

# Many missions touched by Canyon Lake UMC “many hands”

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HANDS of many colors, HANDS of every size,  
God has made us different, blessing many kinds.  
Old and new needs reappear, let your love cast out our fear.

Our worshippers sang a paraphrase of Al Carmine’s “Many Gifts, One Spirit” at worship this weekend. Indeed, hands of all ages helped in an UMCOR kit-building and “we-love-you, Rapid City” multi-generational event.

Volunteers from toddlers to seniors worked before or after each service this weekend to complete mission projects in one big assembly line. Many Hands for missions is an annual late summer event at Canyon Lake UMC.

“Fellowship and learning is as important as accomplishing our tasks! We enjoy, laugh, serve and learn!” says Carol Dormann, Missions Chair.



Mission helpers Bev Searls and Marilyn Saenz take a break from their kit-building assembly line.



Canyon Lake kids are our best mission cheerleaders. This weekend they made mini-blankets bearing their hand prints. During the children’s moments next weekend, the kids will pass out the handprint squares to remind everyone about Church World Service Blanket Sunday August 29.



Pastor Eric Grinager and UMCOR Kits Co-Chair Donna Skulborstad celebrate surpassing our goals with 331 health kits and 316 school kits. A local project popular with Black Hills folks, 20 fire fighters kits will be delivered to the Red Cross Monday morning.



Adding a washcloth, toothbrush and toothpaste to donations of motel soaps, shampoos and lotions made 390 hygiene bags for HOPE Center. Our volunteers packaged 500 bags soap (each will do 2 loads of laundry). Here Nolan and Lauren Kjerstad help pack UMCOR health kits. Many Hands is an annual CLUMC event originally design to get UMCOR kits ready for Ingathering.



Several years ago, when our local Church Response Food Pantry mentioned a need for serving-size packs of ingredients to make homemade soup, United Methodist Women created recipes. Making soup mixes has become an annual activity. Volunteers measured ingredients and packaged 365 packets.

The littlest volunteer watched the action with interest.

