Missions Projects in 2011

OUTREACH ACTIVITY

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Director of Outreach since January 2011. I thank you all for your warm reception and participation in the various mission emphases offered throughout the past year and a half. I hope you continue to serve the community around you and to open your hearts to those who are hurting and in need.

In the love of Christ, Joy Daigle Book

Mission Projects So Far This Year (2012)

January: On January 15th, we welcomed Rev. Al Green to speak with us about the <u>United Methodist Family Services</u>. Together, we raised \$399 to help children and families in crisis! Also, Williams UMC began an <u>informal food pantry</u>.

February: On February 12th, we welcomed Sharon Harrup to speak with us on behalf of <u>S.T.E.P.S</u>., and we raised \$355 to support valuable services to people with disabilities in our community. We also participated in <u>Lunenburg County Ministries</u> <u>Valentine's Dinner</u> to raise money to support emergency assistance programs for those facing crises in Lunenburg.

March: On March 18th, we welcomed Martha Reed to speak with us on behalf of the Farmville Districts outreach with the <u>Edisto</u> in South Carolina. Together, we raised \$417 (enough to pay for more than 170 meals!) to support the feeding programs for the Edisto seniors.

April: On April 15th, Joy Daigle Book shared regarding the global United Methodist Church's vision to eradicate malaria. We collectively gave \$246 for <u>Imagine No Malaria</u>!

May: On May 20th, we welcomed Deborah Craven to speak with us on behalf of <u>Lunenburg Health Service</u>. We raised \$249 to support nursing care for the ill in our community.

June: We are collecting <u>Kits for Annual Conference</u> on June 17th!

January: We collected canned goods for our local Food Bank.

February: We collected school supplies for teachers and students at <u>Kenbridge Elementary School</u>.

March: We welcomed Allen Denmark to speak with us regarding <u>Madeline's House</u> and gave generously to support efforts to protect and empower victims of domestic violence. We also took a collection to support <u>UMCOR's</u> response to the earthquake/tsunami in Japan.

April: We participated in a <u>Community Work Day</u> at Audrey Smith's house. We took up a collection to support the American Cancer Society's <u>Relay for Life</u> fundraiser.

May: We participated in the <u>Wild Game Cookout for Charity</u> and collected <u>disaster relief</u> supplies for tornado victims in Virginia.

June: We collected a car load of <u>Kits for Annual Conference</u>, and we participated in the <u>Annual Conference Mission Offering</u>.

July: We collected school supplies to support the teachers and students at Kenbridge <u>Elementary School</u>. We participated in various <u>gleaning opportunities</u>. We provided <u>tornado assistance</u> for counties in Virginia.

August: Rev. Andrew Book spoke regarding the <u>famine in</u> <u>Somalia</u>. We raised \$622 to support efforts to feed the hungry.

September: We were invited to participate in an <u>Edisto</u> <u>Mission's Trip</u>, and we focused on proper attitudes for serving.

October: We were encouraged to tutor at <u>Kenbridge</u> <u>Elementary School</u> and to muck out homes after the North East floods. We welcomed the <u>Journey United Methodist</u> new church plant to share what God is doing in Amelia, and we gave generously to support their efforts. We took up an offering for Thanksgiving turkeys for the <u>People's Community Center</u>.

November: We collected food for the <u>Salvation Army Christmas</u> <u>Food Distribution</u>, and when that food was stolen, we doubled our efforts and generously provided food for the hungry in our community at Christmas.

December: We sorted food for the <u>Salvation Army Christmas</u> <u>Food Distribution</u>. We provided Christmas presents for many <u>Salvation Army Angels</u>. We collected money and prepared <u>Christmas stockings</u> for people needing extra Christmas cheer in our community.