



Mission and Outreach 2015-2016 Planning

(see Mission and Outreach Matrix for Gifts Required)

Possible Date(s)	Activity	Description	Status	Team Leader
October 24th	Parsonage Open House	Community open house to see the parsonage, potential pie and pumpkin sale, music (after congregation-only consecration and open house), decorations, signage, etc. Possible applicaion of funds raised for HfH, encourage HfH team signups.	Planning underway, announced, 150 flyers distributed to neighbors.	Dawn Amell
Early November	Habitat for Humanity Build team	Participate in Summer St, Portaland HfH Middlesex build, in conjunction with Wesleyan U team	Met with HfHM exec director, Wesleyan coordinator, some interest from members	John Blossom
Ongoing	Amazing Grace Food Donations	Weekly collection of food articles - ministry could be expanded a number of ways, including distributing complete bags of food for families on Sundays	Leadership and focus of this ministry needs to be clarified - multiple volunteers	Marsha Judson
Ongoing	First UMC Middletown Member/Friend care	Regular contact with and support of specific church family members in need, both shutins and those with specific topical needs (e.g., moving)	Jill Bennett has expressed interest in leading this	Jill Bennett

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TBD	School and Campus Outreach	Investigating potential for FUMCM members to support Bielefield School children and families for needed activities (in-school or at parsonage?)	Debbie Camp expressed interest, but has not reported back yet	Debbie Camp
Ongoing/Xmas	Sew 'n' Sew Missions	Scarves for Rehab Christmas Party, Lakota Indian dolls	Active, need to plan for maximum awareness of impact (social media, involvement of other gifts)	Barbara Hendershot et al.
Ongoing	Prayer Chain and Prayer Partners	Coordinating awareness and support of prayer needs in and to the FUMCM community	Dianne Clark has volunteered to coordinate	Dianne Clark
Now-December	Christmas Pageant	Community-oriented Christmas pageant. Will require major community outreach programme, including door-hangers or postcards, press releases, getting community participation, etc. Costumes required, scenery, etc.	Leadership undefined.	
TBD	Expanded Worship Team	Not strictly mission, but we need to involve people in mission more effectively in our worship services (example, Sew 'n' Sew making tapestries for our worship backdrop, items consecrated).	Church Council should probably put together a "rethink worship" team	

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ASAP (November?)	Community Music and Talent in Mission	Locating young adult musicians interested in performing for offertories and other worship music; identifying causes that would benefit from in-community concerts at libraries or other venues. Might be combinable with global and local forum events.	Contacted Wes. U and ISM for potential support, seeking local musicians from the Web and local venues. Leadership needed for in-community events.	
Fall-Winter	Community and Global Forums	Host events at parsonage and/or libraries to which community is invited that focus on critical issues in Middletown and in the world (example, Syrian refugee crisis). May coordinate with "music in mission" and fund raising.	In the thought phase, Hartford Seminary and Wesleyan faculty and town leaders could participate.	
Spring	Festival/Fund Raiser	There had been traditionally a church fair, initial meeting had a discussion on reviving it, possibly via Elks Lodge facility. Would be nice to consider how this could be a community "festival of gifts" celebration - perhaps an Easter-timed event to complement the community Christmas Pageant.	Idea phase.	
Spring/Early Summer	Sponsoring NYAC/VIM Teen/Adult	Getting our kids in mission is important, for their sake, and for the sake of the church. It would be good to coordinate proceeds of a spring fund-raiser with supporting at least one child from FUMCM (Danyel seems like a good	Idea phase, getting Danyel in confirmation classes would be important for this.	

		prospect).		
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Spring/Summer	Bible Devotional Groups	Members in homes and at the parsonage building faith through Bible studies. While public venues are the goal, it appears that we need to develop a core of people comfortable with participating in these groups, so initial on-premises groups are likely, with invites to community.	Planning phase.	