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## GLOBAL & LOCAL MISSION

### **Amigos de Anapra**

In 2000, the FUMC youth group went on a mission trip to Mexico and helped to pour the footings of what became the Susana Wesley School. There are now five buildings, including a gymnasium, and more than 200 first through sixth grade students on campus.

Our hands, hearts, and wallets have touched each of these buildings as they have been constructed in one of Mexico's poorest areas. With God's grace, our efforts and the efforts of other churches' volunteers, hope and a path for success is being accomplished for many families and young people.

FUMC volunteers help to construct and maintain facilities suitable to educate the children and interact with the school children while on our trips. Additionally, we provide financial support to maintain quality teachers and give scholarships to students.

Amigos de Anapra raises support and awareness locally on an ongoing basis, meeting regularly for updates about the school. Newsletters are sent out after every mission trip. This and information on future trips and can be found on our FUMC web page.

Volunteers are encouraged to go on the two to four mission trips each year, regardless of skill level with construction.

For further information you can visit Facebook, [www.facebook.com/susanawesleyministries/](http://www.facebook.com/susanawesleyministries/) or send your email information to be added to our mailing list.

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### **Geezers**

Ten to fifteen Geezers meet every Tuesday from 9:00 am-noon in the Harris Activity Center basement to help with maintenance projects on our aging buildings. Their goal is to reduce the cost of keeping our facilities safe and comfortable. The projects include minor repairs, painting, changing light bulbs, policing exterior areas and removing recyclables. No experience required - just willing hands.

Contact Larry Parsons, [lparsons5@cox.net](mailto:lparsons5@cox.net), 785-587-1869.

## GLOBAL & LOCAL MISSION

### **Ogden Friendship House and House of Hope**

Ogden Friendship House and the House of Hope (226 Riley Ave. Ogden, KS (south side of Ogden's "Main Street") were established more than 30 years ago by the then Kansas East Conference to provide opportunities for worship, service, and personal growth in an at-risk community. Ogden Friendship House of Hope strives to be a presence of hope in a town with the highest poverty rate in Riley County. These two institutions provide services to a town which lacks many basic necessities (bank, grocery store, medical care, and recreation opportunities).

Help is needed in sorting and displaying the donations to the House of Hope. As much time as an individual has is welcome. Shifts are 1:00-4:00 pm, Tuesday-Friday; 4:00-6:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 9:00 am-noon Saturday. Donations, both monetary and gently used items (except furniture), are appreciated. Ogden House of Hope is open to the public; come shop for those diamonds in the rough.

In addition, Friends of Ogden is a fairly new, loosely organized group supporting Ogden Friendship House of Hope. Basically this is an email/phone list of folks who are willing to be contacted to help with occasional odd jobs, or to provide food or work for the two fund-raising meals the Friends of Ogden host: the evening Lions Club for their Valentine's meeting and their June installation of officers' meeting. These two are held in our Fellowship Hall.

Contact Rev. Diana Chapel, [diana.chapel@cox.net](mailto:diana.chapel@cox.net), 785-537-5116; or Donna M. Miller, [dmm.mkm@gmail.com](mailto:dmm.mkm@gmail.com), 785-537-4759.

Contact Kay Carothers, [ogdenfriendshipoh@gmail.com](mailto:ogdenfriendshipoh@gmail.com), to volunteer at the House of Hope.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH FROM FUMC

### **Change the World**

FUMC's premier local service opportunity is the bi-annual Change the World community service event. Each spring and fall you, your families, and your neighbors are invited to participate as FUMC strives to change the world through a week of community service.

In the past, home improvements for several neighbors and members have been accomplished, along with work for local service agencies such as Habitat for Humanity, RSVP, and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc. Work has also been completed at schools, parks, and along Linear Trail in partnership with others.

Current emphasis is to create a stronger community by establishing year-round relationships between FUMC, the community, volunteers, and the service beneficiaries.

Learn more on Facebook, key words ctwManhattan; send request to [ctwManhattan@gmail.com](mailto:ctwManhattan@gmail.com); or contact Rod Harms via text, 785-341-3773.

### **Common Table**

Common Table is an ecumenical outreach of several Manhattan churches committed to ending food insecurity in our community. To help with this, FUMC serves a Wednesday and a Saturday meal at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall (due to kitchen renovation, during the fall 2017, the meal is in the Harris Activity Center Auditorium). Volunteers are needed to help with both of these meals. You can help prepare, serve, or clean up. The other vital part of this ministry is for church members to eat and be in fellowship with those in our community.

Contact Ryan Likes, [kitchen@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:kitchen@fumcmanhattan.com), 785-776-8821.

### **Groceries for God**

The Groceries for God program is a way for FUMC to obtain funds for mission work and other projects simply by members shopping at local grocery stores. Link your Dillons Plus Card directly to Dillons Community Rewards for FUMC or purchase gift cards to Hy-Vee.

Contact Bob Sawyer, [bobmsawyer@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmsawyer@hotmail.com), 785-539-4217.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH FROM FUMC

### **The Micah Society**

The Micah Society was formed in November of 2006 to provide a platform for people to respond to the mandate of Micah 6:8: *What does the Lord require but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.* The group meets monthly and addresses Justice Action Concerns which are driven by the interests of members of the group. The Justice Action Concerns on the agenda each month are: Education, Environmental Issues, Health Care, Housing, Hunger, Immigration, International Peace and Justice, Local Justice, Politics, Poverty, and Racism.

The work is determined by the Micah Society in response to the Concerns. Frequently the Micah Society will sponsor forums, e.g. mental health situation in Kansas, to share vital information with the community.

Meetings are held in the FUMC Library on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Time commitment varies, based on the project.

Contact Jim Reed, jimreed42@gmail.com 785-341-7231.

### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities by donating food or cash.

Contact Jerry Banaka, jbanaka@aol.com, 785-776-9755.

### **Woodrow Wilson Elementary School Partnership**

The Woodrow Wilson Elementary School Partnership is an outreach program to our neighborhood school. Small groups, Sunday school classes, families, and individuals support teachers and staff of WW and gift them with items on their wish list at the start of the school year.

These supporters are also encouraged to reach out in support of these teachers and staff throughout the school year.

Contact Brenda Inman, bkstarr821@hotmail.com, 785-727-8297.

## FUMC ALLIES IN MISSION & OUTREACH

### **Everybody Counts**

Everybody Counts is a grass roots effort to coordinate social services in Manhattan and Riley County, and to provide information about those services. The purpose is to provide free and much needed services to vulnerable populations, such as dental and medical screenings. Everybody Counts is sponsored yearly in late August/early September.

Contact Pastor Sarah Marsh, [smarsh@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:smarsh@fumcmanhattan.com),  
785-776-8821

### **Morning Star CRO, Inc.**

The mission of Morning Star CRO, Inc., 1018 Poyntz Ave. is multi-fold. The organization provides a gathering place for people with severe mental health issues, certified peer support and opportunities to help its members break through the barriers and stigma that cause isolation.

The organization helps to reduce hospitalizations and incarcerations while promoting opportunities for independence, involvement within the community, and recovery through self-empowerment and increased recognition of self-worth.

FUMC members are involved in a weekly Bible study, we provide supplies for those in need and support a yearly pancake feed fundraiser held in May every spring.

You can learn more about Morning Star by going to [www.facebook.com/morningstarCRO/](http://www.facebook.com/morningstarCRO/).

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## FUMC ALLIES IN MISSION & OUTREACH

### **Shepherd's Crossing**

Shepherd's Crossing is a ministry which helps those in need with rent, utilities, and prescription medications, help obtain drivers license/ID, birth certificates, and eye glasses. They also process paperwork for Fairy Godmothers and Guardian Angel grant requests.

Volunteers work with clients, filling out personal and budget information. Then if appropriate, work with utility companies and/or landlords on behalf of the client. Other volunteers work at the front desk welcoming clients, recording client receipts, etc.

Shepherd's Crossing is located in the Alan Lee Center, 621 Humboldt.

They are open Tuesday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm and Thursday from 2:00-5:30 pm. Volunteers set their own times they wish to serve.

Contact Carol Parsons, 785-587-1869,  
or Shepherd's Crossing, [director@shepherdcrossing.info](mailto:director@shepherdcrossing.info), 785-776-1470.

### **Thrive!**

The mission of Thrive! is to reduce poverty in Riley and Pottawatomie counties by building skills and relationships that strengthen families and individuals. Thrive! meets Tuesday nights at 5:45 pm in the Harris Activity Center for dinner and fellowship, plus education in financial stability and health. A more intense training, Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World, of 10 weeks equips people in poverty to take long-term actions and make commitments to move away from poverty.

Volunteers are needed for meal provision and service, child programming and being allies (mentors) of people in poverty. Time commitment is Tuesday from 5:45-6:30 pm for dinner; 6:30-8:00 pm for child programming and small group educational conversations. Volunteers wanting to be allies complete training and devote 2-4 hours per month in their ally role. Help with fundraising ideas and projects, such as the annual poverty simulation, is also needed.

Contact Elaine Johannes, [emjohanne@gmail.com](mailto:emjohanne@gmail.com), 785-410-2249  
[www.thriveflinthills.com](http://www.thriveflinthills.com); (877) 376-0032

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FUMC

### **Breadbasket/FUMC Food Pantry**

The FUMC Food Pantry distributes food to people in need who qualify through the Flint Hills Breadbasket guidelines.

Volunteers are needed in the Alan Lee Center, 621 Humboldt, from 12:30-3:30 pm every Monday for set up prior to opening, greeting and visiting with clients, filling orders to provide enough food for a week, filling out the Breadbasket Pantry order form to replenish our shelves, and stocking shelves as needed.

If you can't help on a regular basis, substitutes are also needed.

Donations of personal hygiene items, paper products, and nonperishable food items can be left in our bin in the North Narthex.

Food items that have been opened or are past their expiration date are not accepted.

Personal hygiene items that have been opened are also not accepted.

Contact Betty Banaka, [bjbanaka@aol.com](mailto:bjbanaka@aol.com), 785-776-9755.

### **CarePortal**

CarePortal connects church to state through a partnership to support children on a community by community basis. Needs of children and families in crisis are brought to local churches attention by case workers, allowing the opportunity to respond and fulfill these needs. Churches then own and sustain this work through time, prayer and resources.

Contact Shanna Jager, [shannad@ksu.edu](mailto:shannad@ksu.edu), 785-532-6261.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FUMC

### **Fit Closet and Clothing Exchange**

The Families in Transition (FIT) Closet and Clothing Exchange is a program of the USD 383 school district which began as a service to homeless children from Head Start/Pre-K through High School. In the school year 2016-2017, we had more than 360 children who were identified as homeless (FIT).

Schools are required by federal law to make sure these children are outfitted for school but are not funded to do so. The Fit Closet and Clothing Exchange is USD 383's means of providing necessary school supplies, shoes, clothing, coats, toiletries, hygiene supplies, emergency food and other essentials so these children can attend class and integrate successfully.

The FIT Closet and Clothing Exchange is a 100% community supported project. College Avenue Methodist Church donates the building the Fit Closet and Clothing Exchange is housed in. It is managed and staffed by volunteers. Caring individuals, churches, and businesses of the community donate all supplies.

Without this honor roll of supportive and caring individuals and entities, the FIT Closet and Clothing Exchange would not exist.

Because of Manhattan's generosity, the FIT Closet and Clothing Exchange is able to assist not only homeless students and their families, but also migrant students and their families, students and families living in poverty, students in Foster care, and children with a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

The FIT Closet and Clothing Exchange is located at 1609 College Avenue in the "White House" behind College Avenue United Methodist Church. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am-noon and Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00-5:30 pm. Donations are welcome at that time.

Contact Barb Hartnett, [fitcloset383@gmail.com](mailto:fitcloset383@gmail.com), 785-236-9944, or Linda Ruzicka, [linda.ruzicka@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.ruzicka@yahoo.com), 303-981-6804.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FUMC

### **Flint Hills Community Clinic**

Flint Hills Community Clinic (FHCC) is a collaboration of the Manhattan Ministerial Alliance, area physicians, Via Christi Hospital, and various members of the community. Located at 401 Houston St., Suite C, free healthcare appointments are provided by volunteers to those in the community who are without health insurance. Clinic hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm; and Tuesday/Thursday, 5:30-8:00 pm.

Contact FHCC, 785-323-4351.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry which believes every person should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. They welcome all people to work with them in partnership. Habitat builds, renovates, and repairs houses all over the world using volunteer labor and donations. They advocate to increase access to decent, affordable housing around the world.

Contact Karmen Davenport, [director@mahfh.org](mailto:director@mahfh.org), 785-537-7545, or Debbie Madsen, [dmadsen@ksu.edu](mailto:dmadsen@ksu.edu), 785-537-9588.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FUMC

### **Harvesters Mobile Food Pantry**

This mission distributes donated, perishable food to people who need a food supplement for their family. There is no income guideline restriction; food is available for anyone who needs it.

Volunteers take portions of the stacked food items and transfer them to the vehicles of families which have lined up. Occasionally, some items come in large bags and need to be re-bagged.

**CICO Park:** Hurlburt Hall, third Tuesday of the month, 9:30-10:30 am.  
Contact Mary Ann Miller, [dmpmiller@cox.net](mailto:dmpmiller@cox.net), 785-587-0739.

**Ogden Community Center:** 220 Willow St., fourth Tuesday of the month, 10:00-11:00 am.

Contact Gary and Barbara Naughton, [ggn@ksu.edu](mailto:ggn@ksu.edu), 785-587-0354.

### **Other Distribution Locations in Manhattan:**

**Westview Community Church:** 615 Gillespie, first Friday of the month, 10:00-11:00 am.

**Blue Valley United Methodist:** 835 Church St., second Friday of the month, 4:00-5:00 pm.

**Dillard's Parking lot:** Manhattan Mall, fourth Tuesday of the month, 1:00-2:00 pm.

### **Imagine No Malaria**

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother. As a life-saving ministry, Imagine No Malaria aims to raise \$75 million to empower the people of Africa to overcome malaria's burden.

Contact Jerry Banaka, [jbanaka@aol.com](mailto:jbanaka@aol.com), 785-776-9755.

### **School Supplies Drive for USD 383**

FUMC collects school supplies for eligible elementary and middle school students of Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 during the summer for the following school year. Cash donations are also welcome.

Contact Linda Ruzicka, [linda.ruzicka@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.ruzicka@yahoo.com), 303-981-6804.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON OUTREACH

### **Angel Tree**

The goal of the Angel Tree is to provide gifts at Christmas for youth up to 18 years old who are in foster care, and also young adults that have aged out of the foster care system and are newly on their own. Volunteers are needed from mid November through early December for planning and coordinating with the foster care agency, setting up the Christmas tree at FUMC, tagging it with Angel wishes, and keeping track of gifts returned. Help is also needed in preparing communications to the congregation, storing gifts until delivered, shopping for gifts if needed, arranging for the foster care agency to pick up gifts and distributing to them, and evaluating the ministry for next year.

Contact Sandy Carmichael, sandycar@pld.com, 620-353-4267,  
or Susan Staats, teach5560@gmail.com, 620-546-5434.

### **Christmas Eve Offering for Missions**

The annual Christmas Eve Offering is used solely for mission projects and can be for local, regional, and international programs. The recipients are generally different each year.

Contact Jerry Banaka, jbanaka@aol.com, 785-776-9755.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a worldwide program of Samaritan's Purse. In October, shoeboxes and guides for how to pack them are available at FUMC. A shoebox filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies tangibly demonstrates God's love to a child in need. Shoeboxes are collected in November and delivered around the world to children who might not otherwise have a Christmas and hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

Contact Cathlene Higgins, Youth Director, youth@fumcmanhattan.com,  
785-776-8821

## **Toys for Manhattan**

This ministry serves as a clearinghouse to receive new and experienced toys, books, games, stuffed animals, holiday items, winter clothing and gifts for distribution to under-privileged families as presents for their family members. Serving the community for 50 years, by donating these items you are providing a brighter Christmas holiday for our less fortunate families.

Volunteers are needed in November and December for a variety of services with this ministry, which is in a different location each year. Before and after distribution, tables and fixtures, boxes from storage, large toys, and bicycles will need to be relocated. Help is also needed in unpacking, sorting, and arranging to make this mission happen.

Contact Judy Padgett, [santalady2@cox.net](mailto:santalady2@cox.net), 785-313-2013.

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