

Lets Talk About Money

A Missive on Missions and Ministries

Our weekly commitment to Missions, Ministries and Programs in our Church, our Community, and our World, define our Church. Here are some examples.

In our Church: two choirs, a dance group, a bell choir, camp scholarships, college scholarships, coffee hour, Little Sprouts, Central Cafe, Central Cinema, Vacation Bible School and many more.

In Our Community: Food Pantry, Good Samaritan Fund, Blessings in a Backpack, Baldwin Center, Hope Warming Center, Clothe-A-Child, Trunk or Treat etc. And, in order for our Church to grow, we will need additional community outreach.

In our World: Our Sister Church St. Mark in Liberia, Volunteers in Mission, No More Malaria, Native American Sunday, Knit for Kids, Wells for Liberia, and more. We also pay our apportionments in full, participating in United Methodist missions around the World.

All of these, and many more, exist because of support from your weekly pledge. Your giving has the potential to change a life as we are guided by our mission: Central Church: Connecting with God. Connecting with others. Changing our World with Christ's love.

Our Mission Touches Lives Locally ...

Our Good Samaritan fund exists to help families in need of financial help. We've helped families with rent, security deposits, repairing automobiles and energy bills. So far this year we've helped 15 families with financial aid totaling \$3,852.68.

Through our Food Pantry this year, we've served 53 families (150 individuals). We provide food relief with food for single persons as well as families. In addition we've given away 9 \$25 Meijer Gift Cards (the week leading to Easter). The funds donated this year so far total \$4,585 (of which \$2,265 are from Charles Steeber Memorials). We have spent \$1031.93 to supplement the generosity of our members and friends. (\$806.93 frozen food and \$225.00 Meijer gift cards).

And Around the World ...

Since 2009-10 when Jessica Arnold raised \$105 to help a teacher in Liberia with college tuition, our congregation has sent over \$84,000 for projects in Liberia. Most importantly, we've provided scholarships for 24 students every year since 2012. We have pledged to continue our support of the WCUMC - Jessica Arnold Scholarship at C.W. Duncan School going forward (at \$300 per student. that's \$7,200 each year!)

And More!

These efforts are in addition to the funds that, when combined with those from other United Methodist Churches, support over 350 missionaries in over 60 nations worldwide!!