



**The Woodlands Community
Presbyterian Church**

2015

**Mission Outreach
Opportunities**



Because God's love knows no bounds, the
Mission Outreach Team encourages the
congregation of WCPC to be a servant
people, witnessing to the light of Christ
through actions and words so that the
world might know the grace, peace, and
love of God.

Africa Partnership Group

We work closely with three partners in Zambia: The Justo Mwale Theological University College, the Namumu Orphanage Centre and the United Church of Zambia Siavonga. We also support two Sudanese refugees in Kenya and nurture relationships among the African nationals here in our area.

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Alternative Market

We hold an Alternative Market every November where you can purchase items that promote fair trade and support a variety of our mission outreach projects.

Bless Friday

We offer an alternative to shopping on the day after Thanksgiving with a day of service.

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Blood Drives

Every year we hold at least two blood drives at the church and always need people to donate blood.

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Bread for the World

Our association with Bread for the World helps us put our faith into action to end hunger, wherever it is found in the world. We sponsor an annual Offering of Letters in the spring to advocate for hunger issues.

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Casa Juan Diego

Casa Juan Diego is a shelter for Spanish-speaking immigrants in Houston. On an as needed basis, we help out with odd jobs from stuffing envelopes to gardening, so no Spanish is required.

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Christmas Boxes for Seafarers

Through a program sponsored by the Houston International Seafarers' Centers, we offer the opportunity to provide Christmas boxes to seamen who enter the Port of Houston during the holiday season. In addition to packing Christmas boxes, we are always looking for individuals or groups to bring the boxes to the center.

Copperwood Birthday Party

Every August we host the Birthday Party at Copperwood Apartments, for disabled and elderly residents. We always need extra hands to help with food preparation before the party.

ESL Children's Program

Our ESL Children's Program is literally mission at our doorsteps. We sponsor a free early childhood education program for children whose parents attend the morning ESL classes on our church campus. *Since the adult ESL classes are currently in transition, the ESL Children's Program has been suspended for the 2014-2015 school year.*

Advocate: *Carol Palmquist*

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Faiths Together

This is a fellowship of people from the faith traditions that are represented in The Woodlands area. They sponsor the annual Inter-religious Observance as well as engage in projects that promote education and social justice for people of all faiths.

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Family Promise of Montgomery County

Family Promise of Montgomery County, a faith-based nonprofit, supports families with children who are experiencing homelessness by furnishing shelter, meals, transportation and other compassionate assistance leading to independence . About once a quarter, we partner with Trinity Episcopal of The Woodlands to host and provide an evening meal for the families in the program. We also help with transportation when needed.

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The Gathering Place

Every third Friday of the month, it looks like a party in Fellowship Hall, complete with decorations, crafts, music, food and lots of fun. It really isn't a party, but is actually a respite ministry for families affected by Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias. New helpers are always welcome!

Common Ground

This support group for families affected by Alzheimer's disease is a warm and friendly place for caregivers. It meets during 1 1/2 hours of The Gathering Place.

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Grocery Cards:

Randall's Remarkable Cards

Pick up a Good Neighbor application form in the church office. You only need to enter your Remarkable Card number, phone number and sign the form. We will take care of the rest. All proceeds from this program go to the Interfaith Community Clinic. Your application is good indefinitely.

Habitat for Humanity

Every year we have at least one work day at Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County and from time to time, we sponsor construction of a house in partnership with other organizations.

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Cans for Habitat

Deposit your rinsed and crushed aluminum cans in the specially marked boxes in the courtyard on Sunday mornings. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Christmas Tree Lights for Habitat

Deposit the Christmas light strands that you are going to throw or give away in the specially marked boxes in the courtyard on Sunday mornings during the holiday season. We will turn them into money that goes directly to Habitat.

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Habitat ReStore

Support Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County by donating your reusable building materials, furniture, appliances, tools, etc. to the Habitat ReStore or by purchasing something from the store.

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Interfaith of The Woodlands

We promote programs sponsored by Interfaith and provide help with some of their events.

Interfaith Community Clinic

Want to help provide health care to uninsured people in Montgomery County? You don't have to be a doctor or nurse. All kinds of help is needed.

Interfaith Food Pantry

Everyone is encouraged to bring food and personal care items to the pantry in the narthex. Special needs for the month are posted in the pantry and in the weekly Life of the Church.

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Veggie Village

Veggie Village is a community donation garden where people work and learn while providing fresh produce for those in need in the community.

Just Coffee (Café Justo)

Café Justo is a network of Mexican coffee grower cooperatives that grow, roast, package and ship coffee throughout the US - Fair Trade Plus! We assist our brothers and sisters in Mexico by taking orders for their delicious coffee, a few times during the year.

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Love Your Neighbor Day

Every January we hold a one-day mission blitz! There is a project for everyone aged four and older.

Mission Fair

Every November in conjunction with the Alternative Market, the Mission Outreach Team hosts a fair where information can be gathered and questions asked about any WCPC mission outreach project in which you might be interested.

Mission Trips

Most years we sponsor at least one adult or intergenerational mission trip or host a visiting mission team. We also seek to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance providing work teams as the need arises.

Montgomery County Food Bank

At least once a year, we send a group to help sort and box food that comes in from community drives and as salvage from grocery chains.

Montgomery County Women's Center

Every winter we send a team to the Women's Center to spruce up their grounds. We also help with other projects when needed.

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Peanut Butter Factory for Area Food Banks

Once a year, we spend a 1/2 day making peanut butter for either the Houston or Montgomery County Food Bank.

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Peru Partnership

In addition to partnering with other Presbyterian churches to provide medical clinics and VBS programs in the barrios of Lima, we are developing two partnerships in the highlands of Peru, one with Iglesia Evangelica Presbyteriano in Ayaviri and one with the Sicuani Biblical Seminary in Sicuani.

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Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services (PCHAS)

Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services provides a variety of Christ-centered services to children in need and their families - with the goal of ending the cycle of family breakdown.

Angel Tree

We work with the Child and Family program run by PCHAS to provide Christmas presents for needy children and their parents in the Houston area.

Project C.U.R.E.

Project C.U.R.E. identifies, solicits, collects and distributes medical supplies and equipment to developing countries.

First Thursdays

On the first Thursday of most months, we send a group to the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse in Houston to help sort and pack medical supplies for distribution to overseas hospitals and clinics. No medical knowledge is required.

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Recycling:

Cell Phones, IPODS & Other Electronics

Support the National Interfaith Coalition on Aging by donating your used cell phones, IPODS, MP3 players and laptop computers. Drop your items off in the collection bin located in the courtyard on Sunday mornings.

Printer Cartridges

Bring your used printer cartridges and place them in the collection bin located in the courtyard on Sunday mornings. All proceeds from this recycling project go to the Interfaith Community Clinic.

Refugee Assistance

We provide schooling in Kenya for 2 young Sudanese refugees, contribute to basic provisions at the Kakuma Camp in Kenya and support the local Sudanese refugee community.

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Relay for Life

Every spring we field a relay team to walk or run around a local high school track to raise awareness and money for the American Cancer Society.

Social Justice Group

This group usually meets one Saturday a month from September through May to consider and act on our call to be carriers of social justice.

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Soles4Souls

During the month of August, we sponsor a Barefoot Sunday where we collect new and gently used shoes for Soles4Souls, a global not-for-profit dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty through the distribution of shoes to those in need and to microenterprise programs in developing countries.

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Spanish as a Second Language (SSL)

We offer a Spanish class every Monday morning throughout most of the year.

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Special Offerings:

Christmas Offering – During the holiday season, we collect an offering of which a portion goes to provide supplemental support for retired church workers and for Presbyterian racial/ethnic schools and colleges and the rest is dedicated to a specific mission project.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) – On Easter Sunday, we contribute to OGHS, which goes to Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

Peacemaking Offering – World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October) is the perfect time to support peacemaking efforts, including a designated local project.

Pentecost Offering – On the Day of Pentecost, we collect an offering for ministries that benefit children, youth and young adults.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – When a natural or man-made disaster especially touches our hearts we hold an offering to support the recovery.

Support Our Troops:

Cards for Wounded Marines – Several times a year we send encouraging cards and notes to wounded Marines whose profiles we receive from Operation PAL™ .

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Coupons for Military Families – Throughout the year various groups and individuals clip and sort coupons to send to military families stationed overseas.

Homeless Military Veterans - Once a year, we collect personal hygiene items, linens and towels for the DeGeorge in Houston, a nonprofit that provides transitional housing for homeless veterans. We also distribute Christmas stockings to those living at the DeGeorge during the holidays.

Advocate: *Roger Foxall*

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Willis Parental Support Center

A few times a year we lend a hand wherever needed at the center from organizing the library to providing breakfast for the kids in the summertime.

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