

CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT 2023

**CELEBRATING 26 YEARS OF SPECIAL SUPPORT
FOR OUR
WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE MISSION MINISTRIES**

**SUPPORTING:
Seven West Virginia Conference Mission Projects
Church and Community Ministries
New Vision Depot Disaster Response
and Volunteers in Mission**

Psalm 41:1: "*Blessed is he that considers the poor.*"

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2023 CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT INSTRUCTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Welcome to the 2023 Celebration of Mission Event. Through our gifts we celebrate the ONE who calls us to mission. 2023 will be the 26th year for Celebration of Mission Events, designed to support our Conference Mission Ministries, which include the seven Conference Mission Projects, the Church and Community Ministries, the New Vision Depot and the Volunteers in Mission. Over the past 14 years the Celebration of Mission Event has raised **\$1,442,971.54** in cash, plus an estimated one-half that amount in tangible goods for our mission ministries. The total includes \$100,432.41 given and distributed in 2022. For the past several years every penny received has been distributed to aid our mission ministries in the WV Conference.

DATES: Before COVID-19 we recommended that Celebration of Mission Events be held on or near the last Saturday of April. After a few years of disruption churches are returning to some degree of normalcy, so it is our hope that we can once again return to scheduled events on or near that date. Celebration of Mission Events that stand alone on a day separate from District Conferences usually produce greater results of both monetary and tangible gifts. Whatever C.O.M.E. meeting dates are set, it is **absolutely essential** that most funds for the Celebration of Mission Event are raised in local churches and districts **before** the date of the event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Contact your district office.
- Contact your district coordinator (See page 9).
- Contact the conference coordinator:
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- Information can be viewed and printed from the Conference Website at wvumc.org under Change the World and on the district websites.

FUNDRAISERS THAT HAVE WORKED IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walk-A-Thons |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craft Sales | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silent Auctions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bake Sales | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Auctions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Bakeless" Bake Sales | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yard Sales |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Offerings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loose Change Collections |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Church Challenges | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dollar-A-Member or a \$5 Sunday |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinners/Dinner Theaters | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Polar Plunge |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children's Projects | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Fund Raiser |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gospel Sings | |

Each local church is requested to complete at least **one fundraiser** during each year.

THE CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT IS:

- An opportunity for all persons and churches to present the fruits of our faith, labor and commitment to the support of our United Methodist Mission Ministries: 7 Conference Mission Projects, 1 Church and Community Ministry, Volunteers in Mission and the New Vision Depot Disaster Response.
 - Reaching out to help the needs of our annual conference through local fundraising and by gathering material goods for mission kits, food for hungry persons, work teams and providing for other needs as they arise.
 - Celebrating the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to do good in this world as the Body of Christ, and the joy of working together to help meet the needs of thousands of persons served by our Mission Ministries.
- ✝ **COME** join other congregations in supporting conference missions with your presence the day(s) of the Event. All sites will have informative project displays and representatives to share up-to-date information. Some sites will have craft and quilt bazaars, meals, bake sales refreshments, worship, various forms of entertainment, auctions and much more.

DONATIONS OF TANGIBLE GOODS:

- Each Celebration Event will be accepting goods for specific conference missions. Please review the "**Needs List**" for the project(s) assigned to your district.
- Congregations are encouraged to collect items of food and goods for many months previous to the District Event.
- Please consult the rotation for each year to determine which missions have been assigned to your district. Informational pages for each mission can be found on the pages that follow. Please use these pages to target the specific needs of the missions.

Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV): *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.*

RESPONSE GUIDELINES – MONETARY GIFTS

Celebration of Mission Gifts of Money for Local Church Credit:

- Monetary gifts from the local church may be sent to the Conference Treasurer in Charleston as they are generated throughout the entire year.
- Monetary gifts should be checked in at the Celebration of Mission Event site the day of the event.
- Make checks payable to the **West Virginia Conference Treasurer** and send to PO Box 2469, Charleston WV 25329. *(A Remittance Form is provided in this booklet.)*
- For church credit, **all** contributions **must** be written on a **church check** signed by the **local church treasurer**.
- To mail checks to the Conference Treasurer, complete the conference remittance form and note the project number and "COME" on the memo line of the check.
- Send only checks or money orders to the Conference Treasurer. **Do not send cash.**
- Monetary gifts may also be sent to your District Office, but checks should be made payable to the Conference Treasurer.
- **Please do not** send Celebration of Mission Event money directly to the mission ministries. All funds should be sent to the Conference Treasurer.
- **Undesignated giving is preferred**, but if you wish to support a specific project, use the assigned numbers below on your remittance form.

#875 Undesignated gifts (Assures that all mission ministries receive equal amounts.)

#880 Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries (South Charleston) – Eddie Bucklen

#881 Ebenezer Community Outreach Center (Huntington) – Celes Sheffield

#883 Heart and Hand House, Inc. (Philippi) – Buck Edwards

#884 House of the Carpenter (Wheeling) – Mike Linger

#887 Scott's Run Settlement House (Osage) – Mike Richard

#888 Tyrand Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (Mill Creek) – Belinda Toms

#889 Upshur Parish House (Buckhannon) – Kristi Wilkerson

#892 Volunteers in Mission-David Stilgenbauer

#893 New Vision Depot (Beaver) – David Stilgenbauer

#896 Greater Clarksburg Parish – Anna Troy

Undesignated Gifts will be distributed using the following formula:

- ✓ Up to **\$1,000** deducted for administrative costs if needed. (**\$0.00** used in recent years.)
- ✓ **10%** of the **undesignated gifts** total deposited with The United Methodist Foundation for the Conference Mission Projects Trust Fund. Distributions are made once annually to Conference Mission Ministries from the Trust Fund – (**\$1,318.00** each in 2023).
- ✓ The remaining **90%** will be distributed to provide equal funding for each Conference Mission Project, the New Vision Depot and Volunteers in Mission.
- ✓ Church and Community Ministries will receive one-half (1/2) the amount given to Conference Mission Projects, the New Vision Depot and Volunteers in Mission.

GIFTS OF GOODS TO MISSIONS

- Please donate only new items. (Check food expiration dates.)
- All undamaged, commercially packaged foods are acceptable.
- Home-canned foods **cannot** be accepted.
- Collect items on the NEEDS LIST of your district's assigned missions and bring to your district's site, or to drop-off points designated by your district.
- No monetary credit will be given to churches or individuals for donated goods. If you wish to prepare an inventory of items donated (item, cost, amount) for your own records or report to your local church, please do so.
- Please designate the mission ministry for which you are providing items when your district is supporting more than one mission.
- Donated goods are to be specified for one or more of the mission ministries your district is assigned to support, and not for another mission ministry.

SALES OF ITEMS AT CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENTS

➤ Record all onsite sales on the Fundraising Report Form provided at the site.

➤ All onsite sales are **undesigned** and will be distributed to mission ministries in accordance with the funds' distribution formula. (See page 5.)

➤ **Do not send Celebration of Mission Event cash funds directly to any mission ministry. All cash is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer in check form.**

I John 3:18 NIV: *Let us not love with words or tongue,
but with actions and in truth.*

2023 CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT SCHEDULES

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
<u>GREENBRIER-WESLEYAN</u>	Contact your District Office.		
<u>LITTLE KANAWHA</u>	Contact your District Office		
<u>MONVALLEY</u>	April designated as COME MONTH. Collecting now. Collection Dates: April 29 at Life UMC & May 6 at First UMC-Elkins – 10:00 AM - Noon		
<u>NINE RIVERS</u>	Contact your District Office.		
<u>NORTHERN</u>	Contact your District Office.		
<u>POTOMAC HIGHLANDS</u>	Contact your District Office.		
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	Contact your District Office.		

Proverbs 22:9 NIV: A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

In 2022 the Celebration of Mission Event raised and distributed **\$100,432.41** for our Conference Mission Ministries. \$9,685.00 was given to each Conference Mission Project, the New Vision Depot and VIM, and \$5,320.00 to the Greater Clarksburg Parish Church and Community Ministry. \$7,582.41 was deposited into the Conference Mission Projects Trust Fund for the support of our Conference Mission Ministries.

Thank you, local churches, pastors and other leaders for this splendid response during another difficult year for our churches.

During the past 14 years the Celebration of Mission Event has raised **\$1,442,971.54** for our Conference Mission Ministries, plus provided about half that amount in food and other tangible goods donations.

2023 CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT DISTRICT ROTATIONS

DISTRICT	EMPHASIZED MISSIONS
Greenbrier- Wesleyan	The House of the Carpenter Tyrand Cooperative Ministries
Little Kanawha	Upshur Parish House New Vision Depot
Mon Valley	Tyrand Cooperative Ministries Heart and Hand House – Philippi Volunteers in Mission
Nine Rivers	Heart and Hand House – Philippi Upshur Parish House
Northern	Ebenezer Community Outreach Center Heart+Hand Outreach Ministries – S Charleston
Potomac Highlands	Greater Clarksburg Parish C & C Ministry New Vision Depot
Southern	Scott’s Run Settlement House The House of the Carpenter Volunteers in Mission

PLEASE NOTE: The Rotation List is for the designation of tangible goods only.

- Cash gifts may be designated, but undesignated giving is encouraged.
- Undesignated cash gifts will be divided to provide an equal amount for all Conference Mission Projects and Volunteers in Mission.
- A 1/2 share of cash gifts will be distributed to the Greater Clarksburg Parish Church & Community Ministry.
- A representative from the assigned ministries should be invited to the District COME or District Conference to speak and present their ministries.

2023 CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT DISTRICT AND CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

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Heart + Hand

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 880
2023 District Support Assignment: Northern

MISSION AND MINISTRY

Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries provides basic needs assistance in the form of food, clothing, utility or rent assistance, diapers, formula, work shoes/boots. We provide food and gifts at Christmas and weekend food bags for South Charleston Middle School students that might not have enough to eat over the weekend. We work with applicants to develop a strategy to improve their current situation. Our service areas are Kanawha County: South Charleston, St. Albans, Tornado, Dunbar, Institute, Alum Creek, Davis Creek, the Upper Kanawha Valley, and all of Putnam County.

Our new community room is being used to offer classes and beneficial programs for the entire community.

Over 5,000 unduplicated individuals benefit annually from our programs. We have social service offices in South Charleston and inside Winfield United Methodist Church. We operate a Thrift Store in South Charleston where we provide vouchers for clothing and household goods to social service recipients. It also operates as a year-round fundraiser for our programs.

NEEDS LIST

Hygiene Items: Razors, Men & Women's Deodorant, Size 4 Diapers, Size 4t-5t pull ups for boys & girls.

Cleaning Supplies: Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Dish Soap, Floor & Bathroom Cleaner.

Food: Ravioli or other canned pasta, Chunky Canned Soup, Canned Chicken, Rice, Dried Beans, Dry Spaghetti & Canned Spaghetti Sauce.

New Vision Depot

P.O. Box 830 Beaver WV 25813
Physical Address: 1200 Airport Road, Beaver, WV
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Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 893
2023 District Support Assignments:
Little Kanawha & Potomac Highlands



MISSION AND MINISTRY:

New Vision Depot is a new and exciting extension ministry created by the West Virginia Annual Conference Disaster Response Committee. Located near the Southern Coal Fields, *New Vision Depot* provides a quick, ready access to critical supplies and materials to help survivors in their recovery from natural disasters. The Depot is housed in a 6,000 square foot warehouse located within the former USDA complex on Airport Road in Beaver, WV, and works in conjunction with the *Raleigh County Office of Emergency Management*. It functions as a warehouse to readily supply relief and recovery supplies in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. Additionally, as a distribution hub, the *Depot* enables maximum accountability for incoming and outgoing supplies acquired through the many generous monetary and in-kind donations received by the WV Conference Disaster Response Ministries during disasters. *The Depot* was birthed and “baptized” during the June 2016 flooding event.

A second building on the New Vision Depot property has recently been renovated and now provides an area for work teams to stay at the complex with sleeping areas, showers and a place to prepare meals. This second building also provides adequate space for staff, work teams and volunteers to build and inspect flood/clean-up buckets, health kits, and school kits.

We continually need your prayers, your in-kind donations, your hands-on service and cash funding.

NEEDS LIST:

➤ **Cleaning Items:** 32-64oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent, 4-8oz. pump spray air freshener, 6-14oz. pump spray insect repellent or packets, scrub brushes, reusable cleaning wipes, scouring pads.

➤ **Storage Containers:** 33-45 gallon size heavy-duty trash bags, gallon and quart Zip Lock bags, 2.5 gallon Zip Lock bags.

➤ **Miscellaneous Items:** N95 respirator dust masks, leather work gloves, heavy duty extension cords, 50 or 100 foot clothes line, Non Cellulose Sponges.

➤ **Personal Care Items:** paper towels, bathroom tissue, hand towels, combs (NO pocket combs), toenail and fingernail clippers.

EBENEZER COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER, INC (ECOC)

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Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 881

2023 District Support Assignment: Northern

MINISTRY AND MISSION:

Ebenezer Community Outreach Center, Inc. offers a state licensed childcare and after-school program for youth ages two through twelve. Our philosophy is to provide children with a safe and nurturing environment where learning can be fun and free. It is our goal to help children grow in self-esteem and in their relationships with others and, by providing quality programs and services, to assist the children in reaching their fullest developmental potential.

Other programs offered include:

- Baby Bassinets,
- School Supplies,
- Christmas Angel,
- Family Enrichment,
- Clothing Closet and
- Huntington Museum of Art program.

NEEDS:

Copy Paper

Paint Brushes

Playdough

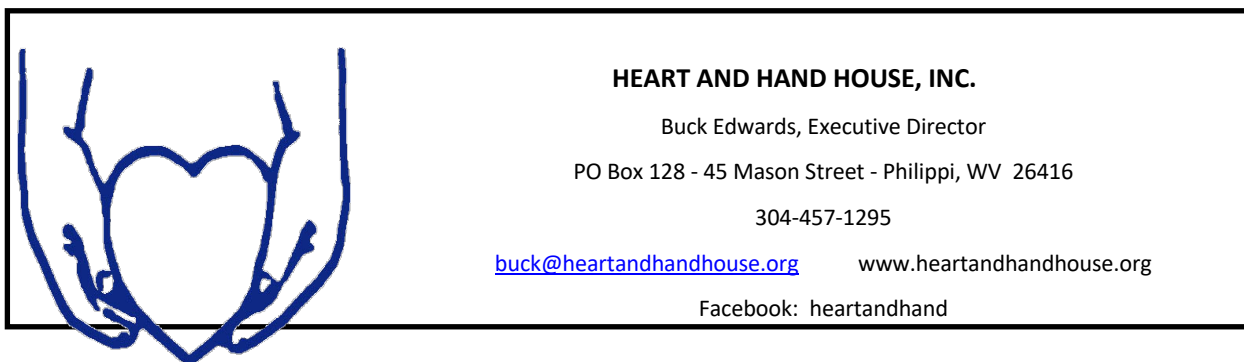
Puzzles for Ages 2-12

Blocks

Baby Dolls

Baby Wipes

Lysol



*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 883
 2023 District Support Assignments: MonValley & Nine Rivers*

MINISTRY AND MISSION:

Heart and Hand House, established in 1965, aids more than 1,700 low-income families in Barbour County, WV, annually with: food; layette and infant-care items; limited financial assistance; clothing; hygiene and cleaning items; home repair & construction (summer); backpack and summer feeding programs; and a Christmas Basket distribution. We also operate two thrift stores, one in Belington and one in Philippi, as well as the Barbour County Community Garden Market, also located in Philippi.

NEEDS LIST:

Backpack Program: cheese or peanut butter crackers, pudding cups, fruit/applesauce cups, oatmeal packets, macaroni and cheese (individual servings), granola bars, juice boxes (100% juice preferred).

Food Pantry: peanut butter, breakfast foods, corn bread mix, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned vegetables (other than green beans and corn), stuffing mix and other side dishes.

Layette/Infant Care: diapers, crib linens, receiving blankets, clothing, towels, washcloths, powder, lotion, shampoo, bibs, bottles, etc. (see our website for full list).

Hygiene Items: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream razors, brushes, combs, Band-Aids, toilet paper.

Cleaning Items: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish detergent, all-purpose cleaner, sponges, rubber gloves, paper towels, trash bags.

Office: copy paper, trash bags (13 gal. & 33 gal.), toilet paper, paper towels.



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Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 884
2023 District Support Assignments: Greenbrier-Wesleyan & Southern

MINISTRY AND MISSION:

The House of the Carpenter is living into it's mission of "Meeting the needs of today; Building hope for tomorrow". Currently, there are over 50 different opportunities to serve our neighbors in need. Volunteers and financial plus in kind donations are the key pieces to our work. The fruits of the ministry are evident in children from the elementary school being fed over the weekend to low income students entering college because of our Pathways to Success program. Every week, over 1,300 express the love of Christ through the ministries that are offered. Our neighbors often tell us that they feel loved, respected, supported and safe in our space.

Examples of the ministry include:

- **The Ministries of Mercy:** These programs meet basic needs and include the Food Pantry, Weekend Backpack Program, Utility Assistance, Underwear Room, Christmas Kids, School Supplies, handicap accessibility ramps, Cougar Cocoa, book parties, and more.
- **The Ministries of Transformation:** These programs seek to educate and provide opportunities for people to improve their quality of life. Some of the programs include cooking programs for all ages, Pathways to Success, Middle School After School Program, STEM camp over spring break, STEAM camp for the month of July. Guitar, multiple Dance Classes, Archery, and Art Classes, various sports camps, yoga. This is constantly being adapted to meet our developing needs.

NEEDS:

This year the HOC is seeking donations for two of our most requested items:

1. **Personal Care items:** Soap, shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene, toothbrush, toothpaste
2. **Cleaning supplies:** Dish soap, laundry detergent, floor cleaner, bathroom cleaner

When our neighbors go through the food pantry, we always have requests for personal care items and for cleaning supplies. These are things that are necessary but cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits. Visit our nwebsite at: www.houseofthecarpenter.com or find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Houseofthecarpenter01>



SCOTT'S RUN SETTLEMENT HOUSE

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Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 887

2023 District Support Assignment: Southern

MISSION AND MINISTRY

Scott's Run Settlement House provides basic necessities to those in need in Monongalia County. The Food Pantry, Backpack Feeding Program, Baby Pantry, and Seasonal Outreach programs allow us to provide for those most in need.

NEEDS LIST

- Size 5 and Size 6 diapers
- Baby wipes
- Oatmeal (in individual packets)
- Canned soup
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Crackers

TYRAND COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES

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Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 888

2023 District Support Assignments: Greenbrier-Wesleyan & MonValley

MISSION AND MINISTRY: Faith and Action Joined in Love

Tyrand Cooperative Ministries, Inc. is a mission project located in Randolph County that seeks to live out our Christian Discipleship in response to the needs of others. Tyrand offers:

- Emergency Assistance with rent, utilities and prescriptions
- Food Pantry, Christmas Baskets and Thanksgiving Meals
- Thrift Store – provides clothing and household items
- Christmas Store – provides toys, underwear and school supplies throughout the year
- Home Repair Program
- Day Camp Program – Bible School for Children (K-6)
- Heated & Air Conditioned Bunkhouse – for youth and adult retreats and work teams.
- Approved Randolph County Schools Agency – allowing students to get volunteer hours
- Approved Disaster Shelter that has been put to emergency use

NEEDS LIST:

Christmas Store: New toys, underwear for children & adults, gloves, socks, toboggans

Food Pantry: Canned vegetables, sweet peas, sauerkraut, green beans, tomatoes, corn, carrots, applesauce, fruit cocktail, flour, dry beans, cereal, pork-n-beans, macaroni, peanut butter, hot dogs, hamburger, tuna, milk, mac & cheese, soup, potatoes, bread, sweet potatoes, jelly, spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce.

School Store: 70 sheet spiral notebooks, glue, crayons (24 ct), loose leaf paper, highlighters, rulers, book bags, erasers, scissors, folders, pens and pencils

Home Repair: Hammers, nail aprons, paint brushes, paint rollers & pans, work gloves, tape measures, chalk lines, drills, saws (hand or electric), shovels, post hole diggers and rakes

Main Building and Bunkhouse: Paper towels, toilet tissue, dishwashing liquid, bleach, window cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, garbage bags, copy paper, paper clips, staples, postage stamps, liquid soap, cake soap.....and VOLUNTEERS – LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS:

- Cash gifts are always appreciated. Send COME checks to the WV Conference Treasurer.
- Clothing and household items are always needed and welcomed for sale in our Thrift Store.
- Include Tyrand in your local church budget and send gifts regularly.
- One of the greatest gifts we treasure is the gift of your presence as you visit to observe our ministries or send a work team to assist our ministries.

THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND TANGIBLE SUPPORT.



UPSHUR PARISH HOUSE

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Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 889
2023 District Support Assignments: Little Kanawha & Nine Rivers

MINISTRY AND MISSION:

The Upshur Cooperative Parish House is a mission project powered by prayer and volunteers. Growing out of significant need resulting from the 1985 flood, we offer rent and utility assistance, clothing, a food pantry, layettes, holiday meal baskets and backpacks with school supplies. We serve community lunches every Wednesday and Friday that are free and open to all. We operate the Clothes Closet, a thrift store offering gently used clothing and household items. We partner with the City of Buckhannon and Upshur County Commission on many projects including a community garden that provides fresh produce for our neighbors (clients). A layette program provides new mothers with everything needed to begin caring for newborns. We partner with West Virginia Wesleyan College on many projects including their Service Scholar program. We offer safe space for neighbors to enjoy a cup of coffee and visit with one another. No matter the need, we work to assist all of God's beloved children who come to us for help, looking to fulfill basic needs and improve their quality of life.

NEEDS LIST:

Personal Care and Household Items: Personal hygiene supplies (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant), feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads), powdered laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, and paper towels.

School Supplies: Backpacks for children and youth, as well as items for homework completion such as highlighters, pens, pencils, single subject notebooks, loose leaf paper packs, pink eraser blocks, safety scissors, Crayola crayons, markers, and pencil sharpeners.

Food: Grape jelly.

Layettes: Hooded bath towels, newborn and size 1 diapers and wipes, receiving blankets, onesies, hats, baby lotion, baby shampoo and body wash, bottles, sleepers, books or toys such as rattles, and laundry baskets.



GREATER CLARKSBURG COOPERATIVE PARISH

Open Heart Ministries of Harrison County, INC.

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Church and Community Worker

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Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 896
2023 District Support Assignment: Potomac Highlands

MINISTRY AND MISSION:

The Greater Clarksburg Cooperative Parish, consisting of 11 churches in Clarksburg and Bridgeport, serve the community through various outreach ministries. These include four food pantries and resources for the low- and fixed-income households.

Open Heart Ministries is an ecumenical ministry that serves the people of Harrison County by providing financial assistance with rent and utilities. Our mission is to help people meet their basic needs and to assist individuals, families, and churches to change the conditions of oppression in a way that preserves dignity. This is achieved by providing basic services and advocacy. In many cases, we collaborate with state and local agencies and other faith-based groups so that the most pressing needs are met. In 2019, we served 435 households with their financial requests. Further resources and referrals are provided as needed.

NEEDS LIST:

Food Pantry: peanut butter, dry beans, rice, breakfast foods, corn bread mix, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned vegetables, stuffing mix and other side dishes.

Hygiene Items: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream razors, brushes, combs, Band-Aids, toilet paper.

Office: stamps, envelopes, printer ink (HP 63 black and color)

General Ministry: financial donations to assist the families

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 892
2023 District Support Assignments: MonValley & Southern*

MINISTRY AND MISSION:

Since the mid 1970s the West Virginia Annual Conference has been organizing and sending work teams throughout the world to minister to church and community needs. West Virginia Conference UMVIM Coordinator, David Stilgenbaur, is mandated to train and mobilize volunteers for mission, and to provide opportunities and resources for those going out into the mission field as a work team member and witness for Christ.

2023 VIM SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

1. **Florida Hurricane Recovery:** One VIM team went to Ft. Myers, FL to assist with recovery efforts quickly in December 2022. A second team is going February 26 to March 11, 2023. Interested persons should contact David Stilgenbaur.
2. **Alaska Mission Journey – Anchorage:** July 21-August 4, 2023. Cost - \$1,400.00 plus airfare. Contact David Stilgenbaur for additional information and applications.

WAYS TO HELP VIM THROUGH COME AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

1. Become a "Partner in Ministry" Church.
2. Hold a fundraising event for VIM at your church.
3. Participate in leading or joining a VIM team in the WV Conference.
4. Circulate VIM promotional materials.
5. Make a cash contribution for VIM support through the Celebration of Mission Event.
6. Observe VIM Awareness Day in your church on or near February 19, 2023.

All monetary contributions should be sent to the WV Conference Treasurer, Receipts Office, PO Box 2469, Charleston, WV 25329

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION IS ABOUT VOLUNTEERS!

**WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT**

**DISTRIBUTION OF 2022 CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT FUNDS
RECEIVED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022**

MISSION PROJECT	DESIGNATED FUNDS	UNDESIGNATED FUNDS	TOTAL DISTRIBUTION
UM Foundation Trust for Mission Projects (Formerly CDOM)	\$ 0.00	\$7,582.41	\$ 7,582.41
Heart+Hand Outr Min	\$ 2,570.00	\$7,115.00	\$ 9,685.00
Ebenezer	\$ 2,000.00	\$7,685.00	\$ 9,685.00
Heart & Hand – Phil	\$ 3,923.00	\$5,762.00	\$ 9,685.00
House of Carpenter	\$ 2,280.00	\$7,405.00	\$ 9,685.00
Scott's Run	\$ 3,803.00	\$5,882.00	\$ 9,685.00
Tyrand Coop. Min.	\$ 425.00	\$9,260.00	\$ 9,685.00
Upshur Parish House	\$ 3,275.00	\$6,410.00	\$ 9,685.00
VIM	\$ 975.00	\$8,710.00	\$ 9,685.00
Clarksburg Parish	\$ 2,160.00	\$3,160.00	\$ 5,320.00**
New Vision Depot	\$ 3,165.00	\$6,885.00	\$ 10,050.00**
TOTALS	\$24,576.00	\$75,856.41	\$ 100,432.41

Submitted by Cliff Schell
WV Conference Celebration of Mission Event Coordinator
December 31, 2022

***June-December designated funds brought total beyond distribution formula.*

The **Mission Projects Trust Fund** is supported by 10% of **undesignated** Celebration of Mission Event Cash Funds, and administered by the United Methodist Foundation. The balance in the fund as of December 31, 2022 was \$358,790.37. Each Conference Mission Project, VIM and the Church and Community Ministry received a distribution of \$1,318.00 in January 2023 – another by-product from COME support. Trust Fund donations may also be sent directly to the United Methodist Foundation at PO Box 3811, Charleston, WV 25338-3811.

WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
LOCAL CHURCH or INDIVIDUAL 2023 COME REMITTANCE FORM

Please send remittances to:
West Virginia Conference Treasurer (Receipts Office)
PO Box 2469 Charleston, WV 25329

DISTRICT: _____ DATE: _____

LOCAL CHURCH OR INDIVIDUAL: _____

LOCAL CHURCH NUMBER {from Conference Journal or Conference Treasurer}:

TOTAL REMITTED FOR EACH MISSION MINISTRY:

(Note: All checks are to be made payable to the West Virginia Conference Treasurer.)

#875 Undesignated Gifts (equally divided) ----- \$ _____

#880 Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries ----- \$ _____

#881 Ebenezer Community Outreach Center ----- \$ _____

#883 Heart and Hand House, Inc. – Philippi ----- \$ _____

#884 House of the Carpenter ----- \$ _____

#887 Scott's Run Settlement House ----- \$ _____

#888 Tyrand Cooperative Ministries, Inc. ----- \$ _____

#889 Upshur Parish House ----- \$ _____

#892 Volunteers in Mission ----- \$ _____

#893 New Vision Depot ----- \$ _____

#896 Greater Clarksburg Cooperative Parish ----- \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTED ----- \$ _____

Remitted by _____, Treasurer

Signature

Please email a copy to Cliff Schell at cliffschell@frontier.com.

*"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."
--John Wesley*