

# Missions

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

Matthew 25:40

As a congregation, you gave excellent support to all of our mission programs in 2022 through monetary gifts of \$56,576.30. Your gifts of food, supplies and your time have been a blessing to our local, national and foreign missions. Your material support and prayers are crucial to the success of our missions as we continue to “Build the Kingdom in all that the we do.”

When making contributions by check, make the check out to the church and designate the mission to receive your donation on the memo line. If you are making a cash donation, place it in an envelope and write the designated mission on the envelope. If you just want to give without choosing a particular mission, just write “Missions” on the memo line of your check or if cash on the envelope. The Mission Committee will determine where undesignated funds are most needed at the monthly Mission Committee meeting.

If you are interested in serving on any particular mission program, please contact any committee member.

Thank you for being a blessing to others.

Rick DuCharme  
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# Dunnellon Methodist Church

# 2023

We support missions which enhance the opportunity to spread the knowledge and relationship of Jesus Christ as Savior to others!



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## *DUNNELTON METHODIST WOMEN (DMW)*

Contact person: Bonnie Russell

### **DUNNELTON METHODIST WOMEN**

#### **Knitted Together**

#### **For God's Good Work**

Dunnellon Methodist Women is organized for mission. It seeks wholeness for members and others through Jesus Christ.

The DMW seeks to:

- Provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.
- Be catalysts for change with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.
- Equip women and girls with the ability to be leaders in various organizations including church and community.
- Work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair practices.
- Provide educational experiences that lead to personal growth and change which will effect the world.

All women of the church (and others who believe in our Purpose and Mission), are invited to participate in the DMW ministry. This includes a pledge to world missions, local missions, UM Children's Home, Dunnellon schools, scholarships, helpful bags for the needy, women's abuse centers, Thanksgiving baskets and many more local organizations. Financial support for these many missions is accomplished through fund raising, circle donations and love offerings.

## DUNNELLON METHODIST MEN (DMM)

Contact person: Ken Korey

DMM sponsors fundraising projects throughout the year to support various mission projects and special needs of church members, such as ramp building or yard clean ups. DMM also supports our local community Scouting programs.

The DMM meet at noon in Friendship Hall on the 4th Thursday, January through October, and the 3rd Thursday during November and December. All men in the church are invited to participate in the DMM Ministry.

### **DUNNELLON METHODIST**

# **MEN**

#### *Mission Statement*

##### **Vision**

1. Provide an environment that will encourage Christian relationship among men, for every man within the church and in the Dunnellon community to know how to receive Jesus as their personal savior.
2. To encourage men to be a spiritual leader in the home, church, workplace and community.

##### **Purpose**

1. To honor God in everything we do.
2. Grow the Men's Ministry in such a way that we always have the human and financial resources to minister to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of all people in our church and the Dunnellon community.
3. Provide training that will enhance the opportunity for men to mature as followers of Christ, strengthening their daily walk.
4. Encourage and develop men to be a spiritual leader in their home, the church, the workplace and the community.
5. Encourage men of the church to build up the Pastor and to be available to help him in any way possible.

## **“MISSIONS”**

Blessings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am so excited that we continue to be a mission minded church as we enter 2023. Joining a new denomination, the Global Methodist Church, only enhances our ministry and mission. I pray that you will pray over this booklet and consider participating in prayers and resources for these different areas of ministry and mission that the Lord has laid on our heart. May God grant us an amazing year reaching out locally and globally in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Pastor Eddie**

### **Monthly Mission Focus**

January

*Care Portal Ministry*

February

*Cuba*

March

*Ecuador Orphanage*

April

*Ecuador Hospice*

May

*Jesus Is Ministries*

June

*Honduras*

July

*Happy Feet*

August

*Habitat for Humanity*

September

*Missionary Karen Hotz*

October

*Michelle-O-Gram*

November

*Family Hope  
Resource Center*

December

*Heifer Project*

## Honduras

Contact person: Rick DuCharme

Our Missionary to Honduras, Rev. Bob Wood, Jr., was called home to his heavenly reward on January 27 following a brief illness. Bob served 18 years developing the Honduras Mission along with his wife Rosa in the small community of El Pino outside of La Cieba, Honduras.

The mission included preaching and teaching in the Grace Methodist Church that he founded in 2019, a feeding program where they distributed food essentials to many poor families, and in 2016 a government accredited El Pino Bilingual School. The school provides a high-quality Christian education and healthcare for some 90 grade school through high school children.

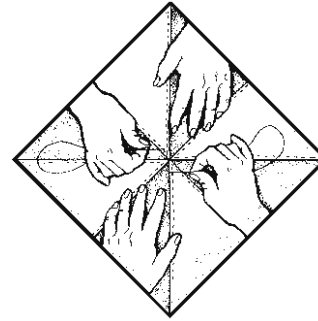
Bob visited our church shortly before his passing to appeal for regular monthly donors to support the financial cost of operating the school, following the loss of a major corporate donor in Atlanta.

Let us honor the memory of Bob Wood with the needed financial support as Rosa continues to operate the school. This mission is highlighted in June.



Rev. Bob Wood Ministries

revbobwood.com



## THE PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Contact person: Charlotte Eberhard

Started in 2002, this is an outreach ministry which combines the gift of a handtied quilt with the gift of prayer for someone in need. Each knot tied into the quilt represents a prayer that was offered specifically for the recipient of the quilt. Quilts are made on an as requested basis and only made with the recipients desire to receive it. This group provided 88 quilts during 2022, making a total of 1,926 quilts over 20 years. The group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in Friendship Hall. On November 2, 2022 we celebrated 20 years as a ministry of FMC of Dunnellon, FL.



## SEWING FOR SOULS Contact person: JoLynn Peart

Sewing for Souls continues to grow and be very busy. Their first year these ladies were very busy, sewing pillow-case dresses for our sister church in Cuba, making cancer caps, as well as bible bags for the United Way/Strong Families kids. This last year they have added many more projects, such as bags to go on walkers, backpacks, seatbelt covers, fidget quilts and quillows (a combination of a pillow blanket and a quilt). Their most recent projects have been making blankets for Newborns in Need.

Do you know of a need or project for this group? Are you interested in becoming involved with this group? This group is for anyone that has never sewed a stitch before, to the most experienced seamstress.

The group meets Friday mornings at 9:00am in our Friendship Hall.



## HEIFER PROJECT

Contact person: Carol Stroup

The Heifer Project is a world-wide ministry providing funds to assist the needy in establishing vegetable gardens, buying poultry, milk cows, pigs, etc.

The recipients learn to grow their own crops, raise and breed their animals and are able to provide food for their families for generations to come. This mission will be highlighted in **December**.



**BREAD RUN** Contact person: Monte Snyder

This ministry involves the daily pick-up of day old bread items from Publix Grocery, which are given to Annie Johnson Senior Services Center and “Jesus Is” Ministries.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Contact person: Elizabeth Chryst

Habitat for Humanity is an International Christian ministry that provides housing for families who live in sub-standard homes, many that are deplorable. It’s a partnership arrangement where the person receiving the new house will work along with volunteers to construct it. The recipient must work a minimum of 350 hours on his/her rehab house or 500 hours if it is a new house before claiming the house and making interest-free payments. The hours may also be met by working on another Habitat house. All donations received will go to the Marion County Chapter of Habitat. Over a dozen Habitat houses have already been constructed in the Dunnellon area, at least one of which was for a member of our church. This year Habitat for Humanity is celebrating 28 years of service in Marion County.



Special emphasis on this mission will be the month of **August**.

**“JESUS IS” MINISTRIES** Contact person: Justin Wheeler

“Jesus Is” is located in Inglis, Florida. Its primary focus is a free 90-Day Drug and Alcohol Addiction Rehabilitation Program. All therapy is explicitly Christian with a strong emphasis on the Word and power of God and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Even though the courts often assign people to this program in lieu of a prison sentence, there are no government funds provided. All financial assistance is from donations. This ministry also provides food, clothing and over-night shelter for transients and gives away clothing, blankets, furniture and appliances to the needy.

**May** is the month of special focus on this mission.

**CUBA** Contact person: Rick DuCharme



Dunnellon FUMC entered into a "sister church" relationship with Mount Zion Methodist Church, Cieneguita, Cuba in March, 2016. Through this agreement we pledge to pray for one another; to engage in interchange of people of the churches; to respond to the priorities of the Cieneguita Church; to build relationships between our churches, and to mutually share current events, culture and spirituality of both churches. Our contact person, Rick DuCharme, has visited our sister church on several occasions, and is in frequent contact with Pastor Israel Lieva who replaced Pastor Yabay Alvarez in 2022. Since adoption of our sister church, the original dilapidated church structure was removed and a beautiful new church was built. It was dedicated in 2020. The construction process included renovation of the parsonage and the completion of a water cistern project for the parsonage which provides a reliable water source; the completion of a modern, detached restroom (the old church had none); and the purchase of a partially completed home adjacent to the church property that was used as a worship center during the construction of the new church. This facility now serves as a fellowship hall for Sunday School and other functions. This year, a concrete slab roof will be installed on the parsonage to update that facility. A mission team will visit our sister church, when COVID restrictions are lifted, to carry construction funds, clothing and over-the-counter medications. This Mission will be highlighted in **FEBRUARY**.



## ECUADOR ORPHANAGE

Contact Person: David Small

Suleyka Zamora is a major supporter and co-organizer of an orphanage in Portoviejo near Manta, Ecuador, that was established following the 2016 earthquake that killed 2,500 people, leaving 280 children without family support. Sixty-eight children remain at the facility. Suleyka visits the orphanage twice per year to carry lap top computers, food, clothing, and funds and to help with the cooking and remodeling of their facilities as needed.

This mission will be highlighted during the month of **March**.

## ECUADOR HOSPICE

Contact Person: David Small

David Small is a retired Methodist Pastor, Registered Nurse and Psychologist. David established a hospice program in Cuenca, Ecuador, in 2011 (previously, there were no end-of-life care programs in Ecuador). It is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers. The facility capacity is 25 patients, but usually has 12-15 occupied beds at any given time. Funds are needed to train those caring for the patients and for general expenses to keep the program functional.

**HAPPY FEET** Contact person: Tom Tarkenton



This mission provides new school shoes for less fortunate children in our community before school begins and all during the school year. This program has provided over 1000 pair of shoes since it's inception. Happy Feet mission is highlighted during the month of **July**.

## FMC FOOD PANTRY

Contact persons: Terry and Judy Vanshur



The FMC Kingdom Builder Food Pantry is a ministry within our church which provides food and other necessities, as available, to our church family and others in need within our community. Members of our church congregation are asked to bring in unexpired, non-perishable food items to stock the pantry.

The FMC Kingdom Builder Food Pantry assisted approximately 206 individuals during 2022.

## HERNANDO HOMELESS MINISTRY - Connections

Contact persons: Mike & Susie Phillips

The Connections Outreach Center, under the direction of the Citrus County Family Resource Center, was established in 2011 to meet the needs of the homeless in Citrus County. Local churches provide meals six days a week for 12 to 30 individuals. The Center also offers help to connect with the services needed by their families.

- Computers: Food Stamp computers are available with assistance from on-site volunteers. Computers are available for job searches and applications, applying for state and federal assistance and to send emails to families.
- Free medical clinic: Nurses every Wednesday morning, and a doctor usually every other Wednesday.
- Pre-cancer screening program through a grant from Black Diamond.
- A literacy program is available to assist those individuals who want to learn to read.
- Bike program for transportation to those individuals who do not have a vehicle.
- Washer and dryer for homeless, or nearly homeless, to wash their clothing.
- Showers

Our church participates in feeding the homeless in Hernando every Friday. Volunteers sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex and information is provided as to the procedures to follow to obtain the food. All monetary donations received from the “J” Dollars are designated to fund this ministry.

## MICHELLE-O-GRAM FUND Contact person: Sherry Roberts

The Michelle-O-Gram was established in 2009 following the untimely death of thirty-six year old Michelle Blausen Standridge. Michelle was a victim of breast cancer. While undergoing treatment over a three year period of time, Michelle continually reminded women of the need to get their mammogram testing done on a regular basis.



All funding for the Michelle-O-Gram is generated through donations as well as fundraising efforts. We have ZERO EXPENSES, every penny that is generated goes directly back into assisting individuals in our LOCAL community.

The Michelle-O-Gram provides both screening and diagnostic mammograms, as well as breast ultrasounds for women, and men, who are either uninsured or underinsured. We have assisted individuals, who have tested positive for the BRCA gene, with genetic counseling, and the Michelle-O-Gram also assists with breast biopsies.

To date, the Michelle-O-Gram has officially served over 2,000 women, and nine men, with various breast exams. Clients come from a six county area including Marion, Citrus, Levy, Lake, Sumter and Alachua counties. We partner with imaging facilities located in Ocala, Leesburg, the Villages, Clermont and Lady Lake. Our imaging partners play an active role in fundraising activities along with local individuals and organizations that provide support throughout the year.



The Michelle-O-Gram is on Facebook, on the internet at: [michelleogram.com](http://michelleogram.com) and can also be emailed at:

[michelleogram@gmail.com](mailto:michelleogram@gmail.com).

For assistance, or more information, please call our message at: 352-469-6006 and one of our volunteers will return your call.

**October** will be the month for special emphasis for this mission.

## MISSIONARY KAREN HOTZ

Contact Person: Karen Hotz

Karen, a member of our church, is a missionary with Mission Enablers International. This organization allows Karen to work with different non-profit organizations. She teaches seminars and creates/modifies programs. She teaches 1 hour-5days long on Islam, storytelling and how to teach orally (people learning without reading or writing). In addition to training people how to teach orally she also modifies programs so that life changing information (Health, Bible, Agriculture, etc.) is accessible to the illiterate or functionally illiterate, or/and oral preference learners. Presently, she works mainly with people who live in Africa. She has also traveled to Zambia and Egypt for teaching. Let us support Karen as she teaches in foreign countries about Jesus and the Bible.

This mission will be highlighted in **September**.

## CARE PORTAL MINISTRY

Contact Person: Elizabeth Chryst

First Dunnellon Methodist is now connected as a church to CarePortal.org. What the heck is CarePortal? CarePortal uncovers the needs of a child or family that are currently in our local DCF system. (Department of Children & Families). These needs would come primarily from the foster family or the DCF case worker. DCF vets the family/child and their request(s) to ensure the need goes for the wellbeing of the child. Next the CarePortal inputs the family and need(s) into the system and then alerts nearby churches (That's us) to the need. Then our church would do our best to ensure the needs of the child are met. It might be a new bed for the child, clothing for back-to-school or a weekly ride to an after-school program that the child wants to attend. We become the hands and feet of Jesus. How cool is that? Contact Elizabeth Chryst 202-365-0699

This mission will be highlighted in **January**.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Contact person: Joann Garcia

The power of a simple gift! "A box of Christmas joy for children all over the world." Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These simple gifts are shipped outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 146 million children in more than 100 countries. Each shoebox provides opportunities for local churches to share the Good News of God's greatest gift, His Son-Jesus Christ. When the children receive their shoebox, they are invited to participate in "The Greatest Journey", a 12-lesson discipleship program that teaches them how to faithfully follow Christ and share Him with their family and friends.

Our church serves as a Relay Center for Operation Christmas Child, and delivered a total of 1029 boxes. Of that, our church packed 130 boxes in 2022. Thank you "Church."



## FAMILY HOPE RESOURCE & PREGNANCY CENTER

Contact person: Beverly Snyder



The Family Hope Resource and Pregnancy Center is a faith-based, non-profit organization located in the heart of Dunnellon. Their mission is to touch peoples lives in our local community with sound

biblical principles and love, resulting in life changing choices and attitudes. They affirm to our community all life has value and is worth caring about. All services they offer are free of charge. Support in unplanned pregnancies, anger management, healthy parenting, premarital counseling, marriage counseling, teen relationship support, abortion healing, and mentoring man-to-man are among the services offered. For clients that have the need, points are earned for each session and can be used for items in the centers baby boutique to meet the physical need of children from birth - 3 years of age. The center's location is 20892 Second Avenue, Dunnellon, FL 34431. Their phone number is 352-489-9994.

**November** is the month this mission will be highlighted.

## DUNNELLON FOOD 4 KIDS MINISTRY

Contact person: Tom Tarkenton



The purpose of "Food 4 Kids" is to provide food over the weekend to hungry children in the Dunnellon community.

Several Dunnellon churches and Dunnellon organizations participate in this ministry by helping pack the backpacks and contributing monetary donations. Our church has "Change 4 Change" collected on the fourth Sunday of each month. All change collected goes to this ministry. The schools stopped doing backpack distribution when COVID started. Food is now distributed for 40 kids at the Boys and Girls Club of Dunnellon every Friday year round except for Christmas.

## FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDRENS HOME

Contact person: Donna White



Every 5th Sunday we have a special offering for the Children's Home located in Enterprise, Florida, and the youth ranch in northern Florida. The home provides a Christian atmosphere and strives for excellence in helping individuals, families, and communities grow through services provided in a safe, nurturing environment of trust and open communication. Resident treatment, transitional living, and family supported adolescent foster care are just a few of the many services provided to these at risk children.