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MISSION FAIR BOOKLET



Anderson District

Clemson UMC

300 Frontage Road, Clemson, SC 29631

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Ministry Name: Clemson Community Care

Years: 26 since the ministry began in 1988

Budget: The yearly budget for Clemson Community Care is approximately \$300,000.00. In 2012, 92% of funds went directly to client services and support. In 2013 Clemson United Methodist Church donated \$9,445.00 to Clemson Community Care.

Description: Clemson Community Care was established in 1988 by pastors in the Clemson area who saw the need for an agency that would be able to coordinate and document assistance to residents in the community rather than people in need of help going from church to church. Churches came together in support of CCC led by Clemson UMC pastor Mickey Fisher and the pastor of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. Many Clemson UMC members participated in the organization of the agency and have supported CCC through the past 26 years.

Clemson Community Care assists families with basic needs - food, shelter and utilities.

Additional services include back-to-school program where school principals meet with CCC client families to discuss bus routes, school lunch programs and any other questions they may have. Participating families receive a backpack with school supplies.

Clemson UMC participates with Clemson Community Care in many ways. Clemson UMC supports CCC financially. The director of CCC is a member of Clemson UMC. Many of the regular volunteers at CCC are also members of Clemson UMC. Clemson UMC youth and children volunteer regularly at CCC and hold food drives in conjunction with some of their programs. Clemson UMC has a permanent drop-off box for food donations and also gives out paper bags for church families to take home, fill and return to church with donations.

St. John UMC 515 S. McDuffie Street, Anderson, SC 29624

Pastor: Rev. Dan Batson

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Ministry Name: St. Johns Clothes Closet

Years: 20+

Budget: St. Johns UMC provides the building, utilities and maintenance. Most supplies are furnished by volunteers and church members. The clothing is donated by church members and the community and given to clients for free. The Clothes Closet is staffed entirely by volunteers.

Description:

Our mission is to provide clothing to persons in a caring, loving and dignified manner in keeping with Jesus teaching, "I needed clothes and you clothed me."

The St. John's Clothes Closet is open one day a week and as needed and is staffed by about twenty five church member volunteers per month who work up to five hours each per week receiving, processing, and displaying clothing donations and assisting shoppers with clothing selections. The clothing is arranged in separate rooms for men, women, children and household.

This ministry benefits those who need clothing but also provides an opportunity for church members to serve the Lord through hands on ministry at our own church campus. The ministry blesses not only those who receive the clothes but also those who donate the clothing and those who sort and display the clothing so our clients have a super "shopping" experience. Clients leave with new outfits, needed household items and uplifted spirits. Volunteers leave tired but with a sense of fulfillment, knowing they have put their faith into action.

St. Mark UMC 616 Quincy Road, Anderson, SC

Pastor: Rev. David C. Surrent

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Ministry Name: Special Friends Camp & Wednesday Friends Meals

Years: 16

Budget: \$11,000.00

Description: These are really two programs. The first is a three day camp experience for children and youth with special needs. Campers are paired one on one with a youth or adult care giver. This program provides respite care for parents and family members. Campers are also invited to other events throughout the year. The second is a weekly program of meal distribution on Wednesday evenings to 40 persons and/or families. Once a year food recipients are invited to share the Wednesday evening meal at the church campus with the church family.

Charleston District

Goose Creek UMC 142 Red Bank Road, Goose Creek, SC 29445

Pastor: Rev. Debra Dowdle

Nominator: Betty Alexander Phone: 843-553-6842

Ministry Name: The Lord's Ladle Café Years: 8

Ministry Budget: There has been a \$400.00 per year line item created in our church's budget which helps supplement weekly monetary donations received. We are also blessed by food donations from the community.

Ministry Description: The Lord's Ladle Soup Kitchen was started through our Pastor's vision to reach people in our community that are dealing with poverty. After starting the soup kitchen we saw that people were coming because they also enjoyed the fellowship. Soon other ministries developed from the basic human needs that became apparent after spending time with these folks. Our clothes closet and emergency food pantry came into life and have flourished over the past several years. The closet and the pantry remain fully stocked through donations and they are available to all. A Human Needs Network has also been established to further assist with needs.

Hibben UMC 690 Coleman Blvd., Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

Pastors: The Reverends Kathryn & Jim Hunter

Nominator: Jennifer Roberts

Phone: 843-270-1161

Ministry Name: The Table Years: 2.5 Budget: \$300-500 / Month

Ministry Description:

A few years back we had a homeless person (no longer homeless!) who started attending Hibben. She made us more aware of the plight of the folks in the immediate area around our church campus. So we began our ministry by walking the neighborhoods in our immediate area where there is subsidized housing and a few trailer neighborhoods.

Each third Saturday of the month, from 11 AM to 1 PM, we open up our Christian Life and Learning Center to offer a free meal, bags of groceries, and free haircuts (and sometimes

manicures). We also offer activities for the children in the families we serve - Storytime, double dutch and other games, and face painting.

Any given month we have our "regulars", as well as new friends who come to join us. For our members, it has offered a way for us to reach out to our neighbors in need, when we might not otherwise have a way to do that. I believe it has opened the eyes of some of our members as to how much poverty is so close by.

We have a regular group of volunteers who have found The Table ministry to be the service that God has called them to. We see this being a long-term ministry at Hibben - praise God!

Murray UMC 1246 Orangeburg Rd, Summerville, SC 29483

Pastor: Rev. Judith Knox

Nominator: Angela Robinson E-mail: robja@musc.edu Phone: 843-792-7118

Ministry Name: Murray Community Health Initiatives Years: 5

Ministry Budget: \$33,500

- Marketing Materials: Flyer, brochures, medical information related to health risks in the African American, Hispanic, and Native American Community \$2500
- Paid Advertisement for newspaper and radio ads \$1500 -Office Supplies \$1500
- Clinical Supplies \$2500 - LCD Projector for health education seminars \$5000
- Projection screen for health education seminars \$5000
- Transportation Services to assist the rural poor to come to the clinic \$10,000
- Refreshments for patients and volunteers \$2000

Ministry Description: Murray United Methodist Church aims to stay on the forefront of healthcare for the poor and disenfranchised in our community. Murray's objectives are to educate and serve African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanics about the importance of proper and adequate healthcare through prevention, intervention, treatment methods, and if needed, offer referrals to the Medical University of South Carolina Specialty Care. A second objective of the Murray Community Medical Clinic is to mobilize the community to advocate to policy makers for better access and affordability of healthcare services to the poor, especially ethnic minority communities.

The Murray Community Medical Clinic, a family practice medical clinic, seeks to address the health disparities of the poor, African American, Hispanic and Native American Communities

and create a platform to promote public policies in South Carolina that make health care accessible and affordable to the poor and ethnic minority communities.

The mission of Murray Community Medical Clinic is to help members of the community achieve healthier lifestyles by providing reliable, easy-to-comprehend health information and services. Murray Community Medical Clinic affirms that quality healthcare is the right of all members of the community, regardless of socioeconomic or health status. The clinic will give its all to provide adequate assistance to uninsured patients seeking healthcare assistance.

Murray Community Medical Clinic implements checking blood pressure in the clinic on a regular basis. Patients are required to keep a log of their weekly blood pressure values and bring those values to clinic. During their clinical visit, the clinician will review the patient's log for signs of high blood pressure. Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in South Carolina. Murray Community Medical Clinic provides needed healthcare to diabetics to increase their chances of healthier living. African Americans are twice as likely to die of breast cancer as Caucasian women who have cancer. Murray Community Medical Clinic educates the community about the above mentioned risk factors for breast cancer and all other risk factors and provides primary and preventative health care to the community.

St. Mark UMC 319 Geddes Avenue, Charleston, SC 29407

Pastor: Rev. Scarlett Hester

Nominator: Susan H. Brooks, Missions Chairman

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Ministry Name:

We would like to share a DVD and artifacts from our most recent UMVIM trips to Haiti, Red Bird Missions, Salkehatchie Summer Programs. We helped raise over \$9,500 in funds for support of UMC mission projects in Haiti with the enthusiastic support of United Methodist Women in the Charleston, Columbia and Rock Hill UMW Districts.

St. Mark participates actively with feeding the homeless at the Interfaith Crisis Ministry of Charleston and operate an ongoing food pantry.

In addition to the outreach ministries outlined above, St. Mark annually supports Water Missions International and the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box program for Children.

Ministry Description:

St. Mark has provided an instructor in the UMW Mission U Haiti Course for two years, served in mission for the past two years under the auspices UMVIM Outreach trips to Haiti and Red Bird

Mission. We also conduct monthly dinners at the Interfaith Crisis Ministry in Charleston as well as operate a Food Pantry directly from our Church. The youth will participate again participate in the summer UMVIM Salkehatchie building program. We are prepared to make a DVD which will outline all of our mission activities for our presentation.

Stewart Chapel UMC, New Hope UMC, Zion UMC -- St. Thomas Charge

1013 Charity Church Road, Huger, SC 29450

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Love

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Phone: 843-731-1303

Ministry Name: Huger/Wando Summer Enrichment Program

Number of Years: 2

Budget: \$30,000.00

Description: This program served students in Pre-K through 8th grade. It also gave 14 college students internships. We served 82 students the first year and 120 students last year from the Huger/Wando Area at the Cainhoy Elementary Middle School.

This is a summer enrichment program that creates an environment that helps students fall in love with reading. It served Pre-K ages 4 and five, and students in grades 1-8. In addition it offered internships to 14 college students from the community, who implemented prepared lesson plans related to age appropriate books, as they worked with the students. These college students given the tools needed to lead the classes and also learned the importance of giving back to their community.

Wesley UMC-Ladson 3242 Ladson Road, Ladson, SC 29456

Pastor: Reverend Julius McDowell

Nominator: Sarah Bozier Phone: 843-821-0867

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Name of Ministry: G.I.F.T.S.

Number of Years: 3

Ministry Budget:

Our ministry is not funded through our church budget; however, we receive donations from fundraisers, members and community organizations. We have also received a ELCC grant this year that has impacted our ministry tremendously, allowing our girls to participate in activities and ministry which ma have not been possible without these funds.

Mission:

The mission of the G.I.F.T.S. Ministry is to impact the positive development of the total girl through mentoring. Participants in the program range in ages from 4 to 18. Mentors exercise their gifts, talents, time and effort to serve the church and community effectively so that young girls are afforded the necessary leadership and direction that can become the difference between personal success and failure in certain areas of their life. It is our hope that these young girls, once inspired, can realize their individual goals, make the best decisions for their future and reach their full potential as productive responsible women.

The year-long program concentrates on specific academic enrichment, cultural awareness, personal care, social values, as well as future aspirations. Girls meet once a week with their mentor and on one Saturday of the month during the school year as well as two full days during the summer break. We participated in activities that included a book club, personal budgeting, college tour, dream job development, exposure to the arts, and self-development through community engagement and field trips.

Columbia District

Chapin UMC 415 Lexington Avenue, Chapin, SC 29036

Pastor: Rev. Jody Flowers

Nominator: Sharon Allen E-mail: lmec@bellsouth.net Phone: 803-622-4703

Ministry Name: Jerusalem Outreach

Number of Years: 5 Ministry Budget: \$36,000

Ministry Description: Backyard outreach that includes children, young people and adults living in poverty.

Francis Burns UMC 5616 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 29203

Pastors Name: Rev. Ernest Etheridge

Name of Nominator: Teresa Holland

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Phone: 803-237-0697

Ministry Name: evangelism & missions

Number of Years: 3

Ministry Budget: \$5,000.00

Ministry Description: Understanding that our community is at the forefront of America's health crisis and that education is the key to overcoming our health disparities, the community forum had a strong focus on health care education. Missions also focused on homeless students and collected clothing and toiletry items. Open forum discussions covered health and family care including topics such as elder care, social security and burial planning, gun safety and home ownership. Free haircuts given to boys and young men.

Mount Horeb UMC

1205 Old Cherokee Road, Lexington, SC 29072

Pastor: Rev. Jeff Kersey

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Ministry Name: EmmanuWheel Wheel Chair Ramp Ministry

Years: 5

Budget: \$9000

Ministry Description:

Clients are referred to Emmanuel Wheel by hospital social services, physicians, out-patient clinics, rehabilitation facilities, and charitable organizations in the community. Funding is obtained through private donations, grants, church partners, and corporate sponsors. Labor is provided by trained volunteers who donate their time.

Wesley UMC

1725 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Pastor: Rev. John Dicks, Sr.

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Ministry Name: Manna Station and Food Pantry

Number of Years: 12

Ministry Budget: Manna Station - No budget - funded through the church's outreach ministry.

Food Pantry - No budget - Funded by monetary and food donations by members and friends.

Ministry Description: MANNA STATION

Every first Saturday all who come to the Manna Station are fed both physically and spiritually. A service is rendered and communion is served. Our guests receive a full course meal that includes salad, desert and beverage, as well as a to-go food bag. At Christmas, in addition to a meal, a gift bag is given consisting of basic necessities (toiletries, hat, socks, etc.) Our Manna Station guests are much like our Food Pantry customers in that they come from all walks of life as some are homeless, and some are down on their luck and in need of a good meal and fellowship. Our guests vary in age, gender, and race in that we serve men, women, children, seniors, and even babies in strollers have come through our doors. We currently serve an average of 75-100 guests. This ministry is well supported by Wesley adults, youth and children, members of churches of various denominations and college students. Several of our guests have become regular church attendees and some have joined our membership.

FOOD PANTRY

Over the last 10 plus years, Wesley has helped to feed the community by operating the Food Pantry. This ministry allows Wesley to serve the homeless, transits, and individuals who needs assistance to feed themselves, children and even grandchildren.

The Food Pantry is operated by Church volunteers and is funded by monetary contributions and food donations from members and friends. Food Distribution is twice a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30 to 12:30. Our volunteers custom packs the bags to accommodate those with large families and those who require ready-to-serve items as they have no means to heat or cook food. An average of 40-45 bags of groceries, consisting of non-perishable food items, are distributed within the four hours of the weekly operation.

As long as there is a need, Wesley will continue to do her part to help better the lives of others.

Florence District

Wesley Chapel 112 Deep River Street, Lake City, SC

Pastor: Rev. Jerry L. Gadsden

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Ministry Name: Tuesday Feeding

Number of Years: 5 years

Ministry Budget: \$18000

Ministry Description: Tuesday Feeding is a ministry of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. We provide physical and spiritual food to those that are in need within the community. Lay servants of the church participate in delivering a short devotion each Tuesday as well as several

other volunteers serve a hot meal to those that come in through our doors. Meals are also distributed to those senior members of the community.

Greenwood District

Broad Street UMC 310 North Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kitty Holtzclaw

Nominator: Sallie Anna Barton

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Ministry Name: Project W.A.R.M. (Weatherization And Repair Ministry)

Number of Years: 2

Ministry Budget: Currently, the budget for this ongoing ministry is approximately \$8,000. Gifts are given throughout the year, and fundraisers add to this balance so that we can continue to grow this ministry.

Ministry Description: Project W.A.R.M. (Weatherization And Repair Ministry) addresses the housing issues within our county through two days of home repair during the Christmas season. Over the past two years, 30 homes have been made safer, warmer, and dryer through major and minor repairs thanks to 130 volunteers, and the prayers and contributions of countless others. Homes are selected by a committee and must be owner occupied and within Laurens County to be considered

Greenville District

Advent UMC 2258 Woodruff Road, Simpsonville, SC 29681 Rev. Michael Turner

Mauldin UMC 100 East Butler Avenue, Mauldin, SC 29662 Rev. Smoke Kanipe

Saint Matthew UMC 701 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC 29609 Rev. Steven Brown

Nominators: Virginia Crews, Craig Hood, Beth Zweigoron

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Ministry Name: GAIHN Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network

Number of Years: 8 plus years

Ministry Budget: GAIHN budget is around \$350,000 annually. Each hosting congregation has their individual budgets that include funding hosting costs for four weeks per year with three families living in the church each of those weeks.

Advent GAIHN budget includes support of a transitional home at \$9600 per year. Congregation members also are asked to supply meals and supplies for hosting.

Ministry Description: The Mission of the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (GAIHN) is to assist local congregations to share hospitality (in the form of emergency shelter, meals, and short-term housing) with homeless families that include children, and to help those families achieve self-sufficiency and self-fulfillment. GAIHN is the only homeless shelter in Greenville County that counts among its goals to keep families together. It is the only shelter for families of mixed genders where children are over the age of 12. Comprises the only homeless shelter for single fathers.

The Greenville Area IHN is a coalition of forty-two religious congregations (including 13 UM churches) collectively called GAIHN (Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network). Uniting volunteers and facilities from diverse religious communities and faith traditions, GAIHN provides homeless families with safe, secure shelter while offering emergency assistance (including superb transitional housing), strategies to obtain affordable housing and permanent employment, and appropriate referral and guidance to help reintegrate families into the community as quickly as possible.

GAIHN demonstrated the Connectional atmosphere of the. UMC at its best!

Hartsville District

Aldersgate UMC

211 Alice Drive, Sumter SC 29150

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Webb Belangia

Name of Nominator: Lynn Boan

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Ministry Name: Willow Drive Backpack Program Number of Years: 1

Ministry Budget: \$1,500.00 annually has been contributed by our church.

Other funds have been contributed by the Willow Drive Elementary PTA and the school has also received several donations from individuals in the community.

Ministry Description: Aldersgate UMC and Willow Drive Elementary are partnering with Harvest Hope Food Bank to provide food for needy children at Willow. Currently, every Friday we are providing a backpack of kid-friendly food to thirty-eight children and the students will receive the food through the end of the 2014 school year. We are working on plans to help provide food to the children during the summer and the next school year. Once a month two volunteers pick up the food from Columbia and two to three different volunteers unpack and sort the food. Every Friday two people help our staff pack the backpacks and distribute them to the children. On Mondays, a volunteer signs in the empty backpacks as the children return them.

St. Luke UMC

302 Dunlap Dr. Hartsville, SC 29550

Pastor: Rev. Gene Feagin

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Phone: 843-383-5169

Ministry Name: Carolina Kids

Number of Years: 5+

Ministry Budget: St. Luke's contributions are in kind, with food and volunteers being the most common.

Ministry Description: Carolina Kids offers clothing, support and food to children and families in poverty in the Hartsville area. St. Luke's UMYF gives two Wednesday nights per month to help pack the Hunger Buster food bags which are sent home with needy children to help them through the weekends. Adults from our Mission Committee spend one Thursday per month packing bags. Other members of the congregation serve as weekly volunteers in the closet and with the Hunger Buster program.

Marion District

Bennettsville-Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry

256 Tatum Highway, Tatum, SC

(843) 523-6550

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Salley

Nominator: Shirley Jones

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Phone: (843) 862-5166

Ministry Name: Bennettsville-Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry

Years: 48

Ministry Budget: The BCACM currently has a budget of \$85,000 which encompasses funds received via member churches, pledges, mission support from the SC Conference, and General Board of Global Ministry.

Ministry Description:

The Bennettsville-Cheraw Area Cooperative Ministry (BCACM) is a specialized ministry of the South Carolina Conference that was established in 1966 to help facilitate the needs of persons living in Marlboro & Chesterfield counties of South Carolina in a shared ministry and vision. The churches that are affiliated with this ministry are Aaron Temple United Methodist Church, Bethel United Methodist Church, Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Level Green United Methodist Church, Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Shiloh United Methodist Church, Smyrna United Methodist Church, Saint Michael United Methodist Church, and Trinity United Methodist Church. The churches that are affiliated with the BCACM have a combined membership less than 2500. In the initial development of the BCACM, the churches had a vision that ministry could be enhanced through shared efforts. Thus, under the direction of the Sixty-Six Conference Board of Mission, and the leadership of Dr. John H. Graham, J.W. Curry, Jasper Smith, a team of conference ministers and a committee from the aforementioned churches, formed the BCACM.

The overall mission of the BCACM is to respond to the increasing call in our communities to continue to light the flame of hope by striving to build and sustain communities of character with youth, young adults, adults, and older adults who have high morality, integrity, and commitment to be leaders for the sake of the present and future generation. The BCACM seeks to minister to the family by educating and nurturing the whole person—physically, spiritually, mentally, morally, and ethically.

In addition to the aforementioned, our programs and ministries focus on meeting the holistic needs of families. We strive to meet these needs via weekly bible study, prayer, workshops and seminars, school enrichment by partnering with Blenheim Elementary & Middle School, Clio Elementary & Middle School, and Bennettsville Middle School. In addition, we sponsor the Sacred Saturday (focusing on children & youth ages 5-11) and Tea Time with Teens (focusing on abstinence with 10-18 girls), VBS picnic and Back-to-School Bash, quarterly leadership trainings, health screenings, soup kitchen, food distribution, summer day camps, and flood buckets.

The BCACM also partners with the communities of Shalom to address inadequate home improvements, medical emergency, hunger and other social needs.

Little River United Methodist Church 1629 Hwy 17 North, Little River, SC 29566

Pastor: Rev. Stuart 'Randy' Smith

Nominator: David M. Phillips

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Ministry Name: A Place of Our Own

Number of Years: 2

Ministry Budget: Support comes from donations and sponsors

Ministry Description: We feed the homeless and those with minimal housing in the Little River, SC, area lunches on every Monday and Thursday regardless of whether it is a holiday or not. We also provide showers and laundry facilities for those who need them from 10AM to 2PM. In the last year, we have been able to secure enough shelf space to obtain and display clothing, toiletries, shoes, and other items. We also provide transportation to medical appointments, veterans' office, grocery stores, and purchase bus tickets for those who want to return home.

Surfside United Methodist

800 13th Avenue North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575

Pastor: Rev. L. Kim Eanes

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Phone: 843/839-1539

Ministry Name: Jason's House

Years: 30

Budget: \$20000

Ministry Description: Although Jason's House is coordinated and hosted by the Surfside UMC, volunteers from other churches, organizations and communities around the Myrtle Beach area come together to give freely of their time and talents as they host these families on their pre-scheduled vacation weeks throughout the months of June, July and August.

Orangeburg District

Bethel UMC

278 Pen Branch Road, North, SC 29112

Pastor: Rev. Kathryn Scarborough

Nominator: Robert Scarborough E-mail: res@tds.net

Phone: 803-730-8577

Ministry Name: Youth Big Garden Years: 1 Budget: \$200 for seed and supplies /\$5050

Ministry Description: The BIG (Believe In God) Garden is a Mission of the Bethel Youth to assist the local GPS Food Center with fresh vegetables for needy families in the community surrounding the church. They have planted tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, green beans, yellow squash, green squash, radishes, cucumbers, and basil. They work the garden each week and deliver the produce to GPS for distribution.

The Youth prepared 100 envelopes. Each envelope has a different design and a different \$ amount printed on the envelope. There is a \$1 envelope, a \$2 envelope,a \$99 envelope, and a \$100 envelope, 100 envelopes totaling \$5050.

Members of the congregation are invited to select an envelope, insert the amount of money indicated on the envelope and add it to the collection plate.

The amounts contributed are divided equally among the three charities chosen by the youth. The charities are Heifer International, St Jude's Children's Hospital, and Epworth Children's Home.

Members of the congregation take an envelope every few week until the cross is empty. Youth give updates on the progress of funds raised.

Bethel UMC

278 Pen Branch Road, North SC 29112

Rev. Kathryn Scarborough

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Phone: 803-730-8577

Ministry Name: Backpacking for Forts Pond Elementary Years: 4

Ministry Budget: We partner with Harvest Hope. We supplement the Harvest Hope grant with \$4000 of Bethel UMC funds to feed 50 low income children each weekend of the school year.

St John's UMC- Aiken

104 Newberry St NW, Aiken SC 29801

Pastor: Dr. George Howle

Nominator: Judy Floyd, Director

E-mail: JFloyd0463@aol.com Phone: 803-640-1708

Ministry Name: Aiken Central Aiken Years: 7 Budget: \$200,000

Ministry Description: Christ Central Mission is an all- volunteer, cross cultural and cross denominational outreach to meet community needs.

In 2013:

- 15,000+ people were fed through boxes of food staples
- 500,000 items of clothing and household goods distributed

- 5000 meals served to children in our Kids Klub and Mentoring Programs
179 people "earned" their GED and Christ Central paid the testing fees

Wesley UMC-Aiken

220 Richland Ave. NE, Aiken, SC 29801

Pastor: Rev. Walter E. Strawther

Nominator: Toni Strawther

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Ministry Name: Children's Literacy Festival

Years: 2

Budget: \$500

Reading Packet Material for Participants - \$100

Ink for Printer/Paper - \$100

Advertisement/Mailing - \$100

Decorations and Puppet Show Material - \$100

Arts N' Crafts Supplies - \$100

*Refreshments and books are donated

Ministry Description: The Children's Literacy Festival takes place on a Saturday from

10 a.m. to noon. This year's theme is called, "Let's Sail Into Reading, Helping Children Become Confident Readers and Writers". Church members along with the Pastor will dress up as storybook characters and the atmosphere will be set up for the children to imagine being on a sailboat. There will be different sailboats for them to board. For example, one of the sailboats will have storytelling. Another sailboat will have arts n' crafts. And, the final sailboat will go to Author's Island and give the older children an opportunity to write and illustrate their own short stories. All of the children will see a puppet show lead by the Youth of the Church and the Pastor. And, the Literacy Festival will conclude with a Book Giveaway and Lunch in the Literacy Cafe.

Rock Hill District

Bethel United Methodist Church

Pastor: Rev. Emily Sutton

Nominator: Liza Holmes

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Phone: 803-367-3949

Ministry Name: Bethel Men's Shelter

Years: 5 years

Budget: \$30000

Ministry Description: Bethel Men's Shelter offers a warm bed and hot supper every night from mid-November through late February/mid-March (depending on weather) to men in the area who are homeless. Volunteers from the community sign up to provide and serve every supper during that time frame - and the calendar fills quickly each season as volunteers connect so

readily with the men and this outreach. Each season we try to grow the ministry to incorporate spiritual outreach to the men (prayer requests, Bible studies, etc.). We also strive to work in collaboration with other non-profits in our community who are also serving our brothers. Not only are the men who are directly receiving services reached but also the volunteers and the people they spread the news to regarding this outreach. It is a beautiful mix of community churches and individuals who make this happen every year.

New Zion UMC, Sharon UMC, Shady Grove UMC

Pastor: Rev. Monica Tilley

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Ministry Name: Book Bag Mission Years: 2

Ministry Description: This bookbag ministry is a way for our small churches to help the local children who do not have the necessary school supplies to start the school year. We recognize that without the needed supplies, children are marginalized, set apart for ridicule and are deprived of the basic necessities needed to help them succeed in their schoolwork.

This mission was started by New Zion UMC in Smyrna and we open it up to our sister churches in the charge so they can be part of this mission. This mission buys brand new, popular style, quality bookbags and fills them with the appropriate supplies for kids in 1st through 12th grades.

We purchase all the supplies and get together as a charge to pack each bookbag, we then bless all the bookbags and those children that will be receiving them. After all is done, we share refreshments and fellowship together. The first year we packed 80 bags, last year we packed 150 bookbags and we provided several of the calculators that the high school students need to succeed in their math classes. Our goal is 200 this year!

Philadelphia UMC

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Ministry Name: Isaiah 58 Ministries Years: 4

Budget: The ministry is funded by donations from the membership and food is prepared to feed 100-125 people per event.

Ministry Description: This ministry is conducted in concert with several other churches from the immediate area. Our church prepares meals and serves in the homes of persons in the Paradise community. We participated in this ministry once per month.

Trinity UMC-York

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Ministry Name: KFC and Africa ECI

Years: 4/6

Budget: KFC- donations from church groups

Africa ELI - only what we raise

Ministry Description: KFC is designed for children in grades 4 - 6. They meet two times per month after school for fellowship, games, devotions and packing food bags for the needy. Bags are handed out daily in the church office. The hungry in our area know they can get a good lunch by stopping by.

Africa ELI stands for Education and Leadership Initiative. Girls in South Sudan do not have an opportunity to go to high school. Fathers will send their sons but often marry their daughters at age 12 and up in order to get cows or goats. This group provides scholarships, health care, lodging and all around care for the girls they sponsor. Money has been raised at Trinity by bazaars, bake sales, etc and we have sent over 30 girls to school. We believe if you educate the mother, you educate the whole family.

Spartanburg District

Arcadia/Skylyn-Arcadia Charge

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Ministry Name: ARCH Ministries

Ministry Description: ARCH ministries is an after school program for children in the Arcadia community of Spartanburg. About 45-50 children, mostly Hispanic, attend the program Monday through Friday. They receive an afternoon snack. Help with schoolwork is provided by volunteer students from Wofford College, SMC and USC Upstate. Paid staff provide food and other program activities.

Walterboro District

Canaan UMC and Sand Hill UMC

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Ministry Name: After School Tutoring Program

Years: 2

Budget: \$1000

Ministry Description: At the Ridgeville Charge (Canaan and Sand Hill United Methodist Churches), the call was to start after-school programs for students in conjunction with the local school district, Dorchester School District Two. Rev. Mack C. McClam, pastor of Canaan and Sand Hill, and Dr. A. Sean Alford, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for Dorchester District Two Schools, met and determined a way for the school district and the churches to work together to serve the members of the communities surrounding the church. Their plan was to continue with and expand on an idea that was started several years ago. The school district and charge planned to implement an after school tutoring and enrichment program for students in the communities surrounding the churches. One reason that this charge was a perfect location to pilot this program is that both churches are in rural communities with a high rate of students on free/reduced lunch. At the initial planning meeting, the district and the charge determined the needs for a successful program. The district provided computers, educational software, snacks, transportation to the sites from schools, and furniture, if needed. The church provided internet access, volunteers to help the students, space, books, and equipment for free time during rotations. The focus group was students from Pre-K to 8th grade. Principals at the schools who served the two communities were contacted, and information was shared appropriately with parents. Parents then registered students with members of the task force, who sent out letters, called, and emailed parents to keep them informed. Currently, both sites have met their maximum number of students, 25, and have waiting lists. Each church has a site coordinator and an assistant site coordinator who ensure that there are volunteers in place and themselves assist with students and program logistics.

Port Royal UMC

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Ministry Name: Phoebe's Closet

Years: 2

Budget: \$500.00 plus donations

Ministry Description: Phoebe's Closet of Port Royal Methodist Church (PRUMC) was an idea that was presented to the PRUMC United Methodist Women in a May 2012 meeting, as a mission for our church. Because of the economy and with people in our community without work, we were witnessing many who were seeking help with food and/or clothing. We contacted the Port Royal Police Department and offered to help in times of emergency. We would offer shelter for a night, food, and clothing. The women saw this as an opportunity to meet a tremendous need right in our own area - literally right in our own backyard.

Based on Romans 16: 1-2, the mission was named Phoebe's Closet. Scripture says Phoebe was a deacon and a benefactor of many. A room was prepared to receive donations of food items and clothing. Also, Phoebe's Closet has received financial support from church members and members of the community. We have been able to provide clothing, food basics, paper products and toiletries. All donations have been greatly appreciated.

In October 2012, Phoebe's Closet took on another dimension. We partnered with Second Helpings of Beaufort to distribute food to families in our area who are struggling. Our food distribution has reached out to civilian and military families. As the ministry continues to grow, we are now preparing to open a larger room to accommodate the clothing section of Phoebe's Closet. Once the area is ready, the Closet will open twice a week, or in an emergency situations as the need arises.

Phoebe's Closet has grown beyond anything we had first envisioned. PRUMC began the ministry of Phoebe's Closet on an act of faith. The commitment from church members to this ministry is inspiring. We work together as a team. We open our doors for food distribution every Friday and we stay open until all who come are able to receive food supplies.

Through this ministry, we have distributed anywhere from 700 to 2200 pounds of food. We, as a church, can give witness to Matthew 19: 26 "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church, Bluffton Campus

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Ministry Name: Let's Serve!

Years: 2

Ministry Budget: Parents are charged a small registration fee and scholarships are available for those who want to participate but are unable to do so. The total budget last year was approximately \$250.00.

Ministry Description: Let's Serve is a 5 week program for young children consisting of tennis lessons and mission outreach projects, providing service to others through St. Andrew UMC's Bluffton campus. Based on the Christian Upward Basketball and Soccer program, Let's Serve adds an additional component of "service" ...actively involving the children in mission outreach service projects. Tennis pros, provided by the church, teach the children how to play tennis, and mid-way, a 10-minute devotion time, combined with a service element is held. Devotion time involves all the kids and parents together. The smaller kids learn tennis between 1:30-3:00 and the older kids 2:30-4:30...devotion time overlaps so all ages participate in the devotion and service projects together.

The first week's devotion centered on the subject of service – how to serve God, who to serve, what it means to serve God. The next week follow-up service element was the collection of gently-used clothing from home or from friends. The children separated clothes and put them in boxes which were delivered to Bluffton Self-Help. The second week's devotion was of Jesus taking the fish and loaves to feed the 5,000. The next week follow-up service was a collection of canned foods, with the SABTS's Soup Kitchen and a Soup Kitchen in North Carolina being the recipients. The third week's devotion was about loving God with all your heart, mind, soul-- loving your neighbor. The next service element was putting together UMCOR Layette Kits. This year, about 6 layette kits were completed, then sent to the UMCOR distribution center. The final week of the program, the Let's Serve devotion was a review and recap of the ways they (children and parents) had been engaged in mission outreach service to others during the Let's Serve season.

St. Mark UMC

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Ministry Budget: None. All donations.

Ministry Description: Ministry fills the gaps for children in need of nutritious meals during the summer months by providing lunch each week day. The ministry also provides a dinner meal during Vacation Bible School week.

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