

# **CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT 2024**

**CELEBRATING 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED SUPPORT  
FOR TEN  
WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE MISSION MINISTRIES**

## **SUPPORTING:**

**Seven West Virginia Conference Mission Projects  
Church and Community Ministries  
New Vision Depot Disaster Response  
and Volunteers in Mission**

**Psalm 41:1: "*Blessed is he that considers the poor.*"**

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## 2024 INTRODUCTORY NOTES AND FUND-RAISING SUGGESTIONS

Welcome to the 2024 Celebration of Mission Event. 2024 will be the 27th year for Celebration of Mission Events, designed to support our Conference Mission Ministries, which include the seven Conference Mission Projects, the Church and Community Ministries, the New Vision Depot and the Volunteers in Mission. Over the past 15 years the Celebration of Mission Event has raised **\$1,533,242.69** in cash, plus an estimated one third to one-half that amount in tangible goods for our mission ministries. The total includes \$90,271.15 given and distributed in 2023. For the past several years every penny received has been distributed to aid our mission ministries in the WV Conference.

**DATES:** Since COVID-19 we have had only a few district-wide events. Reducing the number of districts from nine to seven has made it more difficult to hold district-wide events. However, individuals, churches and parishes have found methods to continue their support of COME. This year much of the responsibility for raising funds and collecting tangible items for the Conference Mission Ministries will shift to the parishes, since every church in the WV Conference is placed in a Cooperative Parish. If we are going to have a successful Celebration of Mission Event in 2024 it will be **absolutely essential** that plans are made early and funds must be raised and tangible items collected well before actual Events are held.

**April 27 or May 25, 2024** are the recommended dates to complete the major portion of fund-raising for the Celebration of Mission Event, although funds may be sent to the Conference Treasurer throughout the calendar year. **Each district will set its own schedule for the COME emphasis.**

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

- Contact your district office or your district coordinator (See page 9).
- Contact the conference coordinator:  
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- View and/or print information from the Conference Website at [wvumc.org](http://wvumc.org) under Change the World and on the district websites.

### **FUNDRAISERS THAT HAVE WORKED IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walk-A-Thons                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craft Sales             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular or Silent Auctions      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bake Sales              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cornhole Tournament             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cup of Coffee Cost      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yard Sales                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Offerings       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loose Change Collections        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Church Challenges       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dollar-A-Member or a \$5 Sunday |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinners/Dinner Theaters | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Polar Plunge                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gospel Sings            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth/Children's Fund Raisers   |

Each local church is requested to complete at least **one fundraiser** during each year.

## THE CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT IS:

- A Home Mission Ministry. All cash donations and collected tangible goods are distributed to mission ministries within the WV Annual Conference.
  - Much more than a one-day Event. **COME** is a year-around ministry of support for ten Conference Mission Ministries.
  - Obeying the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:35-36.  
*I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you invited me in,  
I needed clothes and you clothed me (NIV).*
  - A call for persons who have been blessed with abundance to share with those who are experiencing hardship.
  - A WV Conference ministry that has raised and distributed \$1,533,242.69 to our Conference Mission Ministries over the past fifteen years.
  - An opportunity to put “legs to our prayers” and minister to persons in great need.
  - A gathering of material goods, in addition to cash gifts, to help meet the needs of our mission ministries.
  - Celebrating the joy of working together to help meet the needs of thousands of persons served by our mission ministries.
  - Celebrating the goodness of God’s provision and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to do good in this world as the Body of Christ.
- ✚ **COME** join other congregations in supporting conference missions with your cash gifts and donated items.

**Proverbs 22:9 NIV:**  
**A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.**

## **2024 STRATEGY FOR A SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT**

### **IN THE LOCAL CHURCH**

1. The **2024 COME Booklet** of information is available for reading and/or printing on the WV Conference and District Websites. Print the pages needed for your church.
2. Every local church presents the Celebration of Mission Event to the congregation.
3. Local churches circulate the “Needs Lists” of the 2 or 3 Conference Mission Ministries they are supporting by collecting tangible goods.
4. Local churches begin immediately to collect the tangible goods for the mission ministries they are supporting as listed on the Needs List.
5. Each local church develops its plan for raising cash donations to be equally divided among all the ministries of COME. Plan at least one fund-raising event.

### **IN THE COOPERATIVE PARISH**

6. Parish Coordinators, or someone designated by them, serve as the District Committee to oversee the district emphasis. The District COME Coordinator, or someone designated by him/her or by the Conference Superintendent shall serve as the chairperson of the District Committee.
7. The Parish Coordinators will meet for planning and instructions at one or two locations at a time and location determined by the Conference Superintendent.
8. Local churches take their collected tangible goods to a central location within the parish at a time set by the Parish Coordinators, **but not later than May 24**. Smaller parishes may want to combine with another parish.
9. The “Parish Collection Event” should be a special fund-raising event, such as a lunch, dinner or gospel sing. This parish event will provide a setting to invite someone from the supported mission ministry to attend and speak.

### **IN THE DISTRICT**

10. After all of the “Parish Collection Events” have been held, the Parish Coordinators will be responsible for delivering the collected tangible goods to a central location(s) to be picked up by representatives of the supported mission ministries. The representatives from the missions will be invited to speak. This may be a District Conference or other planned event.
11. The collection and delivery of tangible goods should be completed not later than **May 24**.

### **CASH DONATIONS**

12. Local churches and/or individuals may remit cash donations to the Conference Treasurer or District Office throughout the year. Undesignated cash gifts are preferred, as it allows for an equal distribution of cash funds to all ten mission ministries supported by COME.
13. Cash donations collected at any parish or district gathering/event shall be remitted to the Conference Treasurer as **undesignated #875**.

**⚡ Do not send Celebration of Mission Event cash funds directly to any mission ministry. All cash is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer or District Office in check form.**

**I John 3:18** NIV: *Let us not love with words or tongue,  
but with actions and in truth.*

## GUIDELINES FOR MONETARY GIFTS

### ***Celebration of Mission Gifts of Money for Local Church Credit:***

- Monetary gifts from the local church may be sent to the Conference Treasurer in Charleston as they are generated throughout the entire year.
- Make checks payable to the **West Virginia Conference Treasurer** and send to PO Box 2469, Charleston WV 25329. (*A Remittance Form is provided in this booklet.*)
- For church credit, **all** contributions **must** be written on a **church check** signed by the **local church treasurer**.
- To mail checks to the Conference Treasurer, complete the remittance form and note the project number and "COME" on the memo line of the check.
- Send only checks or money orders to the Conference Treasurer. **Do not send cash.**
- Monetary gifts may also be sent to your District Office, but checks should be made payable to the Conference Treasurer.
- **Please do not** send Celebration of Mission Event money directly to the mission ministries. All funds should be sent to the Conference Treasurer.
- **Undesignated giving is preferred (#875)**, but if you wish to support a specific project, use the assigned numbers below on your remittance form.

#875 Undesignated gifts (Assures that all mission ministries receive equal amounts.)

#880 Heart+Hand Outreach Ministries (South Charleston) – Eddie Bucklen

#881 Ebenezer Community Outreach Center (Huntington) – Celes Sheffield

#883 Heart and Hand House, Inc. (Philippi) – Jesica Streets

#884 The House of the Carpenter (Wheeling) – Mike Linger

#887 Scott's Run Settlement House (Osage) – Mike Richard

#888 Tyrand Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (Mill Creek) – Makayla Mayle

#889 Upshur Parish House (Buckhannon) – Isaac Casto

#892 Volunteers in Mission-David Stilgenbauer

#893 New Vision Depot (Beaver) – Scott Mayberry

#896 Greater Clarksburg Parish – Anna Troy

### **Undesignated Gifts will be distributed using the following formula:**

- ✓ Undesignated cash gifts will be distributed by the Conference Treasurer twice annually – after June 30 and after December 31.
- ✓ **10%** of the **undesignated gifts** total will be deposited with The United Methodist Foundation for the Conference Mission Projects' Trust Fund. Distributions from the Trust Fund are made once annually to Conference Mission Ministries – (**\$1,350.00** each in January 2024).
- ✓ The remaining **undesignated funds** will be distributed to provide equal funding for each Conference Mission Project, the New Vision Depot and Volunteers in Mission.
- ✓ Church and Community Ministries will receive one-half (1/2) the amount given to Conference Mission Projects, the New Vision Depot and Volunteers in Mission.

## **GUIDELINES FOR GIFTS OF TANGIBLE GOODS TO MISSIONS**

- Please donate only new items. (Check food expiration dates.)
- All undamaged, commercially packaged foods are acceptable.
- Home-canned foods **cannot** be accepted.
- Consult the District Rotation List (Page 8) to determine which missions have been assigned to your district. Needs Lists for each mission can be found on the pages that follow. Please target the specific needs of the missions your district is supporting.
- Designate the mission ministry for which you are providing items when your district is supporting more than one mission.
- Donated goods are to be specified for one or more of the mission ministries your district is assigned to support, and not for another mission ministry.
- Take the collected items to your parish or district drop-off site(s) on the dates designated by your parish or district.
- No monetary credit will be given to churches or individuals for donated goods. If you wish to prepare an inventory of items donated (item, cost, amount) for your own records or report to your local church, please do so.
- After the tangible goods collected for the Celebration of Mission Event have been delivered to their destination, churches and/or individuals may collect items for any of the Conference Mission Ministries. During the campaign for COME, please collect items for the mission ministries assigned to your district.
- While tangible goods are collected for one or two specific ministries, you are encouraged to give cash gifts as undesignated so funds can be equally divided among all of the missions.

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**Plan early to celebrate NATIONAL COFFEE DAY on September 29  
by giving the cost of a cup of coffee to the Celebration of Mission Event.  
Make your donation to your local church and designate COME #875.**

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# 2024 CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT DISTRICT ROTATIONS

DISTRICT	EMPHASIZED MISSIONS
Greenbrier- Wesleyan	Greater Clarksburg Parish C & C Ministry Upshur Parish House
Little Kanawha	Ebenezer Community Outreach Center Scott's Run Settlement House
Mon Valley	New Vision Depot Scott's Run Settlement House
Nine Rivers	Ebenezer Community Outreach Center The House of the Carpenter Volunteers in Mission
Northern	Heart and Hand House - Philippi Tyrand Cooperative Ministries Volunteers in Mission
Potomac Highlands	Heart+Hand Outreach Ministries – S. Charleston Upshur Parish House
Southern	Greater Clarksburg Parish C & C Ministry Heart+Hand Outreach Ministries – S. Charleston

**PLEASE NOTE: The Rotation List is for the designation of tangible goods only.**

- All donated **tangible goods** are to be delivered to the assigned mission ministries.
- Please encourage **cash gifts to be undesignated** so all mission ministries can receive equal shares. However, cash gifts may be designated to a particular ministry if the donor prefers to do so.
- Send all cash gifts to either the Conference Treasurer or your District Office.
- Please **do not** send COME cash donations directly to the Conference Mission Ministries – even if designated. Send through the Conference Treasurer.
- Church and Community Ministries receive a 1/2 share of cash gifts. All other ministries receive a full share.
- If your district or parish holds a public event (e.g. District Conference or Parish Rally) a representative from the assigned ministries should be invited to present their ministries and share their needs.



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In 2023 the Celebration of Mission Event raised and distributed **\$90,271.15** for our Conference Mission Ministries. \$8,800.00 was given to each Conference Mission Project, the New Vision Depot and VIM, and \$4,400.00 to the Greater Clarksburg Parish Church and Community Ministry. \$5,696.65 was deposited into the Conference Mission Projects Trust Fund for the support of our Conference Mission Ministries.

**Thank you, local churches, pastors and other leaders for caring and responding to the needs of our Conference Mission Ministries.**

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During the past 15 years the Celebration of Mission Event has raised **\$1,533,242.69** for our Conference Mission Ministries, plus an abundant supply of food and other tangible goods donations.



# Heart + Hand

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 880*  
*2024 District Support Assignments: Potomac Highlands & Southern*

## **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries provides basic needs assistance in the form of food, clothing, utility or rent assistance, diapers, formula, work shoes/boots. We provide food and gifts at Christmas and weekend food bags for South Charleston Middle School students that might not have enough to eat over the weekend. We work with applicants to develop a strategy to improve their current situation. Our service areas are Kanawha County: South Charleston, St. Albans, Tornado, Dunbar, Institute, Alum Creek, Davis Creek, the Upper Kanawha Valley, and all of Putnam County.

Our community room is being used to offer classes and beneficial programs for the entire community.

Over 7,500 unduplicated individuals benefit annually from our programs. We have social service offices in South Charleston and inside Winfield United Methodist Church. We operate a Thrift Store in South Charleston where we provide vouchers for clothing and household goods to social service recipients. It also operates as a year-round fundraiser for our programs.

## **NEEDS LIST**

**Hygiene Items:** Razors, Men & Women's Deodorant, Diapers/Wipes and Feminine Hygiene Products

**Cleaning Supplies:** Detergent, Dryer Sheets, Dish Soap, Floor & Bathroom Cleaner.

**Food:** Ravioli or other canned pasta, Chunky Canned Soup, Canned Chicken, Rice, Dried Beans, Dry Spaghetti & Canned Spaghetti Sauce.

# New Vision Depot

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Rev. Scott Mayberry, Director  
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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 893*  
*2024 District Support Assignment: MonValley*

## **MISSION AND MINISTRY:**

*New Vision Depot* is an exciting extension ministry created by the West Virginia Annual Conference Disaster Response Committee. Located near the Southern Coal Fields, *New Vision Depot* provides quick, ready access to critical supplies and materials to help survivors recover from natural disasters. The *Depot* is housed in a 6,000 square feet warehouse located within the former USDA complex on Airport Road in Beaver, WV, and works in conjunction with the *Raleigh County Office of Emergency Management*. It functions as a warehouse to readily supply relief and recovery supplies in the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster. Additionally, as a distribution hub, the *Depot* enables maximum accountability for incoming and outgoing supplies acquired through the many generous monetary and in-kind donations received by the WV Conference Disaster Response Ministries during disasters. The *Depot* was birthed and “baptized” during the June 2016 flooding event.

A second building adjacent to the warehouse provides facilities for short-term overnight work teams with kitchen, sleeping bunks, and restrooms. Showers are in the warehouse. The building also provides space for staff and an assembly floor for building and inspecting flood/clean-up buckets, hygiene kits, and school kits.

We continually need your prayers, your in-kind donations, your hands-on service and cash funding. The *Depot* is available by appointment for churches, mission groups, and other organizations as a workday site for volunteers, confirmation classes, and those seeking community service hours.

## **NEEDS LIST:**

➤ **Cleaning Items:** 32-64oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent, 4-8oz. **pump** spray air freshener with caps (**non-aerosol**), 6-14oz. **pump** spray insect repellent with caps (**non-aerosol**) or packets, scrub brushes, reusable cleaning wipes (e.g. *Handi Wipes*), plain scouring pads (no stainless-steel pads with soap), and durable kitchen gloves.

➤ **Storage Containers:** 33-45 gallon size heavy-duty or contractor trash bags.

➤ **Miscellaneous Items:** N95 respirator dust masks, leather work gloves, 50’ or 100’ polypropylene clothesline (**no** plastic-coated wire clothesline) and disposable standard size pillow cases.

➤ **Infant to Toddler Care:** Diapers—all sizes through Pullups and baby wipes.

➤ **Personal Care Items:** Children’s toothbrushes, paper towels, bathroom tissue, hand towels, combs (**no** pocket combs), toenail and fingernail clippers, and *Band-Aids*/adhesive bandages.

# **EBENEZER COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER, INC (ECOC)**

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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 881*

*2024 District Support Assignments: Little Kanawha & Nine Rivers*

## **MINISTRY AND MISSION:**

Ebenezer Community Outreach Center, Inc. offers a state licensed childcare and after-school program for youth ages two through twelve. Our philosophy is to provide children with a safe and nurturing environment where learning can be fun and free. It is our goal to help children grow in self-esteem and in their relationships with others and, by providing quality programs and services, to assist the children in reaching their fullest developmental potential.

Other programs offered include:

- Baby Bassinets,
- School Supplies,
- Christmas Angel,
- Family Enrichment,
- Clothing Closet and
- Huntington Museum of Art program.

## **NEEDS:**

Copy Paper

Paint Brushes

Playdough

Puzzles for Ages 2-12

Blocks

Baby Dolls

Baby Wipes

Children's toothbrushes

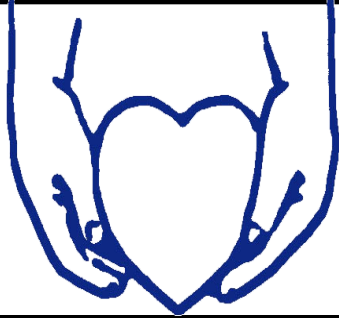
Children's toothpaste

Toilet Paper

Laundry detergent

Dish Soap

Lysol



**HEART AND HAND HOUSE, INC.**  
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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 883  
 2024 District Support Assignments: Northern*

**MINISTRY AND MISSION:**

Heart and Hand House, established in 1965, aids more than 1,700 low-income families in Barbour County, WV, annually with: food; layette and infant-care items; limited financial assistance; clothing; hygiene and cleaning items; home repair & construction (summer); backpack and summer feeding programs; and a Christmas Basket distribution. We also operate two thrift stores, one in Belington and one in Philippi, as well as the Barbour County Community Garden Market, also located in Philippi.

**NEEDS LIST:**

**Backpack Program:** cheese or peanut butter crackers, pudding cups, fruit/applesauce cups, oatmeal packets, macaroni and cheese (individual servings), granola bars, juice boxes (100% juice preferred).

**Food Pantry:** peanut butter, breakfast foods, corn bread mix, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned vegetables (other than green beans and corn), stuffing mix and other side dishes.

**Layette/Infant Care:** diapers, crib linens, receiving blankets, clothing, towels, washcloths, powder, lotion, shampoo, bibs, bottles, etc. (see our website for full list).

**Hygiene Items:** shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream razors, brushes, combs, Band-Aids, toilet paper.

**Cleaning Items:** laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish detergent, all-purpose cleaner, sponges, rubber gloves, paper towels, trash bags.

**Office:** copy paper, trash bags (13 gal. & 33 gal.), toilet paper, paper towels.



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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 884*  
*2024 District Support Assignment: Nine Rivers*

### **MINISTRY AND MISSION:**

The House of the Carpenter is living into its mission of “*Meeting the needs of today; Building hope for tomorrow*”. Currently, there are over 50 different opportunities to serve our neighbors in need. Volunteers and financial, plus in-kind donations are the key pieces to our work. The fruits of the ministry are evident in children from the elementary school being fed over the weekend to low-income students entering college because of our Pathways to Success program. Every week over 1,300 express the love of Christ through the ministries that are offered. Our neighbors often tell us that they feel loved, respected, supported and safe in our space. Examples of the ministry include:

- **Our Basic Needs Programs:** These programs meet basic needs and include the Food Pantry, Weekend Backpack Program, Utility Assistance, Underwear Room, Christmas Kids, School Supplies, Handicap Accessibility Ramps, Cougar Cocoa, Book Parties, and more.
- **Children and Youth Programs:** These programs seek to educate and provide opportunities for people to improve their quality of life. Some of the programs include cooking programs for all ages, Pathways to Success, Middle School After School Program, STEM Camp over spring break, STEAM Camp for the month of July. Guitar, multiple Dance Classes, Archery, and Art Classes, various sports camps, yoga. This is constantly being adapted to meet our developing needs.
- **Adult Programs:** these range from container gardening, self-defense, Alcoholic Anonymous, senior events, Pickleball, tennis and other physical activities, and new this year is a SMART rehab group for family and friends of those who suffer with substance abuse disorder.
- **Programs with Madison Elementary:** beyond our backpack program, the HOC supplies Madison Elementary with school supplies, the Fresh Look for School Program, Cougar Cocoa, summer reading program, Cougar Coffee Cart, special events such as their Winter Dance, Trunk or Treat and Madison Rewards Day. The HOC is their emergency evacuation site. The students know and interact with the staff through the variety of programs we offer.

### **NEEDS:**

This year the HOC is seeking donations for two of our most requested items:

1. **Personal Care items:** Soap, shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene, toothbrush, toothpaste
2. **Cleaning supplies:** Dish soap, laundry detergent, floor cleaner, bathroom cleaner

When our neighbors go through the food pantry, we always have requests for personal care items and for cleaning supplies. These are things that are necessary but cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits. Visit our new website at: [www.houseofthecarpenter.com](http://www.houseofthecarpenter.com) or find us on Facebook using: [houseofthecarpenter01](https://www.facebook.com/houseofthecarpenter01)



## SCOTT'S RUN SETTLEMENT HOUSE

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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 887*

*2024 District Support Assignments: Little Kanawha & MonValley*

### **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

Scott's Run Settlement House provides basic necessities to those in need in Monongalia County. The Food Pantry, Backpack Feeding Program, Baby Pantry, and Seasonal Outreach programs allow us to provide for those most in need.

### **NEEDS LIST**

- Size 5, 6, 7 and 2t-4t diapers
- Baby wipes
- Hygiene items: bar soap, shampoo, conditioner
- Dish-washing soap
- Toilet Paper
- Dog and cat food
- Any canned food item
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned meat

**TYRAND COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES**  
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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 888*  
*2024 District Support Assignments: Northern*

**MISSION AND MINISTRY: Faith and Action Joined in Love**

Tyrand Cooperative Ministries, Inc. is a mission project located in Randolph County, WV that seeks to live out our Christian Discipleship in response to the needs of others. Tyrand offers several programs which include:

- Emergency Assistance (utilities and prescriptions)
- Food Pantry (Monday-Friday)
- Christmas Store
- Holiday Food Baskets (Christmas and Thanksgiving food baskets)
- Home Repair
- Disaster Shelter
- School Supply Store

In addition to the above programs, Tyrand also has a **Thrift Store** that operates Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm.

**NEEDS LIST:**

To keep our programs running, Tyrand relies heavily on donations. Our current needs include:

- Any canned foods, jelly, pasta sauce, peanut butter, etc.
- School Supplies (notebooks, loose leaf paper, pencils, pens, folders, glue, etc.)
- New toys, underwear, socks, gloves, and toboggans for the Christmas Store
- Any hardware materials for home repairs (paint brushes, hammers, drills, tape measures, etc.)
- Hand soaps, paper towels, other toiletries
- **OUR MOST IMPORTANT NEEDS ARE VOLUNTEERS AND PRAYERS!!**

**Any and all monetary donations are always needed and appreciated.**

**THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND TANGIBLE SUPPORT.**





**UPSHUR PARISH HOUSE**

Isaac Casto, Executive Director

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www.parishhouse.org

Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 889

2024 District Support Assignments: Greenbrier-Wesleyan & Potomac Highlands

**MINISTRY AND MISSION:**

The Upshur Cooperative Parish House is a mission project powered by prayer and volunteers. Growing out of significant need resulting from the 1985 flood, we offer rent and utility assistance, clothing, a food pantry, layettes, holiday meal baskets and backpacks with school supplies. We serve community lunches every Wednesday and Friday that are free and open to all. We operate the Clothes Closet, a thrift store offering gently used clothing and household items. We partner with the City of Buckhannon and Upshur County Commission on many projects including a community garden that provides fresh produce for our neighbors (clients). A layette program provides new mothers with everything needed to begin caring for newborns. We partner with West Virginia Wesleyan College on many projects including their Service Scholar program. We offer safe space for neighbors to enjoy a cup of coffee and visit with one another. No matter the need, we work to assist all of God's beloved children who come to us for help, looking to fulfill basic needs and improve their quality of life.


**NEEDS LIST:**

**Personal Care and Household Items:** Personal hygiene supplies (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant), feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads), powdered laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, and paper towels.

**School Supplies:** Backpacks for children and youth, as well as items for homework completion such as highlighters, pens, pencils, single subject notebooks, loose leaf paper packs, pink eraser blocks, safety scissors, Crayola crayons, markers, and pencil sharpeners.

**Food:** Grape jelly, peanut butter.

**Layettes:** Hooded bath towels, newborn and size 1 diapers and wipes, receiving blankets, onesies, hats, baby lotion, baby shampoo and body wash, bottles, sleepers, books or toys such as rattles, and laundry baskets.

	<p><b>GREATER CLARKSBURG COOPERATIVE PARISH</b> <i>Open Heart Ministries of Harrison County, INC.</i> Rev. Anna Troy, Executive Director Church and Community Worker 117 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Clarksburg, WV 26301 Mailing Address: PO Box 3216 Clarksburg WV 26302 304-669-2690 atroy@riotx.org <a href="http://openheartwv.weebly.com/">http://openheartwv.weebly.com/</a> Facebook: OpenHeartMinistriesInc</p>
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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 896*  
*2024 District Support Assignment: Greenbrier-Wesleyan & Southern*

**MINISTRY AND MISSION:**

The Greater Clarksburg Cooperative Parish, consisting of 11 churches in Clarksburg and Bridgeport, serve the community through various outreach ministries. These include four food pantries and resources for the low- and fixed-income households.

Open Heart Ministries is an ecumenical ministry that serves the people of Harrison County by providing financial assistance with rent and utilities. Our mission is to help people meet their basic needs and to assist individuals, families, and churches to change the conditions of oppression in a way that preserves dignity. This is achieved by providing basic services and advocacy. In many cases, we collaborate with state and local agencies and other faith-based groups so that the most pressing needs are met. Further resources and referrals are provided as needed.

**NEEDS LIST:**

**Food Pantry:** peanut butter, dry beans, rice, breakfast foods, corn bread mix, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned vegetables, stuffing mix and other side dishes.

**Hygiene Items:** shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream razors, brushes, combs, Band-Aids, toilet paper.

**Office:** stamps, envelopes, printer ink (HP 63 black and color)

**General Ministry:** financial donations to assist the families

## **VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION**

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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 892  
2024 District Support Assignments: Nine Rivers and Northern*

### **MINISTRY AND MISSION:**

Since the mid 1970s the West Virginia Annual Conference has been organizing and sending work teams throughout the world to minister to church and community needs. West Virginia Conference UMVIM Coordinator, David Stilgenbauer, is mandated to train and mobilize volunteers for mission, and to provide opportunities and resources for those going out into the mission field as a work team member and witness for Christ.

### **2024 VIM SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. **Alaska Mission Journey – Anchorage:** July 26-August 9, 2024. Cost - \$1,500.00 plus airfare. Contact David Stilgenbauer for additional information and applications.
2. **We will have opportunities throughout this year within the state.**
3. **NEJUMVIM will be hosting an academy with multiple training opportunities.**

### **WAYS TO HELP VIM THROUGH COME AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:**

1. Hold a fundraising event for VIM at your church.
2. Participate in leading or joining a VIM team in the WV Conference.
3. Circulate VIM promotional materials.
4. Make a cash contribution for VIM support through the Celebration of Mission Event.
5. Observe VIM Awareness Day in your church on or near February 25, 2024.

All monetary contributions should be sent to the WV Conference Treasurer, Receipts Office, PO Box 2469, Charleston, WV 25329

**VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION IS ABOUT VOLUNTEERS!**



UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION  
*Christian Love in Action!*

**DISTRIBUTION OF 2023 CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT FUNDS  
RECEIVED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023**

<b>MISSION PROJECT</b>	<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	<b>UNDESIGNATED FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>
UM Foundation Trust for Mission Projects (Formerly CDOM)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,696.65	\$ 5,696.65
Heart+Hand Outr Min	\$ 7,813.38*	\$ 986.62	\$ 8,800.00*
Ebenezer	\$ 3,229.50	\$ 5,570.50	\$ 8,800.00
Heart & Hand – Phil	\$ 2,007.50	\$ 6,792.50	\$ 8,800.00
House of Carpenter	\$ 5,868.16	\$ 3,906.34	\$ 9,774.50✕
Scott’s Run	\$ 1,614.66#	\$ 7,185.34	\$ 8,800.00#
Tyrand Coop. Min.	\$ 3,895.50	\$ 4,904.50	\$ 8,800.00
Upshur Parish House	\$ 2,267.50	\$ 6,532.50	\$ 8,800.00
VIM	\$ 1,111.66	\$ 7,688.34	\$ 8,800.00
Clarksburg Parish	\$ 115.00	\$ 4,285.00	\$ 4,400.00
New Vision Depot	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 7,585.00	\$ 8,800.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$29,137.86</b>	<b>\$ 61,133.29</b>	<b>\$ 90,271.15</b>

Submitted by *Cliff Schell*

WV Conference Celebration of Mission Event Coordinator

January 4, 2024

\*Includes \$4,508.57 sent directly to Mission Project, by-passing Conference Treasurer.

✕July-December designated funds brought total for the House of the Carpenter beyond distribution formula.)

#Includes \$463.00 sent directly to Mission Project, by-passing Conference Treasurer.

The Mission Projects Trust Fund is supported by 10% of undesignated Celebration of Mission Event Cash Funds, and administered by the United Methodist Foundation. The balance in the fund as of December 31, 2023 was \$399,408.46. Each Conference Mission Project, VIM and the Church and Community Ministry received a distribution of **\$1,350.00** in January 2024 – another by-product from COME support. Trust Fund donations may also be sent directly to the United Methodist Foundation at PO Box 3811, Charleston, WV 25338-3811.

**WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**LOCAL CHURCH or INDIVIDUAL 2024 COME REMITTANCE FORM**

Please send remittances to:  
West Virginia Conference Treasurer (Receipts Office)  
PO Box 2469 Charleston, WV 25329

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL CHURCH OR INDIVIDUAL: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL CHURCH NUMBER {from Conference Journal or Conference Treasurer}:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REMITTED FOR EACH MISSION MINISTRY:**

*(Note: All checks are to be made payable to the West Virginia Conference Treasurer.)*

#875 Undesignated Gifts (equally divided) ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#880 Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#881 Ebenezer Community Outreach Center ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#883 Heart and Hand House, Inc. – Philippi ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#884 House of the Carpenter ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#887 Scott's Run Settlement House ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#888 Tyrand Cooperative Ministries, Inc. ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#889 Upshur Parish House ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#892 Volunteers in Mission ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#893 New Vision Depot ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#896 Greater Clarksburg Cooperative Parish ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REMITTED ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Remitted by \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer  
Signature

Please email a copy to Cliff Schell at [cliffschell@frontier.com](mailto:cliffschell@frontier.com).



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## **ON OR NEAR SEPT. 29. PLEASE.....**

.....Give the cost of a “cup of coffee” through your local church. All cash gifts will be given to the 10 WV Conference Mission Ministries supported by the Celebration of Mission Event (COME).

**Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.**

*--John Wesley*