**SUMC Mission Report; January - February 2022**

The Mission Team met on January 25, 2022, with the following members present: Lynn Rouse (UMW), Peggy Stolzenberg (C4C), Germain Gardner (DBOM), Adele Hyla-Brewster (SAM/Sound District UWM), and Lisa Potts (Chair)

I. Schedule of Mission Team meetings for 2022

Location: Building 2, lower level, Room 33

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Dates:

March 24

May 26

September 29

November 17

II. Germaine Gardner; Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry – Despite COVID restrictions, Germaine maintained an ongoing DMBOM program by mail throughout 2021. The NC DPS are now allowing in person ministry. Germaine now travels to New Hanover, Eastern (Green County), and Carteret Correctional Centers.

III. Lynn Rouse; United Methodist Women – “Its in the Bag” drive through donations to mission February 6, 2022. Donations of warm coats, books, and financial gifts will be used towards local mission needs. UMW needs helping hands to run 100’ of fence line for a disabled neighbor. Materials to be provided.

IV. Adele Hyla-Brewster; SAM/Sound District UMW Social Action Coord – Discussion centered on concepts of reviving the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM).

V. Peggy Stolzenberg; Congregations for Children (C4C) –

a. Currently have (9) nine volunteers that are either participating or interested in volunteering with Silverdale C4C program. However, three are either currently inactive or moving out of the area.

b. Prayerful Pals has been a very well received program at Silverdale. Cards and letters were delivered to 71 teachers and staff by 31 participants. This program will continue until May 1.

c. Book drive to take place February 22 through March 31.

d. Co-leader/volunteer coordinator needed.

VI. Appalachian Service Project 2022 (ASP) - (June 12 – June 18); location TBD. Seven team members currently enrolled. Stockholders fundraiser currently underway.

VII. Yard Sale April 30 - collections March 1 – April 30

**Swansboro United Methodist Church 2022 in Mission**

**Church & Society - Local Connectional Missions**

**Backpack Friends Program – Swansboro** UMC provides a fresh apple to support the backpack food that is sent home with children over the weekend during the school year, ensuring that children have food to eat while at home. Deliveries of this food are made to schools in Onslow, Carteret, Jones, and Craven counties. Foods distributed in bags weekly include Milk, Soup, ravioli, corn, green beans, tuna, apple juice, apple sauce, pudding cups, peanut butter crackers, mac and cheese, cereal, oatmeal, and a fresh apple. Around 655 students are being served currently.

**Food Pantry –** Food for the community is collected during Swansboro UMC’s Sunday services and made available through a food pantry.

**Clothed in Righteousness** – An innovative outreach mission to empower and uplift women recovering from life hardships to return to vital living.

**Appalachia Service Project** – The Swansboro Youth have a long and dedicated service to the ASP team. The mission of ASP is to make homes warmer, drier, and safer in one of the nation’s most economically challenged region.

**Church Yard Sale** – the mission team will coordinate a church wide yard sale in April 2022. Funds are used to support persons in mission. This includes local, national, and international missionaries.

**Rainbow Covenant Advance Missions**

Swansboro UMC strives to be a Rainbow Covenant Church, going above and beyond apportionment giving that supports the connectional ministries of the United Methodist Church. Swansboro UMC mission team’s goals for 2022 include supporting the following:

*Lane 1: Persons in Mission*

A financial love offering to at least one person in mission listed in the 2022 North Carolina Conference Advance (not yet published).

*Lane 2: NC Conference Advance Specials*

**Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry** (S-00103) – the Swansboro UMC budget request includes continued support to our ongoing DBOM team, as well as to support a new reading program, when prison COVID restrictions lift.

*Lane 3: National Missions*

**Red Bird Missionary Conference, Beverly, KY** (#773978) – The conference program facilitates the development of local churches and local lay leaders in isolated rural mountain communities. Budget request supports member participation in hands on work and spiritually enriching engagement with the community.

*Lane 4: World Missions*

**Haiti** - Swansboro UMC missions continue to support Christian relief efforts in the nation of Haiti. Past efforts included United Methodist Volunteer in Mission (UMVIM) teams, support to education and orphans at the Ryan Epps Home for Children, Provisions of Grace Outreach, Fond Doux Foundation, and support to United Methodist Persons in Mission (Linda Mitchell).

**Project Agape, Armenia** (#5-00004) – a joint humanitarian aid ministry between the Armenian Church, the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, and the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. We prepare Christmas boxes for Armenian children. This year, we’ve been asked to prepare hygiene kits in response to war and conflict in the Armenian region. 127 complete kits and many excess items were assembled during Vacation Bible School and delivered to the MERCI Center. A list of items for the hygiene kits and assembly instructions can be found at <https://umcmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/>

**Rise Against Hunger** (#5-00101) – Formerly Stop Hunger Now, RAH is an international hunger and relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. The organization is driven by a vision to end world hunger and a mission to provide food and aid to the world’s most destitute and hungry in the most sustainable, efficient, and effective manner. This is a church wide special project that is periodically scheduled.

*Lane 5: United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Advance Specials*

**US Disaster Response** (#901670) – UMCOR works in more than 80 countries, including the US. UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on its own. The Swansboro mission team stands ready to support the local community in emergency operation support to the city of Swansboro.

**Congregations for Children** – Focuses on making a positive impact on child poverty in NC by developing or expanding partnerships between Swansboro UMC and Silverdale Elementary School. The objectives are to enhance K-3 literacy, meet basic student needs, promote parental and other caring adult involvement, and raise congregational awareness of poverty issues. Under the herculean efforts of the current team leader, this program has been inspirational.

Respectfully,

Lisa C. Potts