

A Word about Second Mile Giving

Dear Friends:

The Outreach Committee of our congregation is committed to serving our brothers and sisters in need in our community, state, nation, and world. Our congregation provides incredible support to local charities through our Bags of Blessings program, including NNEMAP, New Life UMC, UMCH Family Services, YWCA Family Center, and Worthington Resource Pantry. During the holidays we provide boxes of food to the hungry through Bethlehem on Broad Street. Some serve the needs of others by preparing sandwiches or making sleeping mats for the homeless, or serving meals at the Summer Lunch Program, Gates Fourth UMC, the YWCA Family Center, or the Friendship Dinner free meal. Many regularly donate blood to the Red Cross, mentor students in reading through Project MORE, help church members with household assistance, or walk the streets of Worthington supporting the CROP Walk. We send mission teams on work projects both locally and nationally.

We also have the opportunity to show our love and support of those in need through our financial gifts. Each year the Outreach Committee selects projects to support financially through Second Mile Giving. ***Second Mile Giving is over and above your pledge to support the church's operating budget.*** This year nine projects have been selected. Information about each one may be found in this brochure. The undesignated discretionary funds allocation is used to fund our internal outreach programs, taking pressure off the operating budget, and also to bolster the financial support to the nine causes. The Committee is asking you to prayerfully consider supporting one or more of the listed programs or the undesignated fund throughout the coming year.

Please remember, that we are counting on each other to support the ministries of our church and our annual apportionments with our commitment and pledge to the operating budget. That commitment is our top priority, and the **first mile** for monetary contributions to our church. We pray that as you are able, you will help our congregation's second mile effort to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

God bless each of you,

The Outreach Committee

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Outreach

Second Mile Giving 2017 Worthington United Methodist Church

*Second Mile Giving Envelopes are available
in the Sanctuary pew pockets.*

Second Mile Giving is an opportunity to support projects recommended through our Outreach Committee that touch lives locally, regionally, nationally and globally. It is part of our commitment as a congregation to take action and serve those in need. This brochure highlights the projects we seek to support.

Worthington Resource Pantry

Worthington, Ohio



Worthington Resource Pantry was opened in 2009 through the efforts of many people including several from our congregation. It was created to fill a large and growing need for struggling neighbors in our own community. In the current economy even though many have a source of income, it is not enough to make ends meet.

Web site: www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org

UMCH Family Services

Worthington, Ohio



United Methodist Children's Home Family Services provides Treatment Foster Care, Wesley Child and Family Counseling, and Adoption Services. They provide hope and teach important values in the context of unconditional Christian love.

Web site: www.umchoio.org

Creative Play Center Scholarship Fund

Worthington, Ohio

Creative Play Center (CPC) is a licensed childcare center, operating as a ministry of Worthington UMC. CPC serves approximately 70 children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Scholarships help us to provide quality early care and education to children and families in our community. Since 1972, the scholarship fund has provided more than \$300,000 to families with financial need.

Web site: www.creativeplaycenterworthington.org

Worthington Friendship Dinners

Worthington, Ohio

A free, hot meal to anyone in the community who is hungry for food, fellowship, or the unconditional love and nourishment of God. The meal is served at Worthington UMC on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Web site: www.worthingtonumc.com

New Life United Methodist Church

Columbus, Ohio

Located just north of downtown Columbus, New Life serves the neighbors in the area by providing twice-weekly hot breakfasts, free clothing and health care on a regular basis.

Web site: www.newlifeunitedmethodist.org

Gates Fourth United Methodist Church

Columbus, Ohio (Near Southside)

Located in historic Merion Village, Gates Fourth serves the neighbors in the area by providing free clothing and a community breakfast on the fourth (and fifth) Sunday of each month.

Web site: www.gatesfourthumc.org



NNEMAP

Columbus, Ohio (Near Northside)

NNEMAP is a cooperative ministry of over 30 churches (including WUMC) distributing food and material assistance to families living in or near poverty in Columbus. NNEMAP is one of the largest food pantries in Franklin County and serves the Short North, Downtown, Weinland Park, University District and Linden areas. Web site: www.nnemappantry.org

The YWCA Family Center

Columbus, Ohio



The YWCA Family Center is a comprehensive 24-hour emergency center for homeless families in Central Ohio. As a national model, their goal is to help families find housing within 3 weeks. The program provides services to help families gain independence such as case management, employment assistance, housing placement, and childcare. Web site: www.ywcacolumbus.org

Imagine No Malaria

International – Africa



In 2007, the World Health organization estimated there were more than 1,000,000 malaria related fatalities. By 2015, the number had been reduced to 438,000. We are well on our way to beating Malaria for good, by improving the ways people fight the disease by using bed nets, providing access to diagnostic tests and medicine, draining standing water, and improving sanitation. The United Methodist Church helps provide materials, and operate hospitals, clinics, and health outposts in Africa.

Undesignated Discretionary Funds

Undesignated gifts will be applied at the prayerful discretion of the Outreach Committee both to the above causes deemed to be underfunded, and to fund the ongoing and future outreach ministries of our congregation.



NEW LIFE



Gates Fourth