



TUMC Mission and Outreach (M&O) News and Notes...

M&O is a non-elected committee with no official role, members or reporting responsibilities. (Sounds idyllic, right?) Anyone can join us. Currently there are about 10 members. We started our work as a result of the hand to plow process which our church went through about 5 years ago. We have a small monthly budget of \$100 with which we have been able to bless many from our faith community and neighbors both near and far. When we have special projects, we ask for donations from our congregation, which is very generous. Much of what we do requires more time than money, neither of which we have in abundance, as you can imagine. But, we are called by God to serve and bless others and so, we want to do these things. Although our work can be time consuming, I believe that we all have been blessed as much as those we have helped.

So, what do we do? In pre-COVID-19 times (is that PC?) our committee met monthly. We shared the needs of the congregation and more. We encouraged each other and developed relationships - almost like a small group. It was a wonderful way to grow closer to each other and to be more like Jesus. Although we don't meet regularly just now, we are still serving and blessing others. We still strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

There are many ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus, as I am sure many of you are already doing. Some of the ways that we have served are as follows: Loads of Laundry, Coffee/Cocoa and fellowship for food pantry attendees, school kits in handmade totes, duffels for foster care kids, cards of encouragement, meals for the hungry, rides to a nursing home to visit a dying mother, friendly visits, Blessing Bags for the homeless, lunch for construction volunteers at 2nd Wind Cottages (more than once), Christmas cookie treats for 2nd Wind, camperships, \$\$ for local resident whose house had fire damage, \$\$ for congregant experiencing job loss, picking up groceries, help with laundry... We are happy to continue to serve. If you need help, or know of someone who does, just call the church office and leave a message!

Furthermore, we just started a new project of supporting a youth in Honduras during their final year of high school. It's through a program called Border Buddies. We will let you know more about it as we become more familiar with the program.

Valentine's Day is coming soon! We would love your support - \$\$ and baking - to provide a small love gift to the men at Second Wind Cottages. We want to give each man a small gift bag with a Valentine, cookies, candy and \$5.00 Dunkin Donuts gift card. If you would like to help with a donation and or baking, contact either Mary Jamison - 387-6474, Mary Gallagher - 379-5640 or Ronda Ketcham - 351-0341. Or just send a check to TUMC with M&O in the memo line. Thanks.

I hope you have a better understanding now of the Mission and Outreach group!

Yours in Christ's Love,
Ronda Ketcham (for M&O)