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**“Love one another as I have loved you.”**



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**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**LIVING THE LOVE OF JESUS**  
**CHRIST THROUGH MISSION**



**Your financial gifts, prayerful support and hands-on work make a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors at home and around the world! As a congregation we touch hearts, meet urgent needs and share the Good News of Jesus Christ through our mission giving.**



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*Habitat for Humanity House*

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
 'Whom shall I send, and  
 who will go for us?'  
 and I said,  
 'Here am I; send me!' Isaiah 6:8 NRSV*



*Megan Bauhof, Young Adult Volunteer in Ghana...  
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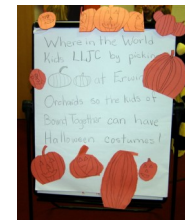
***WHERE IN THE WORLD... a hands-on mission opportunity for children from kindergarten through fifth grade.***



Children will connect the stories of their faith to their everyday lives as they discover what it means to live the love of Jesus Christ in today's world. They will be looking outside of themselves as they practice the biblical values of patience, hospitality, trust, forgiveness, love, sharing, caring and cooperation, helping others in our community and around the world.



Learning how to live as a Christian person both within the Christian community of faith as well as in the larger community outside the church takes practice. *Where in the World* will provide the children with a rich variety of opportunities to share Christ's love with others.



**Fair Trade Coffee**—At Northbrook, we have learned that an important way to care for others is to try to see things as they do. Educating about and promoting fair trade is a tangible way to try to understand and to offer change.



Fair trade principles emphasize the people who produce goods. Fair trade encourages them to develop businesses while it supports them with fair prices, training, adequate working conditions, community development and environmental sustainability. All coffee served at Northbrook is fair trade, because we believe it serves the world as it serves us. We also sell fair trade coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate throughout the year.

## **VOLUNTEERING**

Our best resources are our time, energy, talents, effort, passions and abilities. A joyous part of our responsibility is to use these gifts well on behalf of those in need. How we manage these resources in a large part defines who we are. We can match your interests and talents with the needs of one of our mission partners, so you can make a difference in the lives of others. You can be a mentor, tutor, house builder, painter, board member, teacher, visitor, caregiver, workday or mission trip participant and more.

***You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. ‘And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’***

Matthew 22:37-40

**Northbrook Presbyterian Church designates 10% of its annual budget to the Mission Connection Committee to distribute as well as all other gifts given to the church. The committee also raises money for mission throughout the year through the five offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with a percentage of some of these offerings used for missions in our local area, as well as through fundraisers like the Chili Cook-off or Ice Cream Social.**

**The task of the Mission Connection Committee is to:**

- **Plan and implement opportunities for people of all ages to witness to their faith** with compassion through hands-on mission service, day-to-day service to others, ecumenical programs and support of new church development. The

committee's concern is with both the individual and society, and at its center are opportunities to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by words and deed.

- **Allocate Northbrook Presbyterian Church's benevolence resources** locally, nationally and globally to organizations, projects, and people; returning a portion of the church's own blessings through monetary gifts.
- **Increase the congregation's mission awareness** by providing information and educational events which explore mission needs and societal issues, including peace and justice, so that members of the congregation are equipped to respond with appropriate Christian action which is strongly connected to a commitment to Jesus Christ and his teachings.
- **Serve, educate and encourage** our congregation in terms of health, healing and wholeness issues.
- **Cooperate with other committees of the church and community organizations** with regard to mission concerns.

**Men's Connection:** collects money for several missions each week at Thursday's breakfast and Bible study. Some of the missions they have helped are: Baldwin Center in Pontiac, and Seedlings, an organization that publishes books for the blind as well as the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

**Fort Street Open Door:** The fifth Thursday of the month is special for Northbrook's members and friends who gather at the church and go Fort Street Presbyterian Church's Open Door Program to volunteer. Join the group at 8a.m. for a satisfying day working in the clothes closet, helping with lunch or chatting with guests.

Volunteers and staff make sure that those who are hungry, both physically and emotionally, get fed. They serve more than just soup, providing men and women of all ages with clothing, showers, medical help, hair cuts, church services and services essential for self-improvement, as well as a venue for fellowship.

**Collections for Missions should be placed in the wooden bins in the hallway :**

- clothing for all ages are collected year round for Second Mile, Westminster and Fort Street
- Business clothing for the career closet at Fort Street
- school supplies for Second Mile Center and Bound Together
- Magazines and cards for Fort Street

**Alternative Gift Market**— Do your holiday shopping at Northbrook this year. Each November Fellowship Hall is filled with alternative gifts for you to purchase for your friends and family. These gifts come from our mission partners and include such things as malaria nets, Habitat puppets, pottery, jewelry, Fair Trade Coffee/Cocoa, hand-made knit items by our own Knit Wits, vaccinations for a village, and much more. Imagine the joy you will feel when you can cover the vaccination of a child, help to bring water for a community, protect a mother and her children from malaria with an inexpensive donation for a mosquito net, or purchase beautiful jewelry made by a woman from Africa .

Your purchases will provide you with the opportunity to **make a difference** in the lives of others.

### ADDITIONAL MISSION GIVING

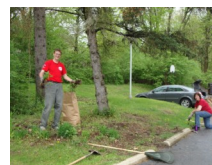
**Presbyterian Women of Northbrook (PWN):** provides scholarship help to college students of Northbrook, as well as giving financial support to a variety of missions each year. Once a year all church donations are accumulated and are distributed through the In-gathering. PWN also supports the Women's Fun Group, a great group of church women who enjoy their times together. Each Christmas the PWN collects mittens and hats on a Christmas tree for children in need.



### MISSION AT HOME AND IN OUR PRESBYTERY



*Love in Action.*



Northbrook enjoys participating in the annual ***Presbytery Month of Mission Breakfast***. This is a great event where missionaries from all over the world come to share their stories and help us to understand what life is like for them. A delicious breakfast is served and there is plenty of time for conversation.

The ***Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*** is given to each Elder and Deacon and is available in the library for others who are interested in having one. This book has a new theme each year and provides a link between an individual's faith and the mission of the church. It includes stories and photographs of people in mission in the United States and overseas, information on educational and theological institutions as well as a daily order of worship including scripture and prayer.

**The following pages include descriptions of our missions at home and in our presbytery:**

#### **Health Emergency Lifeline Programs**

**(H.E.L.P.):** provides emergency assistance to people infected and affected by HIV and AIDS in the Detroit metropolitan region. HELP provides vital services to alleviate difficulties that may arise due to illness and/or discrimination. Their programs empower their clients through education, training, short-term assistance (financial, housing, medications, emergency assistance, and nutritional counseling and supplements. H.E.L.P. is located in Detroit.

**Angel Tree:** The angel tree is located in the Narthex throughout November and part of December and offers families and friends of the church an opportunity to bring Christmas to a family or member of a family in need, chosen by choosing a name(s) off the Angel Tree, purchasing gifts and food, and wrapping it for delivery at the church. This is a fun project for families – and many take their children and grandchildren with them when they purchase these special gifts. It's good for them to be angels too.

**Empty Bowls:** Each week the Empty will Bowl is out on the nametag table and people fill it with their change. This money is collected and sent to fight hunger in a variety of ministries.

**Presbyterian Women of Northbrook and the Mission Connection Committee** are sponsoring a new, unique, and much needed mission opportunity, the Red Tent Project. Women are asked to donate tampons and sanitary napkins. The collection basket will be found in the ladies' lounge.

Northbrook folks are also involved in **hands-on opportunities** provided through the Presbytery of Detroit, such as flood and hurricane relief and the Habitat Blitzbuilds.



Mekane Yesus. One of Ethiopia's most highly regarded schools, it is located about 200 miles west of Addis Ababa. The EECMY is a long-standing partner church of the PC(USA). In its first 50 years, the EECMY has grown from 25,000 members to more than 5 million, with congregations across the country of Ethiopia.



**Iona Schools - Jamaica** with PC (USA) missionary **Joyce Williams**: provides education for persons in a society who are unable to access quality education. Teachers employed at the Iona

Schools are committed Christians who feel the need to serve the church in this area of the church's mission. Presently there are 105 students with great potential for growth. We have been supporting Iona Schools since before 1974.

### **HANDS-ON MISSION**

A favorite hymn, "Here I Am, Lord" speaks to our love for missions. When we sing the words of God's call to the prophet Isaiah "Whom shall I send?", our response comes with conviction as we sing, "Here I am, Lord. . . I will go, Lord. . . I will hold your people in my heart."

**Following are descriptions of some of the hands-on mission opportunities that members and friends of Northbrook are involved in on a regular basis.**

**Lighthouse Emergency Services:** provides many different types of services for the people of Oakland County that have found themselves in crisis: in need of food, utility shut off assistance, housing assistance, need for bus tickets or work clothing and personal items. During the school year Lighthouse provides an after school program that is nutritionally and literacy based serving children ages 6-12. Senior Services receive fresh fruits and vegetables, transportation to medical appointments, luncheons twice monthly focusing on issues pertinent to the elderly and chore services. They also provide help for homeless families, links for clients to receive food, furniture and nursing services and holiday programs and meals. (see Angel Tree) Lighthouse Emergency Services is located on Woodward Avenue in Pontiac and on Sashabaw Road in Clarkston.

**Baldwin Center:** provides programs for families, youth and senior citizens in the Pontiac area. The center offers a safe place where people are respected and listened to and children can play without fear of violence, broken glass or drug needles. The Center provides food, meals, medicine, a shower program, holiday food distribution and clothing; tools for empowerment, counseling services, anger management classes, reading readiness programs and youth programming to name a few. The staff at Baldwin model the gospel by helping build community out of isolation, wholeness out of brokenness, and life out of death. Baldwin Center is located on Baldwin Avenue in Pontiac.

**Freedom House:** addresses the needs of homeless and/or indigent refugees seeking asylum in either the United States or Canada. All persons deserve to live free from oppression and to be treated with justice, compassion and dignity, so Freedom House offers care and services to persons living in their shelter and staff advocates for systemic change which more fully recognizes the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. There are seven core services to its clients and to the community. Shelter and food is provided for up to 35 asylum seekers at a time. Social and medical services aid is available for refugees who have come in precarious physical and mental condition, having been tortured, imprisoned and/or raped. Freedom House also provides volunteer services, legal services, education and job training, transitional housing and education. As a part of the process of acculturation, refugees provide service to the community through volunteer work. Freedom House is located at 2630 W. Lafayette in Detroit.

**South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless (SOCH)– Welcome Inn:** provides a successful day time ministry of supportive service to the homeless of Oakland County. The inn gives the homeless shelter from the harsh winter elements, a warm meal, a listening ear and social services for mental health, substance abuse, medical care and help in finding living quarters and a job. At the present time these services are provided during the coldest Michigan months from the beginning of December through the last week in March. Their

tence village of 600 Yupik Eskimos in Gambell and the outlying villages in the Russian Far East.

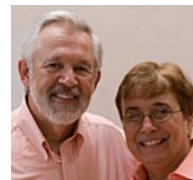
For many decades the church has ministered to the needy, the sick, and the underserved. Today, that mission lives on. It continues to offer hope to the hopeless. The church provides tangible and concrete services to socially disenfranchised, economically disadvantaged, and culturally marginalized members of the community. Their ministries empower the people through the living Word and hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In addition to regular Sunday worship, prayer meetings, fellowships, adult and children Sunday school, the church also provides counseling sessions, crisis intervention, and substance abuse prevention education.

### OUR MISSIONARIES:



**Michael and Rachel Weller** continue to serve in Ethiopia. This is a land in turmoil and they request our prayers. The Wellers participated in our FOCUS series last year at Northbrook.



**Barbara and Lary Moir** were appointed in July of 2009. They teach English at the Bethel Evangelical Secondary School, an institution of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church

**Yucatan Peninsula Mission (YPM):** is committed to serving the Mayan/Mexican people of the Yucatan Peninsula Mexico. YPM-USA provides practical tools for positive change – to children, adults, families, and communities in the Mayan/Mexican Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and in the U.S.A. - through service projects, education, medical care and Christian spiritual support.

**Kakamega AIDS Orphanage and Care Center:** provides housing for 48 children full-time and feeds over a hundred others on a daily basis, supports the families and children from western Kenya, provides educational opportunities to the children as well as a well for water. The orphanage is located in Kakamega, Kenya, Africa.

**Presbytery – International Partnerships in Kenya:** The Presbytery of Detroit is in partnership with Thika Presbytery in Kenya, East Africa. The purpose is to form a spiritual and cultural bridge linking the two presbyteries, to provide a well so the people will have clean and accessible water, and to share in planning for future shared projects.

**General Assembly—Gambell Presbyterian Church:** Gambell, Alaska, is a roadless Eskimo village, accessible only by small planes. The village is located in the north Bering Sea 35 miles east of Siberia. The Gambell Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) has a strong and constant presence in Gambell since 1894 and today it serves a subsis-

vision is to provide a comprehensive program of services to the homeless through “Welcome Inn” 365 days a year and their long range goal is to end homelessness in Southeastern Oakland County! SOCH is located on Crooks Road in Royal Oak.

**City Mission:** strives to “break the cycle of generational poverty by meeting the educational, physical and spiritual needs of the families in the Brightmoor community, through loving, mentoring relationships that make life-change possible.” City Mission provides an all-encompassing program for families. City Mission built and runs a new school, City Mission Academy. They offer a homework club, tutoring, Leaders in Training program, Kids College Fine Arts program, Bible studies, Backyard Bible Clubs, mentoring for students and scholarships to send kids to camp where the children spend 10 days in the country, learning about God’s love in a safe and loving environment. City Mission is located on Schoolcraft in Detroit.

**Outdoor Ministries at Howell Conference and Nature Center:** provides opportunities for mental, physical, and spiritual growth designed to enhance our relationships with God, nature, and our brothers and sisters throughout the world. The Howell Conference and Nature Center, owned and operated by the Presbytery of Detroit, is a multi-faceted facility that serves nearly 700 large and diverse groups of community members. Teaching proper stewardship of God’s natural world remains

a very high priority. Offering Environmental Education Programs for children and adults, providing information to those who call for wildlife advice and demonstrating care and stewardship by rehabilitating approximately 2000 birds and mammals each year is their mission.

**Ecumenical Theological Seminary:** provides local access to theological education for all persons called to ministerial education and training. ETS encourages the integration of theology with practice and faith and social responsibility. Classes are also available for the educators in the Presbytery of Detroit who are seeking certification through the PC(USA). The Education and Nurture work group of the Presbytery helps fund these programs for educators.

**Ecumenical Center International Residence:** Located in Ann Arbor, the international residence houses students from around the world. This living arrangement provides a great opportunity for students to get to know people of other cultures and share their culture with the communities around Ann Arbor.

**Bound Together:** provides a tutoring program for elementary school children and youth as well as a hot meal once a week throughout the school year. They also provide an athletic program, counseling for kids, an African Arts program, conflict resolution and a Kids' Camp. Their mission is to create a safe, stable, diverse environment for personal and academic excellence. They offer a caring community with a shared moral purpose, respect-

**Riverside Church,** a New Church Development worships on Sunday mornings at the Ecumenical Theological Center. Meals are prepared and served by members of Northbrook following worship when there is an opportunity to get to know people from the neighborhood and share the love of Jesus Christ with new friends. The *Where in the World Kids* from Northbrook sponsored Easter dinner baskets for the Riverside congregation, filling large laundry baskets with lots of good things to eat so everyone would have plenty on Easter

## MISSION NATIONALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD



**The Second Mile Center** is located in Detroit, Michigan. They are sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of Detroit. Everyone is encouraged to become involved in this exciting mission. Some of the programs offered at Second Mile are After School Programs, Tutoring, Purity class, Dance classes, Sewing classes, Educational Classes, Community Meetings, Bible Study, VBS, Programs for Seniors, Clothing, Flood and Baby Pantry, Summer Free Food Program, breakfast and lunch.

Volunteers go to Second Mile each Monday evening to prepare dinner. Come along!

**Place of Refuge** is a home in Southfield where 4 boys live in a supervised transitional home that is an outreach from the Riverside Church in Detroit. Usually aged out of the foster care system at 16, these boys will have an opportunity for 2 more years of support, encouragement and education before they have to go out and live on their own. During their time at A Place of Refuge they must graduate from high school or earn a GED and learn life skills so that they can become completely independent once they leave A Place of Refuge. In order to learn these life skills, these boys need tutors to help them with their schoolwork and mentors to help guide them through career decisions and setting goals, as well as people to teach them basic skills such as cooking, budgeting, house repair, lawn maintenance and shopping. They are eager to learn and volunteer hours are flexible.

ing the dignity of those they serve. Bound Together is located on Pike Street in Pontiac. (167 W Pike St, Pontiac, MI 48341)

**Presbytery—Barnabas Youth Opportunities**

**Project:** offers youth an alternative to the drug culture while teaching work skills that will enhance their ability to find employment. Older adults share their skills with the young people. They teach basic skills helping youth make the transition from school to work. This project also provides a community garden, mentoring, tutoring and counseling. Barnabas Center is located on Grand River in Detroit.

**My Sister's Place – Women's Justice Center:** provides individual and group supportive services, transitional supportive housing and legal services. Their mission is to end violence and its effect in the lives of women and children, helping those who are unable to help themselves. They run a domestic violence shelter and provide funds to meet basic needs.

**Women's Survival Center of Oakland County:** offers one on one counseling and group counseling, a HELP hot line with resources for clothing, shelter, food, utilities, and referrals, a legal clinic two nights a week who deal primarily with family law, and a Personal Protection Office established at Oakland County Court to provide free legal help.

**New Steps:** provides multiple programs and home-based services for children and youth as well as care management services for pregnant or postpartum women with a chemical addiction. New Steps is located at St. Leo's Church on Grand River in Detroit. As a part of Southwest Counseling Solutions, New Steps operates the "Even Start" Family Literacy programs. This program is designed to break the intergenerational cycle of illiteracy and school failure. New Steps also provides a family-centered approach to working with children and adolescents with a severe emotional disturbance (SED). YAP, Youth Assistance Program, is a prevention program run at New Steps that is focused on children and adolescents at risk of involvement (or increased involvement) in the juvenile justice system and/or at risk of out of home placement due to behavioral disorders, severe emotional disorders and social stressors.

**American Indian Health and Family:** provides cultural competent health care and by supporting the healing process they encourage, educate and empower their clients as they seek a better way of life. This mission is located in Dearborn, Michigan.

**Presbytery-wide Projects:** Northbrook helps to support many of these events including building houses in Detroit as part of the Rebuilding Together program and Habitat for Humanity, the Lazarus Project as well as hurricane relief projects and trips and hunger ministries.

**Emergency Walk-in:** Gift certificates for food and prescriptions are given to people who come to the church in need of help. Information on other sources of help is also provided.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:** Providing a ministry of relief and response to national and international disasters, aid to refugees and displaced persons, refugee resettlement, and efforts toward development...out of chaos, hope. The gospel of Jesus Christ calls people of faith to help reclaim lives and communities disrupted by natural and human-caused disasters. When disaster strikes, Presbyterians form an important network, providing spiritual, physical and psychological care to those most in need.

**Theological Education Fund (TEF):** The TEF is a fund comprised of monies contributed by Presbyterian congregations on an annual basis. It is the only source of denomination-wide funding for PC (USA) seminaries. Our support helps offer scholarships and cover expenses of the seminaries as they educate leaders who can preach, teach and lead the church for generations to come and prepare them to serve Jesus Christ in our community and around the world.

**Samaritan Counseling Center:** provides clients who include "all God's people seeking wholeness through spiritual growth" with fee based counseling services for children, adults and families. Pastors use this service for members of their congregations.