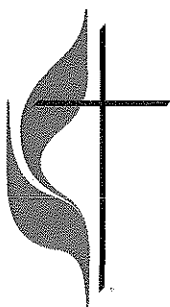


**THE
CHURCH
HAS LEFT
THE BUILDING**



**Dorranceton
United Methodist
Church**

October 19, 2014

For more information
Please call Natalie at:
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TCHLTB is about mission with Local, National, and International impact. For example, during our 2013 event:

- A team went to a Local Alzheimer Care Facility and played bingo with the residents – they led us in singing the national anthem, America the Beautiful and other songs between games and we spent time with them playing bingo – one resident actively participated for the first time!
- Ugly quilts were made and distributed to homeless persons on a National level.
- And maybe the largest impact, on an International Level through the Heifer Project:
 - \$500 in proceeds from 100 dozen Welsh Cookies provided:
 - \$250 in supplies, \$1,000 in medical supplies, a hand drilled well, 4 chickens, a pair of goats, shared water buffalo and calf.

Dorranceton United Methodist Church

We are a community of disciples
Responding to the call of Jesus Christ,
Growing in loving relationship with God and neighbor,
and engaging in Spirit-led witness and service.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Registration Deadline: **SEPTEMBER 28, 2014**
- Register early! Teams will be assigned based on the order that registrations are received. An early registration will increase the chance of getting your first choice.
- Please use one registration form per person. You can get extra copies at church.
- Teams are required to meet at Dorranceton before heading to job sites and are encouraged to car pool.
- You may sign up for multiple teams if time allows.
- We will provide breakfast and dinner—**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.**
- We will celebrate the day at 5:00PM Sunday, October 19 with a dinner and worship service.

What about my kids?

- Children under 12 may participate in any team marked for all ages, but they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Family friendly projects include: Sewing Project, Evans Street Park, Soup Kitchen, Welsh Cookies Baking, Ugly Quilts, Summit Sing Along, Ice Cream Socials, Let's Play Bingo, Kid's Create, and Woodworking Project.
- The Church Has Left the Building (TCHLTB) is an excellent chance to teach our youngest generation the importance of serving our neighbors, while working alongside the older members of the church.
- Child care will be available in the nursery at Dorranceton UMC for children under 12 from 8:30 AM to 12 PM and 12:30 PM to 4 PM. Please indicate on your registration form if you intend to use our childcare.

How will I know which team I am assigned to?

- Early in the week prior to this event, each team leader will contact the members of his/her team with final instructions about when to gather and what to bring.

“We have many parts in one body, but the parts don’t all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God’s grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful. Romans 12:4-8 (CEB)

“The Church Has Left The Building” day-long event is an amazing opportunity for us to live out that part of our mission statement that testifies we ‘engage in Spirit-led witness and service.’ Although there will not be a formal worship service on October 19, we will be together in teams worshipping God by baking, sewing, cleaning a park, visiting a soup kitchen and nursing homes, projects with children—something for everyone in our congregation to be a part of regardless of age or physical ability. We will return to the church to break bread together while we share our experiences of the day and then share a time of informal worship.

So bring whatever gift God has given you, bring a friend to introduce or reintroduce him or her to Christ through fellowship with the people of God in a day of hands-on mission. If you haven’t seen someone in church for a while, let them know about this wonderful annual event. Let’s make our participation goal this year be this one body in Christ, the entire Dorranceton United Methodist Church.

See you on Sunday, October 19!

Your partner in Christ,
Pastor Deb

1 - Breakfast on the Go

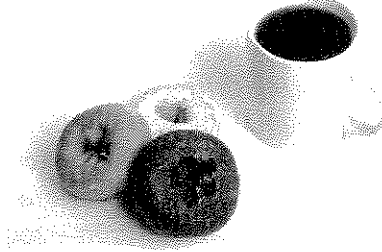
Leader: Amy Gresh

Description: Juice, milk, bagels, mini Danish, fresh fruit, coffee and tea will be made available to “grab and go” before participants head out the door or to their on-site location to start their mission work. A snack will also be available to take. This is a support team.

Location: DUMC
Rumbaugh
Hall

Time Frame: 8:30 AM to
10:00 AM

Ages: Adults Only



2 - Child Care

Leader: Cathie Thomas

Description: Volunteers will care for the children of those participating in The Church Has Left the Building Projects. This is a support team.

Location: DUMC nursery

Time Frame: 8:30 AM to Noon
12:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Ages: Adults

*** One caregiver must have Safe Sanctuaries training.**

3 - Sewing Project

5-7 participants

Leaders: Dori Staron and Barbara Hovey

Description: Pillowcases will be sewn together from pre-made kits and donated to the local Janet Weiss Children's Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, PA

Skill Level: Beginner, including sewing, serging, pinning and ironing

Location: DUMC Classroom A

Time Frame: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Ages: Teenagers to Adults

*** Please bring a portable sewing or serger machine if possible. Also, small scissors, thread clippers, iron and ironing board, or pins. We plan to work through the lunch hour, so please bring a bagged lunch. We'll provide dessert and drinks.**



4 - Local Park

up to 50 participants

Leaders: Frank Derby and BJ Wolfe

Description: Volunteers will do a variety of chores while at the local park. Raking, painting, sprucing up the park are just a few.

Location: 89 Evans Street, Pringle

Time Frame: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Ages: All Ages

*** You will need to bring work gloves and clothes you can get dirty in. You may also be asked to bring small gardening tools.**

5 - Soup Kitchen

up to 10 participants

Leaders: Joe Reggie and Karen Holcomb

Description: Prepare and serve a meal to the hungry in our local community or work in the pantry which supports our community. Either way, you'll perform a variety of tasks.

Location: **St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen,**
39 East Jackson Street, Wilkes-Barre

Time Frame: 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Ages: All Ages

6 - Welsh Cookies Baking

10 participants

Leader: Sally Salach

Description: Volunteers will work in the church kitchen to mix, bake, and package Welsh cookies to raise funds for an international mission project.

Location: DUMC Kitchen

Time Frame: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Ages: All Ages



7 - Ugly Quilts

Up to 20 Participants

Leaders: Janet Mitchell and Maggie Keefer

Description: Assemble “ugly quilts” by layering and tying together a front, back, and stuffing. Quilts are designed to be a portable, warm, sleeping pad. These will be distributed to the homeless on a local level.

Location: DUMC Crying Room

Time Frame: 10:00 AM to
1:00 PM

Ages: All Ages

*** Please bring a
pair of scissors.**



8 - Summit Sing Along

up to 15 participants

Leaders: Laurie Hall and Terry Zipay

Description: An hour of sing-along and instrumental music at a local facility. Sing-along tunes will include oldie but goodie melodies.

Location: 50 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre

Time Frame: 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM (including rehearsal in the sanctuary and travel time)

Ages: All Ages

Keep in mind: We would also like to visit the VA Medical Center in early December and sing Christmas Carols...

9 - Ice Cream Social

6 to 8 participants

Leader: Nancy Kerstetter

Description: Set up, serve, and join the residents of the local facility for an Ice Cream Social.

Location: The Meadows
200 Lake Street, Dallas

Time Frame: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM (including travel time)

Ages: All Ages



10 - Ice Cream Social and Prayer Cards

up to 10 participants

Leaders: Karen Holcomb and Stephanie Bridy

Description: Visit the residents at a local nursing home while serving ice cream and preparing prayer cards.

Location: Manor Care
200 Second Avenue, Kingston

Time Frame: 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM (includes travel time)

Ages: All Ages

11- Let's Play Bingo

5 to 15 participants

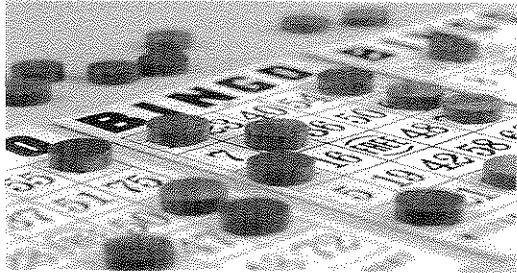
Leaders: Louise McCabe and Amy Gresh

Description: Play Bingo and visit with the residents at the local Keystone Garden Estates. This is an Alzheimer's Care Facility.

Location: Keystone Garden Estates
100 Narrows Road, Route 11, Larksville

Time Frame: 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM (including travel time and facility preparation)

Ages: All Ages



12 - Ruth's Place Pampering

up to 4 participants

Leaders: Shelley Russin and Bonnie MacDonald

Description: This team will do manicures for the ladies at Ruth's Place, a local women's shelter. Volunteers will help the ladies to look and feel their best.

Location: Ruth's Place Women's Shelter

Time Frame: 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM (including travel time)

Ages: Adult Women Only

- For the comfort and safety of the women, we ask that only females sign up for this team.
- Donations of toilet paper, paper towels, dishwasher detergent, 39 gallon garbage bags, and dish detergent are always needed.
- Please consider participating in the Walk For Hope 2014 on Sunday, October 5, 2014. Visit www.ruthsplace.com for more information.

13 - Kids Create

15 to 20 participants

Leaders: Stephanie and Michael Bridy and Kris Cross

Description: Children of all ages are invited to make and decorate seasonal ornaments/decorations (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas) to be distributed to local Nursing Homes, Hospitals, and/or Schools in the community.

Location: DUMC Rumbaugh Hall

Time Frame: 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Ages: All ages

14 - Woodworking Project Up to 15 participants

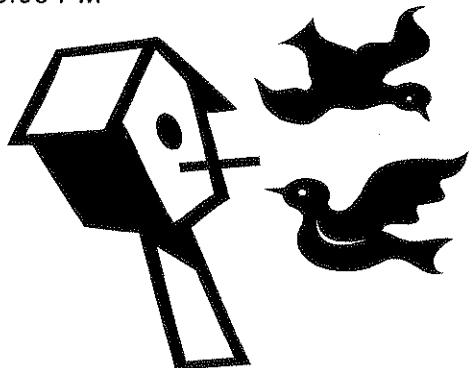
Leader: Paul Thomas

Description: Assemble age/ability appropriate woodworking project to take to local nursing homes and/or schools.

Location: DUMC Rumbaugh Hall

Time Frame: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Ages: All Ages



15 - Tex Mex Dinner

up to 6 participants

Leaders: Cathy Decker and Dave Gallick

Description: We will provide a Tex Mex meal at the end of the day to anyone who wants to come together to share their experiences from our day of leaving the building. This is a support team for our day of mission work.

Location: DUMC Kitchen

Time Frame: 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Ages: Adults Only

- **An evening meal will be served for all The Church Has Left The Building participants at 5 PM in Rumbaugh Hall.**
 - **The regular, weekly offering will be collected during dinner.**
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

**** Stay Tuned for Operation Christmas Child...***

Guiding Principles:

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

1. Have everyone in your congregation involved in mission—hands on, not just via \$\$ donation;
 2. Build fellowship among members of your church—i.e. go out to do group projects, not as individuals;
 3. Provide a spiritual framework for the participants, so that this is a faith-building experience;
 4. Have a variety of projects, in terms of time commitment, skills, abilities, and age levels;
 5. Reach out to local, national, and international missions;
 6. Coordinate a phrase/logo/theme for advertising inside and outside church (e.g. t-shirts, signage, banners);
 7. Get attention of local community (perhaps via the press?);
 8. Make a concrete difference in the world in the name of Jesus Christ!
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Why Skip Church??

- A. it makes an impression on people, and helps them realize that being in mission is just as important as weekly worship;
 - B. It helps people to frame their work (loving neighbor) as part of their faith;
 - C. It emphasizes the fact that every person in the church should be in mission in one way or another
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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY WHILE AT YOUR TEAM LOCATION, PLEASE CALL:

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