

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Engaging Our Neighbors

peace
WELCOME!
love

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” —Jesus

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REACHING OUT BEYOND OUR CHURCH FAMILY to neighbors near and far is part of living our faith. We at Westminster help others locally and around the world, addressing immediate needs and bringing justice, aid, and education, in Christ's name. Our offerings include hands-on service, donations of food and other items, and a variety of funded causes.

Hands-on Service Opportunities

Hands-on service brings us together with our neighbors, sharing work, table and fellowship to build relationships and share God's love and compassion. The opportunities listed here are merely a snapshot; new initiatives sprout up year-round at Westminster. Learn more and sign up for projects by emailing a member of the Outreach Ministry Team (outreach@westpresa2.org).

Opportunities for Individual Service

Friends in Deed

Schedule, move or maintain the supply of free used furniture; provide direct aid services; or participate in new efforts to cure poverty. (734) 484-4354

House By the Side of the Road

Help serve clients in this source of free gently used clothing and household goods. (734) 971-2550

Hope Clinic

Serve directly as food bank staff, medical or dental professional, administrative support or prayer partner. (734) 484-2989 or thehopeclinic.org

Staples Family Center (Salvation Army)

Give day to day service or schedule a special family activity. (734) 761-7750

Westminster-Organized Events and Ongoing Service Opportunities

Good Neighbor Project

In partnership with the American Friends Service Committee, correspond with and co-mentor a prisoner.

HEART Rotating Shelter

Help provide overnight shelter, food and fellowship for 25 homeless men, in partnership with the Washtenaw County Shelter Association.

Habitat for Humanity House of Faith

Partner with workers from other churches and a new home owner to renovate an affordable home in Washtenaw County.

Hill Mercy House Meals

Prepare and donate food or help serve a Sunday meal for the self-governing homeless community.

Little Free Library

Help maintain the book collection or structure by our playground.

Fall Block Party

Mobilize as a whole church to throw a party for the neighborhood.

Riverside Community Gathering

Bring fresh bread, bake a birthday cake for 50, or serve and share the table at the Wednesday evening meal for 50 vulnerable guests in Ypsilanti.

ROAR: Reach Out And Read at Dicken School. Pair up with early elementary kids for one-on-one weekly reading.

Westminster mission trips

Organize or join in a group local, national or international educational or service trip; guidance and funding are provided.

Refugee Resettlement

Serve in partnership with Jewish Family Services, Muslim Social Services, Washtenaw Shelter Association and Samaritas in varied roles to welcome new Americans to Washtenaw County.

Donation Drives

Donations of used and new goods complement Westminster's offerings of funds and service. Some collections continue through the year; some donation drives are seasonal.

House By the Side of the Road

Gently used, clean clothing and household items. Bring to Westminster anytime.

Christmas Gift Baskets

New items for area families.

Education Project for Homeless Youth

(in partnership with Washtenaw Intermediate School District)
New school supplies, clothing.

HEART Rotating Shelter

New hats, gloves, socks, toiletries, hand-warmers and gently used outerwear for homeless men.

Hope Clinic

Bring a grocery bag filled with nonperishable food and household and personal care items, on the third Sunday of the month, or anytime.


Riverside Community Gathering

Bring a loaf of fresh-baked bread on the first Sunday of the month; also fresh garden produce; and new hats, gloves, socks, underwear (December).

Refugee Resettlement


A specified list of new and gently used household items.

Funded Causes


Westminster gives 10% of pledged funds to budgeted mission causes. Much of Westminster's hands-on mission is event-based; when we give money to the causes listed here, we support people and organizations that can create long-term change through sustained relationships. Congregants provide additional support through Faith Promise and other special offerings.  denotes opportunities for hands-on help.

Budgeted Causes

Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corporation

(CDC) Creates opportunities through education, employment and economic development. 


Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley

Partners with volunteers and future homeowners to refurbish homes for low income families in Washtenaw County. 

Ghana Mission: Rachel and Maxwell Smallish-Dziku

Educational support as Maxwell studies educational leadership to enhance his work for the African Relief Mercy Ministries.

Hope Clinic

An interdenominational medical, dental and social services organization providing compassionate and practical help to those in need. 

HEART Rotating Shelter

Provides a week's shelter at Westminster for 25 homeless men in partnership with the Washtenaw Shelter Association.



International Teams Romanian missionaries Mike and Elvira Babcock

Nurture Christian discipleship through practical services such as teaching English as a second language, tutoring and vacation Bible school.

Theological Education Fund

Supports seminary students through the PC (USA).

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**Presbyterian Church (USA)
Shared Mission**

Funds local and global mission projects and ministry through the Detroit Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant and Presbyterian Mission Agency.


**Presbyterian Church (USA)
World Mission**

Funds missionaries including designated support to missionaries Rachel and Michael Weller in Ethiopia and other areas of greatest need.

**Riverside Community
Gathering**

Provides a weekly meal and fellowship for marginalized neighbors in Ypsilanti; hosted by and at Ypsilanti First Presbyterian, RCG is an outreach of the Washtenaw Cluster PC (USA) churches. 


**Westminster local, national
and international mission
trip funds**

Assistance for mission teams, including Presbyterian disaster relief efforts. 


Faith Promise Causes

Blue envelopes are available for gifts to the following causes (which do not received budgeted funds). Designate your gift for a specific cause; or undesignated gifts are divided equally among these programs.


Staples Family Center (Salvation Army)

Provides a safe, drug-free shelter for local homeless families, helping them overcome the obstacles that caused their homelessness. 


M.I.S.S.I.O.N. A2 Hill House

Helps local homeless people through self-governing community, Sunday meals and access to services; advocates for safer tent communities. 


PC (USA) Medical Benevolence Foundation

Provides hope and healing to those most in need through funding, medical supplies, community development and increased world awareness. Mission trips for medical and non-medical participants. 

Friends in Deed

Addresses root causes of poverty through mentoring, and meets emergency needs for furniture, vehicles, and medical and utilities cash assistance. 

House By the Side of the Road

Helps local families in need with free used clothing and small household items. 

Special Fundraisers

Session-approved special fund raisers are opportunities to give additional financial support for specific causes such as these:

PC (USA) Christmas Joy Offering (Advent/Christmas)

Supports current and former church workers and their families; enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools.

PC (USA) One Great Hour of Sharing (Lent/before Easter)

Provides relief to those affected by natural disasters; provides food to the hungry; and helps empower the poor and oppressed.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance offerings

Raises funds for specific disasters as they occur.

PC (USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering

Promotes peace and addresses systems of injustice, through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and PC (USA) World Mission. Local congregations give up to 25% of this offering to local peacemaking ministries.

Medical Benevolence Foundation offerings

Supplements Faith Promise gifts to address urgent needs.

Thank you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure to reach out to our neighbors. We want to hear from you! Please contact the Outreach Ministry Team by leaving a note in the mailbox in the public office with your questions, suggestions and even wild ideas. We're here to help groups and individuals reach out and serve our neighbors.

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