each minister has extensive training and makes a two-year commitment.

Newborn Ministry – A team of volunteers makes care visits to the homes of families with new babies.



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CHILDREN + YOUTH

Please Note: According to Safe Sanctuary policy, volunteers are required to complete Safe Sanctuary training and be in regular attendance of Sunday morning worship for at least six months before they can serve with children or youth.

Nursery/Child Care

Volunteers provide care for our newborns through 30-month olds during the Sunday morning worship times and during other ministry events.

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Children

Kids Konnection – Volunteers assist with leading worship and teaching classes for the preschool Kids Konnection, Kids Konnection and Club 56 (fifth and sixth graders) weekly at 10 a.m.

Kidstuf – Volunteers assist with various aspects of the Kidstuf Family Production on the first and third Wednesday nights of the month at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

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Youth

Sunday Morning SHOUT - This middle school-aged group meets on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

Sunday Nite SHOUT – This high school-aged group meets on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m.

Worship – Volunteers assist with the SHOUT Worship Band.

Small Groups - Volunteers lead small groups.

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OPERATIONS

Mailing – Volunteers assist with the preparation of church mailings by labeling, stuffing inserts, taping, folding and putting mailing into zip code order.

Data – Volunteers assist with management and upkeep of the church's database.

Finance – Volunteers serve on the Finance Team and assist in various other aspects of accounting, reporting, auditing and investing.

Counting – Volunteers are responsible for counting the weekly offering. Time commitment is several hours every Monday morning.

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WORSHIP

Worship Bands – Band members lead worship at our 10 a.m. gathering. Bands consist of guitar (bass, electric and acoustic), keyboard, drums, vocalists and other instrumentalists. Each band rehearses on Wednesday nights and leads worship approximately twice a month.

Hallelujah Singers – An ensemble that sings monthly and on special occasions throughout the year. Rehearsal is on Wednesday evenings.

Gospel Guys – An ensemble that specializes in 19th and early mid-20th century gospel hymns. They lead primarily at the 8:30 a.m. worship time, approximately once a month.

Communion – Volunteers assist with the administering of the Lord's Supper on Communion Sundays. Volunteers also serve by coordinating the preparation of the communion elements.

Creative Team – Meets regularly to plan creative aspects of worship times.

Dance Team – Performs dance routines for worship times.

Drama Team – Writes, produces and performs dramas for Sunday morning worship times.

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