

# 2018 MISSIONS DIRECTORY & PRAYER GUIDE

*Declare his glory among the nations,  
His marvelous works among all the peoples!  
Psalm 96:3*



*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who  
brings good news, who publishes peace...  
Isaiah 52:7*

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Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar

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# Food For The Poor, Inc.

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One of the largest international relief and development organizations in the United States serves the poorest of the poor in 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, by providing lifesaving food, secure housing, clean water, healthcare, emergency relief, micro-enterprise projects and education opportunities.

**Mission:** To link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit.

In 1982, Ferdinand Mahfood began Food For The Poor to aid the poor and downtrodden in Latin America and the Caribbean. Clergy of many Christian denominations are the core of the organization, preaching about the need in the countries they serve.

Since 1982, Food For The Poor has distributed more than \$11 billion worth of food employing more than 300 people in addition to members of the Clergy as speakers across the United States.

Food For The Poor aids the poor through donations of money and supplies, mostly from the United States. A majority of the organization's revenue is from donated goods. In 2015, 96.4% of all donations went directly to programs that help the poor, while 4.4% went to fundraising and administrative costs.

Food For The Poor also provides targeted relief for humanitarian crises. In 2010, it introduced a new food source, the Basa fish, for the critically malnourished nation of Haiti and announced a major relief effort to help recovery from the catastrophic January 12 earthquake which struck Port-au-Prince. Food For The Poor has built 5,015 permanent two-room concrete block homes since then.

**Africa**  
**Marion Medical Mission**

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**<http://www.mmmwater.org>**

Marion Medical Mission seeks to share the love of Christ with the extreme poor in Africa by providing all in need with a sustainable source of clean, safe drinking water working hand-in-hand to install wells.

Marion Medical Mission is an ecumenical, Christian, frontline, hands-on, volunteer, non-profit organization that responds to Christ's call to serve by working hand in hand with God's people in Africa. They show the love of Christ through projects that directly impact the African people, stressing self-help and sustainability.

Marion Medical Mission operates from a position of joy: recognizes our Christian principles and seeks to proclaim them in all our words and actions; seeks to be a good steward of all our resources and follow fiscally conservative policies; promises to lift their ministry and those involved and impacted in prayer; and gives God all the glory for their successes and blessings.

100% of all designated funds go to their designated purposes.

100% of all undesignated funds go to the mission field in Africa.

**Australia**  
**Mission to the World (PCA)**

**Chuck & Jimmie Lynn Linkston**  
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**Ministry:** The Linkston family has been chosen to continue their mission work in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. They continue to serve and strive to developed a fruitful ministry to the marginal members of Australian society; the homeless, hungry, addicts, ex-cons, and mentally ill.

**Prayer and Praise:**

- Please guide us and bless us on this new mission endeavor to the new church in Hobart, Australia.
- Please pray for us as we walk with Jesus before we go public with our church. May we be filled with His Spirit and wisdom. There are many things, ways and methods to consider!
- Thank and praise God for the life and work of the church; for growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus and its witness in the community.
- Spirit-under the Great Shepherd during this time.
- Pray for protection for their children as they work in these difficult settings.

# China

## Presbyterian World Mission – PC(USA)

Rev. Judy Chan

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Go to [www.presbyterianmission.org/coworkers/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/coworkers/)  
type their name in the search box)

**Ministry:** Rev. Judy Chan has been under appointment by the PC(USA) since 1994, several years before Hong Kong's sovereignty changed in 1997 from being a British colony to being a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China.

Judy is seconded to the Hong Kong Christian Council, where she is executive secretary for communications. Her responsibilities include an ecumenical radio broadcasting ministry, English publications, and liaising with international churches. Her ministry is a joint appointment of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ Common Global Ministries Board.

In the past few years Hong Kong has experienced significant political, social and economic changes. While the economic problems of the Asian financial crisis dominated after the handover, the society has simultaneously been going through much soul-searching in the wake of the SARS epidemic, the fight for more democracy, and the ongoing reform of social institutions by the government. The meeting of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Hong Kong in 2005 also brought international attention to the territory.

As the city tries to keep its competitive edge in the region, Hong Kong's identity is constantly evolving. The future certainly lies with its close ties to the motherland; yet, its ability to thrive as a Special Administrative Region also requires playing its unique role in the Asia-Pacific scene. Citizens proudly see themselves both as Chinese and Hong Kong people.

**Germany**  
**Presbyterian World Mission – PC(USA)**

**Rev. Ryan and Alethia White**  
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type their name in the search box)**

**Ministry:** Since the Iranian Revolution of 1979, millions of Persian-speaking peoples have migrated to other parts of the Middle East, to the United States, Europe, and other areas of the world. The migration continues and well over 100,000 Iranians have settled in Germany. The Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin, in addition to providing worship opportunities in Farsi, helps Iranian refugees and immigrants begin a new life in Germany. Ryan and Alethia White will work with the pastor and social worker of the congregation to offer pastoral care to those who are now making Germany their home and will also serve as church development specialists. They will also collaborate with ecumenical partners to provide training and continuing education opportunities for leaders of the Presbyterian Church in Iran. “We are passionate about reconciling relationships across cultural, religious, and political divides, with the hope of promoting sustainable and peaceful partnerships,” they say. “Through entering into relationships with others, by listening to their stories and extending hospitality, we hope to participate in this ministry as a family.”

**Haiti**  
**Presbyterian World Mission – PC(USA)**  
**Joining Hands**

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**type their name in the search box)**

**Ministry:** Based in Port au Prince, Haiti, as a Joining Hands network companionship facilitator, Cindy Corell connects presbyteries and churches in the United States with a network of churches, grassroots groups, and nongovernmental organizations in Haiti. Around the world Joining Hands networks strive to alleviate poverty and suffering through community education, advocacy, alternative economic activities, lifestyle changes, and spiritual grounding. The goal is to restore the wholeness of God's creation and the healing of the human family through prayer, mutual visits, humble accompaniment, repentance, and mutual transformation. Presbyterian World Mission assigns mission personnel to help facilitate this effort, which is a ministry of the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

**Prayer and Praise:**

- That Cindy connects with agricultural experts in Haiti to help farmers do what they do best—grow food for others.
- We call for God's blessing to empower the Haitian people to continue to recover from the 2010 earthquake, as they seek to grow more produce locally.

# Jamaica

## Caribbean Christian Centre For the Deaf [www.cccdjamaica.org](http://www.cccdjamaica.org)

**Ministry:** The Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf is a ministry that brings the gospel of Jesus Christ to the deaf of Jamaica. Through this ministry we will teach the deaf a language, provide a basic education, train in vocational areas, mentor and encourage the leaders and promote outreach, community, worship, and continuing education. The Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf operates three schools on the island of Jamaica. They are residential facilities that allow us to bring in the rural deaf that would otherwise not have access to the gospel of Jesus Christ or to a language, basic education or vocational training.

### **Prayer and Praise:**

- Protection and safety for students, staff, missionaries, and work team.
- Salvation for unsaved deaf at CCCD schools and JDV.
- God's continued provision in all aspects of the ministry.
- Wisdom for leadership and board members.
- Most of all that God would be Glorified in all that we do and that his Kingdom would grow.

**Mexico**  
**Presbyterian World Mission – PC(USA)**

**Rev. Mark Adams &  
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**Ministry:** Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado are mission co-workers with the Presbyterian Border Ministry in Agua Prieta, Mexico, where Mark has served since 1998. As U.S. coordinator of the binational ministry, Frontera de Cristo, Mark is responsible, in partnership with Rev. Angel Valencia of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, for the coordination of the six ministry areas of Frontera de Cristo: church development, health, family counseling, the New Hope Community Center, mission education, and the Just Trade Center.

Miriam connects people and organizations across borders and serves as a liaison of Frontera de Cristo with the Center for Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation and Recuperation (CRREDA in Spanish), Douglaprieta Trabaja and the Lirio de los Valles Presbyterian Church. She works with Douglaprieta to help the rehabilitation centers and families of the church, community and schools grow their own food, increasing their nutrition possibilities and connection to God's creation and one another.

Bridging cultural, economic, political, and linguistic differences, Mark and Miriam support the ministry of Frontera de Cristo in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed on both sides of the border. Recognizing the potentially divisive issues surrounding the border and immigration, Mark and Miriam help churches in the United States and Mexico respond positively and faithfully to these challenges. Please pray for this ministry that is transforming lives.

**Peru**  
**Mission to the World (PCA)**

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**Ministry:** The Rockwells work among the Quechua Indians that live in the remote areas of the Andes Mountains, doing evangelism, discipleship, and training in basic Bible doctrine.

**Prayer and Praise:**

- For unity among the evangelicals in the Huaylas Valley.
- Larry's continued fluency in the Quechua language.
- Growth among those that have professed faith in Christ.
- That we would be faithful in sharing God's word among the Quechua and that God's Spirit would cause those seeds that are planted to bear fruit.
- That in the coming year God would use us to raise up a Quechua church in the village He desires.

**Peru**  
**Presbyterian World Mission – PC(USA)**  
**Joining Hands**

**Rev. Jed & Jenny Koball**  
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**Ministry:** Joining Hands is an initiative of the Presbyterian Hunger Program that addresses the root causes of hunger through networks of churches and non-governmental organizations in developing countries. These networks lead the struggle against hunger and poverty at the local level and are joined by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) presbyteries and congregational partners that address the same concerns on the global level. It tackles issues such as environmental contamination from the mining industry, a growing water crisis due to global warming, and trade policies that disadvantage many Peruvians. In addition to service, the YAV experience emphasizes living in intentional Christian community, spiritual formation, and vocational discernment. Young Adult Volunteers in Peru serve with one of the non-governmental organizations (NGO's) or churches that form *Red Uniendo Manos Peru*.....

**Prayer and Praise:**

- We are requesting prayers for all volunteers—thanks be to God for your safety and your witness.
- God's continued provision in all aspects of the ministry.

**South Korea**  
**Young Adult Volunteer Program – PC(USA)**

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type their name in the search box)**

**Ministry:** Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee each have two roles as mission co-workers in South Korea. First, they both serve as Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) site coordinators for the Daejeon, Korea, site. The YAV site in South Korea is hosted on the campus of Presbyterian-related Hannam University. U.S. young adults live in Daejeon for a year at a time as YAVs and work with agencies such as children's centers and soup kitchens to support the struggle against poverty, hunger, and homelessness. They share a YAV house together and reflect on what it means to live in an intentional community, in the midst of another culture, and on who God calls us to be, engaging the world around us.

Hyeyoung's other role is working with Hannam University's Global Multicultural Leadership Program, which connects Hannam students as well as the YAVs with agencies working with immigrant populations in Daejeon. Kurt also works with the National Council of Churches in Korea and their Reconciliation and Unification Department, which maintains a relationship with the Korean Christian Federation of North Korea and advocates for the respectful and peaceful reconciliation of the ongoing Korean conflict.

# Uganda

## Hines Ugandan Ministries

**Katherine Hines**  
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**www.hineskids.org**

**Ministry:** Founded in 1999 by Katherine Hines, Hines Ugandan Ministries (HUM) brings a message of hope with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by ministering to the spiritual, physical and practical needs of widows and orphans of Kamonkoli, a village in eastern Uganda. We desire to see these children grow up knowing they have eternal life in Christ and to give them the love that He desires for them. The children are the future of the country, reaching them now will make a difference for each child and for Uganda.

### **Prayer and Praise:**

- We praise God for His many blessings and how far He has brought the ministry.
- For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

## **223rd General Assembly Support**

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 173 presbyteries. Clergy and lay members are equally represented. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements.

The assembly acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries.

The 223rd General Assembly will be held in St. Louis, Missouri - June 16 – 23, 2018.

Our Presbytery (Giddings-Lovejoy) is hosting the GA and has asked all churches in our presbytery for financial support in addition to volunteers. In 2016 your session voted to financially support the Presbytery in the amount of \$20,000 (\$10,000 in 2017 and \$10,000 in 2018).

# **Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (Children's Foundation of Mid-America)**

**1220 North Lindbergh Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63132  
(314) 989-9727 or (800) 383.8147  
<http://missouri.pchas.org/>**

Each year, nearly 500,000 children are temporarily or permanently removed from their homes because they've been neglected, abandoned or abused. Some of these children require intensive therapeutic treatment. We provide that and more – we surround them with love and support. The teachings of Christ are at the heart of each of our ministry's programs.

The programs provided by PCHAS are:

- **Therapeutic Mentoring**
- **Family Solutions For Kids**
- **Foster Care Case Management**
- **Residential Treatment**
- **Transitional Living**

# **Theological Education Fund – PC(USA)**

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Congregations are foundational to seminaries. Seminaries are foundational to congregations. The PC(USA) is twelve seminaries strong. Keep our congregations strong. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, strive to serve Christ: Invest in the Theological Education Fund.

We have 10 Presbyterian seminaries nationwide, plus two that are closely affiliated. As Presbyterians, we place a high value on an educated clergy. It is a hallmark of our denomination — indeed, a source of pride. To continue this tradition of excellence, we have entrusted 10 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seminaries and two theological institutions related to the denomination by covenant agreement with the responsibility of educating and equipping persons of faith for pastoral leadership.

# **Beacon Ministry of Belleville**

**P.O. Box 23468  
Belleville, IL 62223  
618-222-8942**

**Beacon@beaconministry1.org  
www.beaconministry.org**

## **Our Mission: Churches serving those in need**

Beacon is a resource to provide benevolence. We want to connect people in need with the services and resources available.

**Our Vision:** Beacon Ministries will transform lives and communities in response to Jesus' call to serve the least among us. In carrying out its Mission, Beacon Ministries will honor and foster volunteer action, unconditional acceptance of all persons, interdependence, respect for all religious traditions, and a core belief that all individuals have the capacity to change and grow in personal maturity and independence.

## **In 2013 Beacon Ministries:**

Facilitated goods and services equaling \$234,755 to meet the needs of individuals in our community.

- Served 2,698 families (including 604 children).
- Furniture Donated helped 185 families.
- Relational Ministry: Reached 1908 clients.
- Volunteers spent a total of 2,806 hours helping those in need.

# **Bethany Place**

**821 West A St.  
Belleville, IL 62220  
618-234-0291  
[www.bethanyplace.org](http://www.bethanyplace.org)**

## **Mission, Values, & Philosophy**

Bethany Place is the largest non-profit community based ASO (AIDS Service Organization) in the St. Louis Metro East area. In a spirit of compassion and justice, Bethany Place provides comprehensive case management and programming focused on promoting wellness and serving all people living with HIV/AIDS.

Bethany Place is dedicated to serving our neighbors in eleven counties of the Metro-East who are affected by HIV disease. With an emphasis on wellness, our staff continually strives to provide all clients with the support they need to maintain the highest possible quality of life.

Our staff has created a caring, non-judgmental climate at Bethany Place that is sensitive to each person's individual needs and beliefs and where all are respected. The circle of our ministry includes collaboration with individuals, community, religious, civic, and health-related organizations.

# Catholic Urban Programs

Gerry Hasenstab  
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East St. Louis, IL 62203  
(618-398-5616)  
[www.catholicurbanprograms.org/](http://www.catholicurbanprograms.org/)

**Mission Statement:** Catholic Urban Programs advances the dignity of the human person through compassionate response to human needs, advocacy for justice, and the empowerment of individuals and families to reach their full potential.

**Vision Statement:** A southern Illinois where hope prevails, justice reigns, and people are transformed.

Our efforts are concentrated in the Diocese of Belleville, particularly in St. Clair County, Illinois. The goal of our ministry is to personify the Corporal Works of Mercy, which Christ reveals in the gospel of Matthew.

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
a stranger and you welcomed me,  
naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me,  
in prison and you visited me.”*

First United supports our Food Pantry through both their Give a Meal a Month program and financially.

# Community Interfaith Food Pantry

1218 W. Main Street  
Belleville, IL 62220  
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www.feedbelleville.org

## **They are here to eliminate hunger in our community.**

Eleven local churches decided their resources were better used and more effective if they cooperated to improve life in our neighborhoods. They provide food to families throughout the Belleville and Swansea communities who are experiencing difficulty in meeting the demands of daily living.

The churches began networking and the pantry became a reality on August 1, 2007. Hours are 1-3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9-11 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday.

The **Community Interfaith Food Pantry** is a nonprofit charitable organization governed by a board whose members are selected by the participating churches: St. Matthew United Methodist, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic, Signal Hill Lutheran, St. Luke Catholic, St. Teresa Catholic, Christ United Church of Christ, St. Paul United Church of Christ, Trinity United Church of Christ, Westview Baptist, Peace Lutheran Church and First United Presbyterian. Additional support comes from organizations, local businesses and you.

**Our mission:** To eliminate hunger within the community and to make a commitment to consider the total spiritual, emotional and physical needs of individuals and to identify available resources to assist them.

# **Mound Ridge Retreat Center – PC(USA) Sustainability Appeal**

**Christy Foster, Executive Director  
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Cook Station, MO 65449  
(573-265-3098)  
[www.moundridge.org](http://www.moundridge.org)**

Located in the foothills of the Missouri Ozarks, Mound Ridge Retreat Center and Summer Camp is among the most sacred and beautiful retreat centers in central Missouri. Covering 370.5 acres, Mound Ridge rests in the midst of open land oak forest on limestone and sandstone ridges and overlooks the gorgeous upper reaches of the spring-fed Meramec River. This mission facility, part of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, offers a peaceful retreat from the fast-paced world. Our many on-site facilities include: a rustic stone lodge, two large sleeping cabins, dining and recreation halls, swimming pool, nature nest, outdoor pavilion, and outdoor chapel, as well as recreational and camping areas and nature trails.

The sustainability appeal is long range. Over time, Mound Ridge will encounter unexpected opportunities and setbacks which may alter the course of this journey, but the final goal will remain unchanged: to support the Mound Ridge mission statement in the best way possible with good stewardship in mind.

It is our goal to raise a total of \$6.25million in three phases to help us keep with the mission and ministry of Mound Ridge. Our current goal is \$1.9million in Phase 1.

**Neighbors for Renewal**  
**“Building up neighborhoods one house at a time.”**  
**Incorporated June 29, 1998**

**Drew Kramer**  
**34 Char Claire**  
**Belleville, IL 62226**  
**(618) 234-3068**  
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Neighbors for Renewal is a not-for-profit corporation which purchases houses that are in severe disrepair, rehabilitates them using volunteer labor as much as possible, and makes those houses available at a significantly reduced price to working families whose income falls within established program guidelines.

From the beginning, we recognized that the strength of the cost-efficient model utilized by Neighbors for Renewal would rely heavily on establishing working partnerships. We welcome and use the involvement of skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled volunteers from church groups, organizations, companies, and the community in general. We also welcome and have benefitted from contributions of money, materials and houses!

We have completed 14 homes and will soon finish work on house number 15. This house is located in the Abraham Lincoln School neighborhood.

# Project Compassion

Rachel R. Jackson, Executive Director  
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**Mission:** Project Compassion, NFP (PC-NFP) is dedicated to promoting the empowerment and enhancement of disadvantaged and low-income women and children with a focus on middle and high school girls. We assist girls and Youth in grades 6-12 and Young women ages 15-35.

PC-NFP, has provided outreach to homeless/low-income families since 2005. PC-NFP has served over 70,000 individuals through resources, workshops, and trainings. We have provided over 7,000 personal care and seasonal items, and provided ongoing assistance to 4 low-income shelters in St. Clair County, IL. PC-NFP has been instrumental in becoming the bridge to services and the needs that these individuals are facing

***Imagine-Me Summer Program:*** is a nine (9) week summer camp for girls in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> (held at First United). The targeted participants are also struggling with social issues (making and maintain friends), new to the school which they attend, currently living in a single parent home, living in a foster care setting, recently experienced a change in family dynamics such as; (divorce, death of a loved one).

***Girlz On Purpose Tour:*** is a 1-day tour for girls ages 11 to 18 to navigate self-esteem, education, and character discussions in a fun, energizing, and inspiring day. The first tour was launched in 2014 and welcomed 140 from St. Clair and Madison County as well as St. Louis, Mo.

## **Small Church Ministry**

In keeping with the spirit of the PC(USA)'s Small Church (Wee Kirk) Ministry the Mission Committee directly contributes to struggling small Presbyterian churches.

## **Summer Lunch Program (Feed My Lambs)**

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During the school year low-income children received subsidized lunches at school. However, when summer comes these lunches are no longer provided. For a number of years KCBS has partnered with area churches in providing a Summer Street ministry to low income children in our local communities.

Approximately 200 children receive a sack lunch daily during the summer and participate in crafts, games, music and biblical lessons. We believe Christians are called to physically, emotionally and spiritually feed children in need.

Feed My Lambs provides a way for us to continue to meet the needs of the children year round by working with principals in the schools in which we currently conduct the KCBS programs.

Donations received to Feed my lambs will be directly given to school principals to help children who need breakfast, lunch or milk during the school year.

# **Uni-Pres Kindercottage**

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Uni-Pres Kindercottage was established May 10, 1965, as a not-for-profit agency to provide services to children ages 3-5 years. By 1970, families needed our services for a younger group of children. We met those needs by lowering the age to 2 years. Today, we provide services to all children including those with special needs. We are licensed to serve seventy-six children, ages six weeks through six years. Uni-Pres Kindercottage is and always has been family driven. We provide additional services to meet the needs of families because of The Welfare Reform Act, which requires families to become self-sufficient to leave the welfare rolls. Our agency expanded services to include counselling, health and developmental screenings, food, clothing give-a-ways, job referrals and job training opportunities. Uni-Pres Kindercottage mission statement states, "We provide an environment where all children have opportunities for learning through educational, social and developmental programs."

The Uni-Pres Kindercottage is a holistic model which includes the child's health, social and psychological wellbeing, as well as, their family dynamics. Uni-Pres Kindercottage does not discriminate and is an equal opportunity employer.

## **Worship With Us**

**First United Presbyterian Church  
1303 Royal Heights Road  
Belleville, Illinois 62223  
618 233 0295**

### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

**8:00 am Worship**

**9:00 am Coffee Fellowship**

**9:15 am Sunday School**

**(For all ages)**

**10:30 am Worship**

**11:30 am Coffee Fellowship**

**For more information call or visit our website  
[www.firstunitedpres.org](http://www.firstunitedpres.org)**