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How We Serve

The collection of activities is not all inclusive, but it is a good representation of our desire to follow God's command to love one another.

John 13: 34-35

34 [A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another.](#) 35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”...

First Church Contributes to Many Programs, Projects Outside Its Walls

by Mike Warwick

Year after year, First Church actively supports programs and projects in the community, state, nation and world. Because an enormous amount of volunteer labor is expended on many programs supported by the people of First Church, it's hard to attach dollar amounts but the value is unquestionable.

Examples: The Wednesday after-school program **WOW (Way Out Wednesdays)**, which regularly attracted more than 25 children this year; the day-long program for children offered when Kanawha County Schools are canceled because of inclement weather (**Snow Days**); and **Vacation Bible School**. Each of these programs helps introduce many children to Christ.

First Church members also prepare and serve meals to the homeless as part of the **Harvest Time** program. The more than one dozen gardeners who are active in First Church's **Community Garden** covenant to annually donate at least 10 percent of their harvest to others in need.

First Church historically pays 100 percent of its apportionments and did so in 2016. Last year's apportionments included \$18,533 for world service — a typical year. **World service** is composed of developing Christian leaders, construction and renewing of worship places, ministry with the poor, prevention of disease and elimination of poverty throughout the world.

Six special offerings last year supported programs and people outside of First Church, including a total of \$4,206 for the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**; **Community Development Outreach Ministries** (CDOM — Heart and Hand); **Scott's Run Settlement House** (Monongalia County); **United Methodist Student Day** (for ministry scholarships); **human relations**; **Native American awareness**; and **One Great Hour of Sharing** (a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters); and other projects.

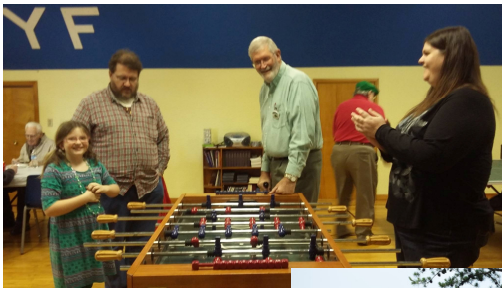
In the wake of the **June 2016 West Virginia floods**, First Church contributed \$3,432 to the conference specifically for flood relief. The church also collected an estimated \$1,000 worth of toys and more than 50 stuffed animals and donated them to families in Clay County. The church has since continued its flood-relief efforts, sending work teams to the Clendenin area and raising \$1,540 at a pancake luncheon in March.

Members of First Church often donate cereal, canned goods and other nonperishable food items to **Heart and Hand** which are worth an average of about \$100 a month. As a result of these and other donations, no one who visits Heart and Hand and is in need of food walks away empty handed. First Church annually participates in **Samaritan's Purse International Relief Operation Christmas Child**, which sends shoeboxes filled with gifts to children around the world. In 2016 First Church sent 25 shoeboxes with an estimated value of \$500.

Christmas food baskets for **Heart and Hand** is First Church's largest annual special project. We prepared 50 baskets for many years and in recent years we've upped that to 60 baskets. However, "baskets" hardly describes these gifts. In addition to a wide variety of staples, each recipient receives bags of fresh fruit and vegetables, plus a ham, milk and bread. These gifts have a total value of approximately \$9,000, which equates to \$150 per gift.



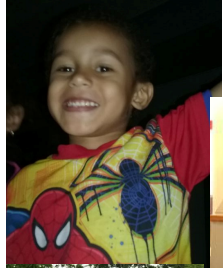
- **UM Youth**—UM Youth Fellowship (Middle and High School Students)-meets Sunday Nights, 5:30 -7:00 p.m., in the Youth Room for dinner and Bible Study.





• **Way Out Wednesdays!**
5:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner
is provided and the
children participate in
Bible activities, games
and song. Come and
Join Us!!

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Snow Day Program

When schools close due to inclement weather, parents scramble to find alternative childcare. Missing work is not an option for many working parents. So when Kanawha County Schools close due to inclement weather, FUMC-SC offers a snow day program by opening its doors to children ages four and up between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch are served and the children have the opportunity to play games, make crafts, watch movies and sing.

Everything is free!



Vacation Bible School

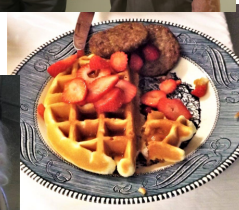
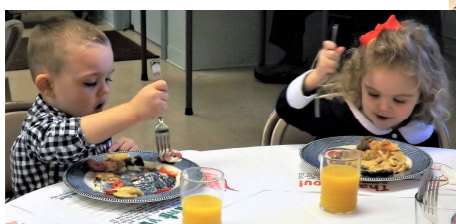


Helping Others

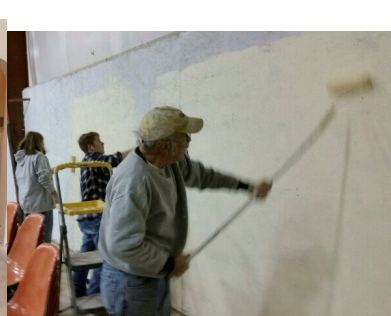
UM Men—Meets the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Social Hall.



UM Men's Pancake Luncheon raised over **\$1400** for **WV Flood Relief**.



GOTO—Giving Our Time to Others



Two work parties went to the flood area to help get people back on their feet.



Volunteers worked at Heart and Hand sorting donations.

60 Food Baskets for families in our local area for the holidays.



Caryl Snyder Volunteer of the Year.

The Joy in Fellowship



**DIVAS (Divinely Inspired
Victorious And Serving)**



**DIVAS
Painting
Parties**

DIVAS Girls Night Out



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Sunday School Bowling Battle



Your Faith In Color An Adult Coloring Group



- Meets 1st and 3rd Friday in Social Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Join us for a relaxing time as we color, chat and laugh!





DIVAS

Beth Moore

Simulcast 2016



Community Involvement



**Breaking
Bread
Community
Dinner**

Community Garden



DIVAS Springtime Market helping support the home businesses and crafters in our area



Things to look forward to every year!

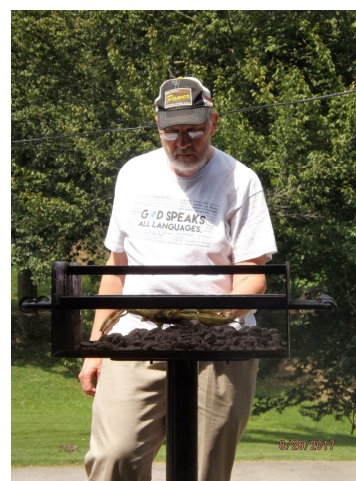
Valentine Dinner



Antique Car Show



Church Picnic

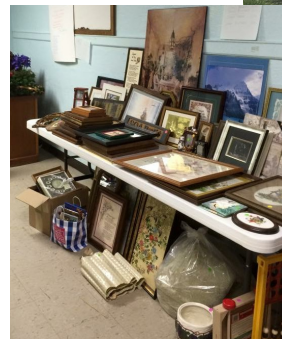


Kay Hall Hike For Hunger



Rick Johnston Memorial Bike Ride

UMW Fall Flea Market



UMW Cookie Spectacular

