



About Missions & Outreach

The Mission and Outreach Ministry was formed in March 2010. Our mission is to educate and inform the congregation about all the mission and outreach ministries of the church, develop and promote new opportunities for mission and outreach in the congregation, to be the place where new ideas from members are received for study and development, and to schedule and interpret the various special offerings.

We are connected by faith through our work together to achieve these goals. Our church will support the missions with financial contributions and volunteer participation. Our goals are to maximize our commitment to the many needs in our community, country, and world. In addition, we will promote church growth and connect by faith and by service through all our mission opportunities.

Mission Sub - Committees

Bazaar

Habitat for Humanity

God's Storehouse

Special Offerings

Southeastern Guide Dogs / Paws for Patriots

Columbia Pastoral Counseling Center

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Mission Trips

Military Support



*...no matter how small a deed or action you muster, the effects are like a ripple in a pond.
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Red Cross Blood Drives

Green Committee

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thornwell Home for Children

Migrant Dinner

Sistercare

Mission and Outreach is comprised of two elders, one who will serve as chair. The remainder are interested members who form into three classes. A member of the committee will be asked to serve for a three year term if possible and has the opportunity to serve more terms. Some of the members may have a place within other areas, such as Souper Bowl of Caring with the Youth. They would work with the existing teams to make sure that scheduling, planning, and communication is taking place.

Committee Members

Allison Anderson

Robin Brackett

Regina Dilley

Ann Humphries

Johnny Johnson

Ryan Kistler

Julia Leonelli

Ray McDowell

R J McDowell

Cathy Reisch

Jane Richardson

Mark Riley

Sarah St. Onge

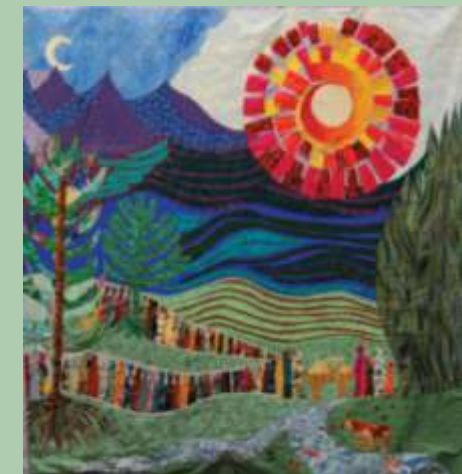
Jane Staines

Jackie Stone

Johnna Young, Chair



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This design was originally drawn in oil pastels by Dorothea B. Kennedy and was translated into fabric by Gloiela Yau Dolak.

As the mountains and hills rejoice, the thirsty of all nations are invited to come to the water: the hungry are invited to come to the table. Everyone is welcome.

A Mission Story

By Leigh Cheatham

JR. High Mission Week - 2011

For the second summer in a row, the SVPC Junior High Youth group (6th-8th grades) got together for a week of mission work, right here in our community. There are many needs right here in Columbia and with the various ministries of SVPC and the Presbytery so there was plenty of options to fill the week.

During the week of June 13-17, Junior high youth and several adult advisors gathered each morning to kick off with a service project each day. On Monday morning, we kicked off the week at God's Storehouse.



The kids sorted clothing and other items and within just 2 hours had almost finished the entire sorting room. We had a great time working with the staff at God's Storehouse and the kids really worked as a team to get the project finished. That afternoon we hit the pool for some relaxation time and played "Shark!"



Last year one of our activities was to prepare the dinner for the Migrant Ministry dinner at Batesburg-Leesville Presbyterian Church.

The kids enjoyed it so much we definitely had to schedule that again for this year. So on

Tuesday morning with the help of Jane Staines from the Mission and Outreach Committee, we started off the morning by preparing hamburgers, slicing onions and tomatoes and getting everything together for the dinner. It was a long day but everyone enjoyed serving the dinner and meeting some of the members at B-L Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday we helped out another SVPC ministry....Souper Bowl of Caring needed our help with cleaning and organizing a storage unit and doing some organizing in the office. We worked for several hours and got a lot accomplished. In fact, we got the storage unit completely cleaned out and organized and had our two projects in the



office completed by the time we were ready to leave. They also had some things that could be recycled so we took an impromptu trip to Sonoco, on Bluff Road and dropped off about 50 boxes of old brochures to be recycled. We hit up the bowling alley, threw some strikes and then headed back to the church to work on some VBS projects. The kids helped make a HUGE elephant that went in the Atrium. They made it out of regular household items complete with a trunk made from a dryer hose and a tail made from toilet paper rolls.

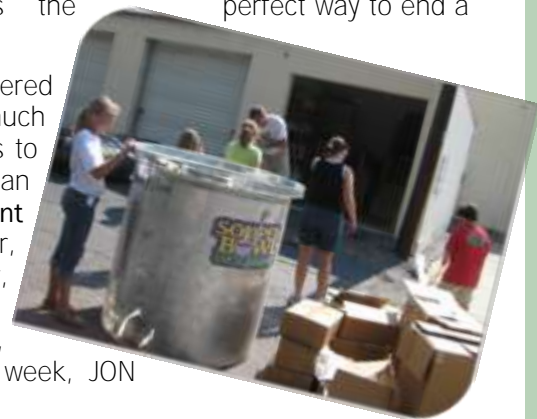


On Thursday we headed back out to the community. We went to visit the Tucker Nursing facility run by the SC Department of Mental Health. We celebrated an early Father's Day with some of the residents and played a lively game of Bingo. We lunched on pizza and then headed to the Palmetto Falls waterpark at Fort Jackson.

Friday wrapped up an awesome week. We headed up to Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. We helped do some landscaping, putting out mulch and seeing the sights and sounds of the Thornwell farm. It was a little hot and humid but the kids worked hard and some of the adults made plans to visit Thornwell again to help with some larger landscaping projects. They kids learned how Thornwell helps kids, their own age, who's parents can't care for them. They learned how the kids at Thornwell thrive in its wonderful family atmosphere. On our way back to Columbia, we stopped off in Irmo and cooled down with some ice skating at the Plex. It was the perfect way to end a busy week.

All of the adults that volunteered during the week had just as much fun as the kids. A big Thanks to Lang Kohel for helping to plan out the week's activities, Kent Cassibry, Kristie Haltiwanger, Ann Perry, Richard Coulter, Jane Staines, Sarah St. Onge, Billie Muthig and of course, our fearless leader for the week, JON KEYSER!!!!!!

Our kids really learned how rewarding it is to give back the community they live in. Plus, we had some fun activities too!



Mission and Outreach members and all those working with us are proud of our accomplishments!

To name a few:

Supported our Senior Highs and Junior Highs on mission trips

Supported our Senior Highs and Junior Highs with the Souper Bowl of Caring

Supported our Senior High concert to raise funds for Souper Bowl of Caring and Thornwell Home for Children

Worked with our Green Committee to collect magazines and media items for recycling

Green Committee named a Columbia Area Certified Green Church

Recruited and named God's Storehouse Board member

Assisted God's Storehouse through school supplies drive, food and monetary collections, and volunteers to shelve items

Military Support collected items for care packages and purchase of Girl Scout cookies designated for deployed military

Sold flags to raise money for Southeastern Guide Dogs Paws for Patriots

Supported the Bazaar with time and money

Provided Migrant Ministry dinner for migrant workers

Publicized and collected for Special Offerings

Donations made this year

Made a \$500 donation to Southeastern Guide Dogs

Made a \$500 donation to Sistercare

Made a \$500 donation to Columbia Pastoral Care

Made a \$1,649 donation to Thornwell Home for Children

Made a \$1,000 donation to Presbyterian Disaster Relief