

Mission Projects 2021

January – Mancelona Food Pantry & Resale and Light House Food Pantry and Resale. This money will be divided between the two.

February – UMCOR CWS (Church World Service) distributed thousands of blankets around the world in 2020.

Disaster Response and Recovery....

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to disasters in the United States and around the world by working with communities and local partners. When a disaster overwhelms a community's ability to recover on its own, UMCOR provides essential relief supplies and supports long-term rebuilding efforts. While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, it stands ready to accompany communities in need over the long haul of their recovery until a "new normal" is established after a crisis. "Early in and last out" is a guiding principle of UMCOR.

With \$10.00 CWS can purchase a blanket, or this year you can donate a blanket.

March – Haiti Children's Project. Your donation will provide food, shelter, clothing, healthcare & education to the children of Haiti. Help us with one of our most important fundraisers ever to continue efforts in Haiti to fight COVID-19. Our graduate Doctors and Nurses are going village to village to educate, treat, and share the gospel to those affected by the coronavirus crisis.

April – Native American Sunday. Native American Ministries Sunday recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. Native American Ministries gifts help develop and strengthen Native American ministries within the annual conference. Together, we empower local spiritual development and educate Native American seminary students to serve god faithfully.

May – Nothing But Nets. Nothing But Nets is a global, grassroots campaign of the United Nations Foundation to raise awareness and funding to fight malaria, a leading cause of death among children in Africa. Effectiveness: The distribution of mosquito nets or bed nets impregnated with insecticides such as permethrin or deltamethrin has been shown to be an extremely effective method of malaria prevention. Long-lasting, insecticidal bed nets (LLINs) protect people sleeping under them and simultaneously kill mosquitoes that contact the nets.

June – Book & Bike Bash. Our church is working with Communities in Schools, the Village of Mancelona, and other organizations to provide the children of Mancelona and their families with a summertime free event that includes fun and educational activities outside of the regular school schedule. Many of the families in Mancelona live beneath the poverty line, come from single-parent households, and have no church home. We will reach out to these families by enriching their lives and showing compassion as Jesus would have done. The event will take place this summer and includes a bicycle safety program, free books and book bags, nutritious snacks, and more.

July – Mike and Fawn Southwell. Mike and Fawn Southwell are full time missionaries in Budapest, Hungary. Mike is the high school principal of the International Christian School of Budapest. He serves the children of missionaries from all over Europe, international business people kids and many Hungarian children. Fawn is very involved with mentoring Moms of preschoolers and also in a ministry called Friday Night Blend. Women from all over the city come for a night of dinner, a devotional and crafts. She is also learning Hungarian. Mike is a former Mancelona Middle School teacher.

August – Community In Schools – Mike Hayes. The Student Assistance Fund, “The Student assistance Fund”, (known to our congregation as the Mike Hayes Apple Pie Fund) administered through Communities in Schools, provides funds for application fees for Mancelona High School students applying for post high school training whose families do not have the financial resources to do so.

September – Stuff the Bus. **Communities in Schools of Mancelona** is proud to present “*Stuff the Bus*” school supply drive, which benefits students in the Mancelona Public School District. There will be a basket in the narthex to put any supplies you wish to donate.

October – Punt, Pass & Give. More information to follow

November – UMCOR To be announced at the time

December – Christmas Family.

Don't feel obligated to give each month, but please pick the ministry closest to your heart and give generously.

We, on the Missions Committee, are grateful for your generosity to others within the community and around the world.