

**UMC of Macedonia**



# **Mission Connection**

We seek to support and empower the God given gifts of each person to participate in God's mission. We accomplish this by empowering leaders with a passion for a specific ministry outside the church and connect people to those mission opportunities.

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.



# OPEN M

A Ministry of Faith, Health and Hope



Open M, our link with Akron for over 50 years, is committed to feed the hungry, care for the sick, nurture children, build families, and strengthen the community.

We provide food for the food pantry every month. Donations of all kinds go in the red wagon in the Narthex.

We adopt inner city children for Christmas and provide 200 of an item to go into the Christmas food boxes.

We provide lunch on the third Friday of every month for up to 250 people at Open M.

Health Care volunteers (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists) are also needed to staff their free clinic.

Volunteers are needed to sort and assemble food for their monthly Mountain of Food Giveaway.

Call Carolyn Hansinger at [330-467-1836](tel:330-467-1836) with general questions or Althea Marquardt at [330-467-6435](tel:330-467-6435) for questions about serving the monthly lunch.

## Dinner Out

Hot meals are served every Thursday from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The program is open to all, families or single, married or widowed, youth or old – **Anyone** who would like to share a meal, meet a new friend or join others for dinner.

There are various opportunities to serve each week before and during the meal.

If you need more information or have any questions, please call the church office at 330-467-3169.



*Reach Out*



Reach Out is an annual youth-led mission training camp for youth currently in 7th- 12th grades. A team of seven youth lead the camp under the guidance of staff through worship, mission, music & fellowship.

July 9<sup>th</sup>-July 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Lakeside, at Chautauqua on Lake Erie near Marblehead, Ohio. The week includes an offsite mission trip to one of many

mission sites in Northern Ohio.

Contact Paul Sheneman for more details: email – [psheneman@gmail.com](mailto:psheneman@gmail.com) | phone – 330.467.3169 ext. 407

## Work Mission Trip 2017



June 25-July 1, Appomattox, VA

Opportunities include rebuilding or repairing homes, VBS, meals-on-wheels

Mixture of youth and adults, 12 years and up

All skill levels welcome

Contact Paul Pendleton for more information  
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[jimkarlmarlow@msn.com](mailto:jimkarlmarlow@msn.com)

## Liberia - UM Mission at Ganta



The UM Mission at Ganta includes the Hospital, School for K-12 grades, Miller-McAllister United Methodist Church, carpentry shop, agricultural program, a fish pond, and a community health outreach program.

### Support Opportunities:

UMVIM TRIPS to provide training in leadership, spiritual health, infection control and medical-based training. Volunteers are needed to work in the hospital and the school on the mission campus. Individuals with all types of skills are welcome! Approximately \$3,000 per person / per trip.

(Including airfare, room, board and transportation while in Liberia, Visa expenses and immunizations)

**VOLUNTEER AT MEDWISH** - individuals or group ([www.medwish.org](http://www.medwish.org)). MedWish International is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Cleveland. Help is needed to sort donated supplies, pack containers for shipment to recipient agencies in mission field.

**DONATE** needed medical, wound care and linen supplies for shipment to the Ganta Hospital.

**RAISE FUNDS** to support scholarships for students in the Ganta School, purchase text books, provide training for teachers and other staff.

Contact Linda Bloom (216-312-3375) for more information.

## Zimbabwe Mission



THE  
**FUTURE  
OF  
HOPE**  
FOUNDATION

The purpose of the Zimbabwe mission is equipping students for a Future With Hope (Jer 29.11) through instruction in academic, spiritual and co-curricular activities.

The ways to support this mission are to participate in mission trips to Zimbabwe, donate money or resources for the mission and pray.

Contact Russ Ham for more information  
[rham@vospro.net](mailto:rham@vospro.net) | 740-815-5744

# The Messengers of Hope



We are a group of people in the Akron area in recovery from addiction, who weekly provide bag lunches to the homeless and less fortunate. The last Saturday of each month we provide a hot meal at the Joanna House Outreach Center, 342 E. South St., Akron. When available we provide clothing, hygiene, socks and seasonal clothing. For more information, contact Vance Stapleton at [kecpay@gmail.com](mailto:kecpay@gmail.com).