



Zionsville UMC Ministry Partners

Why Should I Serve?

Serving others regularly is a great way to put your faith into practice in ways that benefit others. As we all work on taking our next steps of faith, finding a place to consistently serve is a mark of a person's personal growth in their faith. Please take some time to explore the service opportunities below. All of these organizations are local ministry partners we have cultivated relationships with and value the work they do and the people they serve.

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Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ)

Love INC is an organization serving the needs of Boone County residents. Love INC partners with area churches, businesses, charitable organizations and individuals to coordinate specific items and services. Their outreach covers food, clothing, utilities, housing, medicine, transportation, gas cards and many others. They have worked with the community in packing school lunches, supporting postal food drives and Christmas toys, offering homeless kits, and most recently beginning to establish a homeless shelter program, modeled after Family Promise in Marion County.

Contact: Karen Frye – kafrye12@gmail.com



Habitat for Humanity of Boone County

We partner with Habitat for Humanity of Boone County in the spring for a weeklong Habitat Faith Build and in the fall for the Women's Build to provide a home for a Boone County family.

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Kids Kloset

Our ZUMC Kids Kloset was established in 2006 as a GAP (God Always Provides) Ministry for Love INC. Love INC volunteers speak with families who relay their specific needs, genders, and sizes of the children. The information is emailed to our KK coordinator. Orders are filled and delivered to Love INC in Lebanon every week.

Each child is given 5 complete outfits including pants, tops, underwear, socks, and shoes. Coats and/or jackets are given upon request. This clothing is available through the generous donations of our congregation. We try very hard to give only the best to each child, therefore, we ask that your donations not include dirty, stained, or torn items. We stock items 18/24 months through Youth size 18. Baby and infant items are supplied through another congregation. All socks and underwear must be new and in packages (and are always needed). In most cases, shoes are purchased new.

Due to our limited space, we do not stock boots, hats, gloves, snow suits, or pajamas. We are occasionally able to fill special requests for these items through monetary donations. We cannot use adult clothing, toys, or books. We request that you take these items to Goodwill or another organization of your choice.

If you are interested in volunteering, donating clothing, or making a monetary donation; please call the church office. They will have one of our representatives contact you. The Kids Kloset thanks you for your tremendous support over the years.

In 2023 the Kids Kloset supplied clothing for 165 Children

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Soup's On at Robert's Park UMC

Soup's On is a food ministry of Roberts Park United Methodist Church in downtown Indianapolis. Every Sunday, Soup's On prepares and serves a hot meal to our neighbors in need (approximately 200 guests) that come to eat and spend time together enjoying a safe and comfortable dining environment.



ZUMC volunteers at Soup's On five times throughout the calendar year. ZUMC provides volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up the meal provided by Soup's On. In addition to helping at Roberts Park United Methodist Church, a small group of ZUMC members meet in the church kitchen before Sunday services to prepare sack lunches for Soup's On guests to provide them with an additional meal for a later time. Children aged 7 and above are welcome to participate in the sack lunch preparation.

Service dates for 2024: 3/10, 7/28, 10/27 and 11/17

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Coburn Place

Coburn Place provides safe and affordable housing for women and children who have suffered from domestic violence. The women of ZUMC host an Easter Party every year for residents of Coburn Place.



Contact: Debbie Maas at debbie@maas.org.

Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis

Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis was one of the Family Promise groups to adopt an apartment model during the COVID-19 pandemic. Apartments are a big part of what they do, but there is also aftercare, during which families are mentored and aided up to 18 months to prevent a return to homelessness. Then they do a diversion program that helps folks who need some help to keep from becoming homeless.



At this time, our church has a houseware drive in August to furnish an apartment with everything except furniture. We also take dinner to two apartments every Thursday night for a month and we do this three months per year.

Contact: Jo Flinn-317-902-3189 or Janet King-317-508-7820

Blanket Ministry

This group gathers to sew, quilt, or crochet blanket items which are prayed over and given to baptized children or persons who are ill or hurting.

Contact Barb Maxson, 317-769-6691, nana5960@hotmail.com.



You Feed Them Missional

Founded in 2017 by Minister Lydia Davis, You Feed Them Missional Food Pantry, a 501c3 outreach ministry since 2021 and located at Barnes United Methodist Church, provides spiritual and physical food and share community resources with those in need. The Pantry prepares nonperishable, perishable, and toiletries for drive-thru distribution on the 3rd Thursday of every month, in addition, prayers and the gift of Salvation are shared and offered. You Feed Them currently averages 91 recipients per month, impacting over 500 household members. This is an increase of about 62 recipients one year ago.



Other Initiatives of the Pantry include: 1) the Youth Savings Initiative 2) The Back-to-School Community Resource Day Initiative held annually in August to provide children with backpacks, supplies, and a new pair of shoes; also, to bring local Resource Providers. 3) The Christmas Overflow Initiative provides emergency gifts and food for children of parents who miss deadline dates of other agency registrations or do not qualify for their registration requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, product loadout and storage.
- Pantry distribution preparation week (3rd week): Tuesday through Thursday. (stock product, construct food boxes, make toiletry bags, fill boxes)
- Thursdays: Second Helpings 9:45am-11:00am, one person.
- 3rd Thursday: Help with setup and preparation for pantry distribution (11:00am through the end of pantry night or shifts).

Monetary Donations

Payable to: You Feed Them MFP, 900 W 30th St., Indianapolis, IN 46208, or one of our online methods.

You Feed Them Missional Upcoming Events

In March 2024 You Feed Them MFP will celebrate its 7th year of Community Service!!

August 10, 2024 - 7th Annual Back-to-School Community Resource Day

August 25, 2024 - Shoe Drive distribution

Website: youfeedthemmfp.org

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Mission Guatemala

Mission Guatemala was founded in 2009 by Tom Heaton, a United Methodist pastor from Indiana. The focus is on improving the quality of life for the indigenous people of Guatemala. This includes a medical clinic, a nutrition program, education, and community improvement. They welcome teams of adults and school and college-age students for short-term trips to assist in the ministry. ZUMC has participated in the program for several years. Participants aid in projects that create value for the people there. It's an opportunity to share God's grace and to experience a different culture.

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Angel Tree

Angel Tree Prison Ministry helps with Christmas gifts for children who have a parent or loved one in prison. We receive the names of about 250 children in early November. We make calls or send letters to the caregiver for information on the children for their wants and needs for Christmas.

We give two gifts to each child. Gifts are bought by church volunteers and delivered to the homes in December. Angel Tree has been a successful ministry at ZUMC since 2001.



Contact: Cindy Dralle – cindydralle@yahoo.com

Isaiah 117 House

Isaiah 117 House, a nationwide nonprofit organization with a home in Boone County, provides a comforting home for children awaiting foster care placement. This wait can be a few hours to several days. Many times, the children have nothing with them and are scared, lonely, hungry, and in dirty clothing. The Isaiah 117 House provides these children a place that is safe with friendly and loving volunteers who provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and snuggly blankets. This space allows children to receive the comfort and care they need while child welfare staff can do the necessary paperwork and identify a good placement.

Contact: Audra Plopper – 317.332.0892; audra_poe@yahoo.com



Fletcher Place Breakfast

The Fletcher Place Community Center exists to break the cycle of poverty in Southeast Indianapolis through hope, compassion, and renewal. They compassionately provide programs to ease the burden of low to moderate-income individuals who struggle with life's basic needs.

United Methodist Churches of Indiana have a long history of supporting and providing donations to Fletcher Place. Currently, ZUMC provides a breakfast once a month (2nd Tuesday), items for the free thrift store, and support to the preschool with donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs.

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SAWs (Servants at Work)

SAWs is a faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing freedom to people with permanent disabilities in low-income households through the construction of wooden wheelchair ramps. These ramps serve as their gateway to the world, re-opening connections with neighbors and the larger community while providing independence and accessibility.

Construction dates will be announced in the upcoming weeks. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/saws-ramps> to receive updates.

Contact Bob Richmond, brichmond@sawsramps.org



Fill the Backpack

We collect school supplies and backpacks every July for the You Feed Them Mission Food Pantry Community Resource Day.

Contact Jen Dell, 317-873-2623, jdell@zumc.org.

Indiana United Methodist Children's Home

The Indiana United Methodist Children's Home is located in Lebanon, Indiana. The evidence-based Teaching-Family Model serves youth between the ages of 14-19. These young people with emotional and behavioral challenges benefit from the open campus, onsite psychotherapy, certified teachers, tutoring, spiritual support, and so much more.

Over the years, we have been supportive of the Children's Home. What they continually need is interaction with folks. People who might be willing to have dinner at one of the family homes and interact with the students or lead an activity. We have a couple who has hosted an off-site bingo night, which was well received. Anything you have a passion for that might be shared would be welcome and the staff at the home will help us with anything we are willing to do.

Contact Jo Flinn 317-902-3189 or joflinn@att.net



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