



Following God's guidance and taking direction from scripture, Dublin First United Methodist is actively involved in efforts to

- Spread news of Christ's unconditional and redeeming love in word and in service to those in need at home and around the world
- Work to alleviate deprivation and suffering through ministries with the poor, the sick, the oppressed, and the weak and vulnerable
- Support United Methodist missionaries and agencies as well as persons in our local church family who are engaged in mission work

The following are our FUMC missions. If you would like to know more about any of these missions, or would like to help with these missions, contact any member of the Outreach Committee.

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1. Helping to Feed the Community

- A. **Blessing Boxes** - There are two blessing boxes (one located at the front of the church on Gaines Street by the church bell and the other one located in the back of the church in the parking lot by the corner of the playground). Food is placed in these boxes by church members, staff and the Children's Center periodically. Food is also available in the food closet across from the workroom that is given to those walking in or is periodically placed in the Blessing Boxes.
- B. **Thanksgiving Bags** - Social Workers and several nonprofit organizations provide names and contact information for families needing a Thanksgiving bag. Bags are filled with Thanksgiving food and are provided to these families.
- C. **Food Pantries*** - FUMC supports the Laurens Baptist Association Food Pantry (J.O.Y.) as well as the Gethsemane United Methodist Food Pantry.

2. Showing Love & Compassion to All

- A. **Care Bags** - We give out bags with toiletry items as needed (i.e. soap/shampoo/lotion/toothpaste/toothbrush/brush/comb/washcloth/deodorant/socks/Kleenex/tampons) to homeless or those in need coming by church and also have partnered with Widows Oil (1011 Stonewall Street) with care bags. Toiletry items are also provided to other nonprofit organizations periodically.
- B. **Live the Promise/Careportal/Families for Families** - A coalition of churches and non-profits along with Laurens County social workers use shared resources to assist and enable foster parents or relatives to provide a home for displaced children. Local churches sign up to receive e-mails when a need arises and church members help fulfill the needs. As we reach out to these families, a devotion book & prayer are provided the family.
- C. **Kids Cup** – A Ministry of Faith in Families, Inc. & Widow's Oil Ministry, Inc., Kids Cup is a community closet available by referral and appointments for kids in need. Kids Cup provides free clothing, shoes, baby gear, books, toys and school supplies for newborn to teens and is located at 2111 Claxton Dairy Road, Dublin, GA 478-290-8871, Janice@kidscupcloset.org

- D. **Blue Sky & Disaster Missions** – This ministry works to help those in need by building wheelchair ramps or small projects for exterior of homes identified with a need. They also are trained for disaster relief as needed for the community and beyond.
- E. **Heart of Georgia Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)*** - Their mission is to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. They engage, equip and empower coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same. Multi-Sport Huddle meetings are held on most campuses monthly - athletes come together to open God's Word and seek His will.
- F. **Habitat for Humanity** - A nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the world. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.
- G. **Christmas Mission** – We assist several families with children needing help with Christmas. Most names are provided from other nonprofit agencies.
- H. **Trunk or Treat** – Hotdogs, popcorn, drinks and games are provided for church families and for the families in the community. Members decorate their cars and trunks and provide candy and games for the children. Kids dress up and enjoy the fun and games.
- I. **Operation Christmas Child** - We pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. The shoeboxes are given to children many of whom have never received a gift in their life. Pastors around the world host outreach events in places where people may not know Christ. They hand out shoeboxes, share the Gospel story and offer a discipleship program. Students share with friends and family with many accepting Christ and long-term, caring relationships are formed. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

3. Reaching Out & Supporting our Missionaries

- A. **Community Methodist Church Initiative (Pastor Samuel Magumba)** - Support is provided to two schools and three orphanages. They provide a Christian education to an area where public schools have a ratio of 100 students to one teacher. Because of the large Muslim population and lack of a Christian church in this rural area, a church was started and now has over 200 members and growing. They are currently raising funds to complete the church.
 - B. **One Collective/Out of Darkness (Mark Edens)** - a ministry to help and reach out to women caught up in homelessness and trafficking in Atlanta vicinity. Food, clothing, toiletries, snacks, devotion material and Bibles are provided to women.
 - C. **Oasis for orphans (Jessica Hobbs)** – is working for Oasis for Orphans (serving in Kenya, Africa) in a Care Center near Nairobi to care for orphans (4.2 million orphans in Kenya).
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Methodist Supported Ministries

Magnolia Manor - serves older adults of all faiths in eight locations throughout South Georgia. Because of gracious donors, they provide worry free nights to residents who have outlived their financial resources. To learn more about Magnolia Manor visit www.magnoliamanor.com.

Methodist Children's Home – provides care for children and families in need across South Georgia including a continuum of residential care (Children's Homes), community foster homes, specialized treatment programs and counseling services to better serve our community. The Methodist Home is a faith-based organization working to better equip at-risk youth and families for the future. Our mission is to be a model agency that restores childhoods, strengthens families and cultivates a people-building organization.

Wesley Glen – is a private, nonprofit agency of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, dedicated to serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They provide comfortable, secure homes with round-the-clock care, nutritious meals, safe and reliable transportation, and support for daily living. They also have a day program that allows participants to learn, grow, and socialize with each other.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee of Relief) – The basic understanding that disaster response is local forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response efforts. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR works with the conference disaster response ministries to provide Financial assistance, Expertise and Networking.

Wesley Foundation at UGA & GA Southern – is a ministry of the United Methodist Church for college campuses. They offer a well-balanced approach to faith development by offering witness, nurture, outreach, fellowship and stewardship. Students, faculty, staff, alumni participate in programs, regardless of religious affiliation or lack thereof

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“We make disciples as we send persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, being and becoming a compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel.”

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