



CONNECT & COMMIT

2018-2019

**Missions Guide to
Prayer and Involvement**

*Commit everything you do to the Lord.
Trust him, and he will help you.*

-Psalm 37:5 (NLT)

Thank you for picking up our BUMC Connect and Commit Guide!

In the following pages you will find information about many of the ministries, missionaries, and organizations connected to our church. The ministries in the guide are organized into 6 categories: Local, International, Individual Missionary Partners, Sustaining Life Ministries, Children and Youth Ministries, and the Persecuted Church. The first part of the guide will focus on ways we can pray for these partners. The second part will list ways that you can connect with the work they are doing. In that section, opportunities that are kid-friendly (usually with an adult present) are shown with this symbol: ☺

Please pray for our mission partners and about how God is calling you to serve, whether through one of these partnerships or through something new God might be calling you to do.

If you would like to discuss anything in this guide or find out more information about ways to connect and commit, please contact Rev. Laura Byrch, Pastor of Community Engagement at laura@booneumc.org or 828-264-6090 extension 248.

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Individual Missionary Partners

- ☒ *Eric & Mason Heistand*
- ☒ *David & Gunborg Presson*
- ☒ *Judith Banyas*
- ☒ *Paul & Linda Humnick*
- ☒ *Emma Pinnix (Arrows Int'l)*
- ☒ *Chaney Poston*

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Sustaining Life Ministries

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***Ministries supported through Faith Promise giving in 2018-2019 are italicized. Others were supported through line items in the regular church budget, proceeds from the Bazaar and ABC sale, in-kind support and/or prayers.*

We pray for:

LOCAL PARTNERS:

Appalachian Wesley Foundation

A United Methodist campus ministry whose mission is to “Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through campus ministry”

- Pray for App Wesley to come alongside students struggling with their faith, wrestling with belief, and wanting to take first steps towards a life with Jesus
- Pray for leadership to serve in ways that reveal the kingdom to the campus
- Pray for the graduates they commission each year to go out and serve the world in the name of Jesus

Hope Pregnancy Center

A faith-based non-profit committed to empowering women with unplanned pregnancies to thrive

- Pray for women journeying through an unexpected pregnancy who feel alone or afraid
- Pray for the health of mothers and babies coming to Hope Pregnancy for support
- Pray for women facing difficult decisions concerning their pregnancy

OASIS (Opposing Abuse with Service, Information, and Shelter)

Dedicated to ending domestic violence and sexual assault through advocacy, education, and providing services and support for survivors

- Pray for ending violence in our community
- Pray for support and safety for survivors
- Pray that OASIS workers would have compassion & strength through the support process

Hebron Colony

A Christ-Centered Addiction Recovery Ministry devoted to the restoration of individuals whose lives have been impacted by alcohol and drug addiction

- Pray for God’s Spirit to be at work in the lives of the men currently at Hebron, recovering from addiction
- Pray for those who have graduated from the program, that they will continue to find strength in God
- Pray for those who God might lead to Hebron Colony

RISE- Relationships Intended for Self-Sufficiency and Empowerment

RISE of the High Country, a NETworX USA initiative of Hospitality House, seeks to reduce the effects of poverty by connecting people of diverse backgrounds to promote the building of well-being together. RISE facilitates relationships across economic, cultural and racial dividing lines allowing participants to overcome present and/or persistent barriers and to expand opportunities through education, life-skills, and community service.

- Pray that participants will be strong on their journey & that barriers to self-sufficiency would be broken
- Pray for staff & volunteers to offer understanding, compassion, & hard truths to have a life-changing relationship
- Pray for a shift in the community perspective about poverty and those who live in its cycle

Quiet Givers

Changing the reality of our neighbors in need by offering assistance when no one else can

- Pray that they have givers to fill the needs
- Pray that they may be a blessing to those they help
- Pray for those they help to find comfort

I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I’m thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it’s always a prayer full of joy. I’m glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now. –Philippians 1:3-5

We pray for:

LOCAL PARTNERS:

King Street Church (KSC)

A campus of Boone United Methodist Church committed to forming Christian community with those who have never experienced it before

- Pray that God would provide dynamic leaders who are able to connect with people outside the church
- Pray that God would continue to help us form and strengthen relationships
- Pray that KSC would continue to find ways to join God in setting the oppressed free in our community

Kairos Prison Ministry

Building Christian communities inside the walls of prisons through 72-hour Christian retreats within local prisons

- Pray that God will provide volunteers for the upcoming retreats at Swannanoa (Women's), Avery-Mitchell (Men's) and Mountain View (Men's) Correctional Institutions.
- Pray for volunteers for the Administrative Council at Avery-Mitchell
- Pray that God will transform hearts and lives through Kairos retreats

Blackburn Community Outreach

A faith-rooted community development organization that engages and mobilizes the Todd Community for social, economic, and environmental vitality

- Pray for those involved with BCO's programs through the Todd Listening Project, Green Valley Elementary tutoring, Beatitude Gardens and the Blackburn House
- Pray for healing of divisions in the Todd community, and increased collaboration in Todd
- Pray for the growth of BCO's social venture, Todd's Table, in its second year
- Pray for students who intern with Beatitude Gardens, for their learning and personal growth

Habitat for Humanity

Working to provide decent, affordable housing to low-income Watauga County residents

- Pray for Habitat homeowners and potential homeowners
- Pray for volunteers and community supporters
- Pray for those who are still without decent, affordable housing

INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARY PARTNERS:

Eric & Mason Heistand, missionaries with Cru campus ministries

- Pray that God would use their presence on campus at ASU to introduce students and faculty to Jesus Christ and a life of faith, especially for the spiritually unaffiliated (nones) and the de-churched (dones)
- Pray for the young professional women who pack out our home on Monday nights for a women's Bible Study that Mason leads
- Pray for Eric and Mason and their children: Clement, Haines, and Anna Brooks. For a strong marriage and wise parenting, and healthy financial support for ministry partners who are excited about investing in this mission. For family and unity amidst Eric's many trips away from home

David & Gunborg Presson, missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators

- Pray for the Pressons as they provide services to those translating the Scriptures for people groups across Africa
- Pray for David as he enables better communications for mission leaders and manages crises across Africa
- Pray for Gunborg as she oversees personnel recruitment and training needs across Francophone Africa

Judith Banya, UMC Pastor and Church Planter in Baiwala, Sierra Leone

- Pray for the growth and development of their church's membership
- Pray that they would continue to share the gospel boldly in hard to reach areas
- Pray for those team members who work daily on the ground to make this ministry grow

We pray for:

INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARY PARTNERS:

Paul & Linda Humnick, missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators

- Pray for the people group in Russia where their Bible translation will be used
- Pray for other people groups who do not yet have access to a Bible in their language
- Pray for the Humnicks in a time of transition

Chaney Poston, Serving in China with “Connect”

- Pray for Chaney's current and continued processing of God's dreams for her in China
- Pray for Chaney's language study
- Pray for the current and future relationships with others in the community where she lives

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS:

Guatemala Mission Team

A partnership through BUMC with the people of Patzibal, Guatemala

- Pray for the 12 women & their families launching and expanding small businesses through microloans
- Pray for the expansion of community development efforts in Patzibal
- Pray for team members discerning a call to serve in 2020

Joy in Unity Foundation (Guatemala)

A Christian outgrowth of BUMC that is dedicated to educating Guatemalan Maya children

- Pray for students being sponsored with educational scholarships, that they will learn and thrive
- Pray for the families of students struggling to survive on an average of \$1200 a year
- Pray for Joy in Unity's programs in helping support these children and their families

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS:

Project Agape (Armenia)

Humanitarian relief project from NC UMCs to the Armenian people in the Artsakh/Karabagh region; this is the only relief organization allowed into this country. They support an orphanage, a Christian Education Center, a cattle/chicken project, building teams, personnel, and give away 5,000 Christmas Shoeboxes.

- Pray for peace along the border with Azerbaijan- that the truce will be kept
- Pray for God's continued blessing on this Christian community in the Middle East
- Pray for donations and people to meet needs in the area

Farm-Hope-Thrive (Tanzania)

Spreading the love and hope of Christ through Farming God's Way, a sustainable agriculture program

- Pray for the completion of 4 additional classrooms for Ormee Primary School in Mairowa, Tanzania
- Pray for additional full-time and part-time missionaries who are called to take part in this ministry
- Pray for Godly wisdom, peace, and confirmation of decisions as they walk the journey of faith ahead

ZOE (Rwanda & India)

Empowering vulnerable children to overcome poverty through a three-year empowerment program

- Pray for ZOE orphans in Rwanda, Kenya, India, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Sierra Leone & Guatemala
- Pray for leadership from each of the ZOE countries as they develop ways to grow ZOE stronger
- Pray for orphans to find love and hope for the future

ILI

The International Leadership Institute trains and mobilizes leaders of leaders to reach their nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Pray for God to equip ILI Teams in 100 nations, working to see the glory of God fill their land
- Pray for the leaders trained and mobilized in 83 countries as they seek to spread the Gospel in their countries
- Pray for the ILI teams and training events to equip leaders and spread the Gospel around the world

We pray for:

GEMS-India

Grace Endearment Mission Services

- Pray for perseverance in the face of persecution
- Pray for Village Church Planters, their safety, and their ministry
- Pray for the new primary school and the daily challenges that arise there
- Pray for tribal mission work and medical camps

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH:

- Pray for “Restricted” countries, where government endorsed, anti-Christian laws lead to the persecution and deaths of Christians and severely limit access to the Bible and other Christian literature
- For “Hostile” countries, where governments attempt to protect Christians, but where they routinely experience persecution from family, friends, and neighbors
- For “Monitored” countries, where persecution of Christians is increasing

Hurry, God, to deliver me; hurry, Lord, to help me! Let those who seek my life be ashamed and humiliated! Let them fall back and be disgraced—those people who delight in my downfall! Let those who say, “Aha! Aha!” stop because of their shameful behavior. But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you, and let those who love your saving help say again and again: “God is great!” But me? I’m poor and needy. Hurry to me, God! You are my helper and my deliverer. Oh, Lord, don’t delay! --Psalm 70

We pray for:

MINISTRIES SERVING CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

BUMC Youth Mission Trips

- Pray for safety traveling
- Pray for a heart of servanthood among the students and for them to be willing to listen, learn & love in every situation
- Pray for a real sense of community to continue to grow among students, & between students and adults

Grandfather Home for Children/Children's Hope Alliance

Providing a safe, healing journey for hurting children & families - creating hope now and in the future

- Pray that children can get a healthy start and begin experiencing hope now and for their future
- Pray for children walking through their healing journey from severe trauma, neglect and abuse
- Pray for staff as they care for and walk alongside the children they serve

The Children's Home/Crossnore

To grow healthy futures for children and families by providing Christian sanctuary of hope and healing.

- Pray for children who are feeling alone and unloved
- Pray that children receiving services will find a supportive network of care
- Pray for partners in promoting a healthy future for the children

Western Youth Network (WYN)

Building youth of character & confidence so that every young person in the High Country reaches their full potential

- Pray for children facing challenging situations at home or school
- Pray for the necessary resources for WYN to meet their goals of expanding services
- Listen to see if God is asking you to give personally or get involved in a child's life to make a positive impact and pray that more people would feel compelled to be involved

Bradford Boys Night/Girls Night

Welcoming & creating a positive space for 12-18 year old teens in Bradford Trailer Park as a witness to Jesus Christ

- Pray for the development of young leaders in the community and church
- Pray for adult mentors to be sensitive and bold in embodying and preaching the Gospel
- Pray for new Bible Studies in their beginning stages and that gatherings will empower the teens, leaders, and neighbors as children of God and to find wholeness through Christ.

Angel Tree

Reaching out to children in our community to share the joy of Jesus' birthday by way of gifts

- Pray for the children in need in our community, particularly our angels, year round
- Pray that the ministry reaches out to children and families in the most beneficial way, to best reveal Jesus
- Pray that Jesus touches their hearts, warms their spirits, and becomes real in their lives

Operation Christmas Child

Collecting gift-filled shoeboxes to deliver in the name of Jesus Christ to children around the world

- Pray for shoebox goals both domestically and internationally to be fulfilled
- Pray that children come to know Christ through *The Greatest Journey* discipleship program
- Pray for growth of the local volunteer team in the High Country

Wilderness Trail

A youth backpacking ministry that teaches participants to embody servant leadership as the body of Christ

- Pray for staff as they lead the ministry
- Pray for youth and adults who will participate in Wilderness Trail events
- Pray for the spiritual growth that begins or deepens on Trail to continue throughout the year

We pray for:

SUSTAINING LIFE MINISTRIES:

Hunger & Health Coalition

Relieving poverty & hunger in a compassionate manner for those experiencing economic hardship & food shortages

- Pray for the health & well-being of clients and their families, staff, volunteers and Board
- Pray for enough resources to be able to continue to provide for clients
- Pray that those who need H&H most continue to know of their availability and resources

Hospitality House

Helping those living in crisis, poverty and homelessness rebuild their lives

- Pray for individuals and families experiencing and transitioning out of homelessness
- Pray for staff and volunteers who serve
- Pray for the 32% of Watauga County that lives in poverty and for children who are hungry at night

Casting Bread Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen & Bakery

Showing Christ's love in a tangible way through feeding people physically as well as spiritually

- Pray for clients to be self-sustainable and food secure
- Pray for the families and children who do not know about Casting Bread to become aware of their services
- Pray for the bakery starting as a social/missional enterprise to employ those who have been excluded or overlooked from the job market

Community Care Clinic

Providing free integrated healthcare to uninsured low-income individuals & families in our community

- Pray for clients who are experiencing illness and chronic conditions
- Pray for staff and volunteers who serve
- Pray for resources to continue to meet the needs of the community

Red Bird Mission

Providing education, health, community outreach, economic opportunities, and housing in Red Bird, KY

- Pray for those who are considering being a part of the mission
- Pray for team leader Virginia Young as she makes plans for the mission trip
- Pray for the team to make a difference on their mission trip

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Alleviating suffering through disaster response & programs in health, sustainable agriculture, & food security

- Pray for continued financial support to meet all needs
- Pray for victims of natural disaster to find help, hope, and restoration
- Pray for the refugees UMCOR is currently serving in Europe

Watauga Crisis Assistance Network (WeCAN)

Helping community neighbors in crisis as a clearing house of benevolence assistance and crisis services

- Pray for those experiencing crisis and coming to WeCAN for assistance
- Pray for wisdom in discerning how best to assist families and individuals
- Pray that families can be empowered and crises averted

Boone Area Missions

Loving our community through firewood, gleaning, food assistance gardens, & benevolence assistance

- Pray for God's love to be visible in relationships between volunteers and recipients
- Pray for active community participation that blurs the lines of "volunteer" and "recipient"
- Pray for all who give and receive in various ways as part of the firewood ministry
- Pray that the gleaning and gardening provide opportunities to build community and provide access to healthy food

Western Watauga Food Outreach

A weekly meal and food distribution ministry in the Western part of Watauga County

- Pray for those who come to find food and/or community
- Pray for volunteers to keep the ministry going
- Pray for strong connections among guests of all ages

Connect with:

LOCAL PARTNERS:

Appalachian Wesley Foundation

www.appwesley.org

Contact: Rev. Brad Farrington, campus minister brad@appwesley.org 461 Howard Street Boone, NC 28607

- Love each college student that comes to Boone UMC and celebrate their presence and the ways they can contribute to the mission of your church
- Serve the campus ministry by providing our community meal on Monday nights, snacks for fellowship time on Wednesday night before worship, participating on a work team that attends to the building, volunteering to support a Wesley mission trip or spiritual renewal retreat, contributing financial support or other ways God is calling you to serve and support our campus ministry
- Pray for this campus ministry to carry out their mission every day on campus. They are a missional outpost planted by Boone UMC in 1955, and are blessed by BUMC's continued support of prayers, service, and love!

HOPE Pregnancy Center

<http://choosehope.org/>

Contact: 828-262-3951

- Volunteer with the Journey to motherhood mentoring program
- Connect with a client through the family client adoption program
- Volunteer to assist with organizational needs such as mailing and landscaping

OASIS (Opposing Abuse with Service, Information, and Shelter)

<http://www.oasisinc.org/get-involved/>

- Volunteer to answer calls on the Spanish crisis line, assist with office tasks, or provide emergency childcare
- Donate personal care items or give financially
- Promote awareness and education by inviting OASIS to speak to a group or at an event

Hebron Colony

<http://www.hebroncolony.org/get-involved.html>

Contact: (828) 963-4842

- Volunteer at the thrift store or a special event
- Attend a graduation ceremony
- Participate in the annual Golf Tournament fundraiser

RISE- Relationships Intended for Self-Sufficiency and Empowerment

www.hosphouse.org/rise Contact: RISE@hosphouse.org or call (828) 264-1237

- Join RISE weekly meetings to build mutual friendships with those from various socio-economic and cultural/racial backgrounds
- Get to know RISE participants at BUMC's Thursday night meal (5:30 pm)
- Use your connections to help individual RISE participants find good employment

Quiet Givers

www.quietgivers.org

- "Like" the Quiet Givers official Facebook page
- Join Quiet Givers' private Facebook group, where needs will be posted regularly
- Donate or fill a need on the Quiet Givers website

Connect with:

LOCAL PARTNERS:

King Street Church

<http://www.kscboone.org/>

- Lead a new group
- Cook a meal for a group
- Help with one of KSC's social justice advocacy events (such as incarceration awareness month)

Kairos Prison Ministry

<http://www.kairosprisonministry.org/>

Contact: Ken Connelly ken@aspwv.com 828-386-4114

- Make placemats that will be used to show inmates they are loved and being prayed for
- Provide Christ-like encouragement through making a poster on 8½" x 11" paper or larger
- Attend a closing ceremony at a nearby correctional facility

Habitat for Humanity

<http://www.wataugahabitat.org/>

Contact: Jennifer Ramey, volunteer coordinator 828-268-9545

- Join BUMC's monthly Habitat workdays every 3rd Saturday of the month
- Become a regular "Wednesday Warrior" volunteer helping the houses get built more quickly
- ☺ Prepare a meal for volunteers on a workday
- ☺ Donate items or shop at the Habitat Restore to help financially sustain the ministry

Blackburn Community Outreach

www.blackburncommunityoutreach.org

Contact: 336-877-1706 or blackburncommunityoutreach@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/bcotoddnc/>

- Get to know Blackburn House residents and refer young adults who might be future potential residents
- Be a support elementary students and teachers by joining our tutoring program: Tutors offer one-on-one attention to students in basic reading and math
- ☺ Volunteer with Beatitude Gardens Community Volunteer days
- ☺ Shop at Todd's Table market stand, open Saturday mornings June-October, 8 am-noon

INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARY PARTNERS:

Eric & Mason Heistand

Contact: eric.heistand@cru.org

- Join Cru's college men on Tuesdays (Fall only) between 4-6:30 pm in the wood cutting lot for "Trail and Timber" nights (you can volunteer alongside them or offer to provide a meal!)
- Eric leads missions opportunities every March and many summers. They are geared toward college students, but some are perfect for adults who have a heart for student ministry and want to learn how to share the gospel with others
- Have some extra space? Cru is always looking for local homes that can host leadership training and outreaches. They currently lack a summer location to store band equipment.
- Cru loves to expose their older students to local business people who are serving Christ and God's Kingdom in the midst of non-vocational ministry careers

Connect with:

INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARY PARTNERS:

David and Gunborg Presson

<https://www.wycliffe.org/> Contact: David-Gunborg_Presson@wbt.org

- Email David and Gunborg to receive their email updates and learn more about supporting their work

Judith Banya

Contact: judith_banya@hotmail.com

- Join with the mission team going from Minnesota to serve with SWON
- Give to support the school feeding program, completing the mission house, or building the Junior Secondary School with boarding space for girls

Paul & Linda Humnick

<https://www.wycliffe.org/> www.sil.org

Contact: Paul_Humnick@sil.org, Linda_Humnick@sil.org

- Donate to support the work of Bible translation around the world
- Reach out to learn more about the research and work the Humnicks are now doing through SIL

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS:

Guatemala

Contact: *David and Carolyn Thompson* carolynthompson947@gmail.com 828-264-5100 (home) 828-773-1039 (Carolyn's cell) 828-406-1823 (David's cell)

- Join the 2019 Guatemala mission team to Patzibal, Guatemala
- Donate supplies to be taken to Guatemala (look for announcements next spring about specific needs)
- Donate financially to help fund the microloan program that helps women start or expand small businesses such as raising pigs, weaving and selling traditional clothing, making shoes, and selling vegetables

Joy in Unity Foundation (JIUF)

<http://www.joyinunityfoundation.org/>

Contact: *George Didier* 828-898-5442 303 Sugar Top Drive, Unit 2810, Banner Elk, NC 28604

- Sponsor a child's education (\$350-\$550 per year)
- Help recruit other sponsors
- Travel to Guatemala with BUMC's annual mission team and see firsthand the impact of JIUF

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS:

Project Agape

Contact: *Nara Melkonyan, longtime Armenian AGAPE director at* nmelkonyan@yahoo.com

- Donate/gleaning warm clothing, household and kitchen items, new mattresses, chairs, medical supplies, school/art supplies (especially during the ABC sale and the Bazaar) and by filling Christmas Shoeboxes
- By picking up a free copy of the book *You Raise Me Up: Making It Happen for the Children of the Ark* from Margaret Eggers (email puerdei65@gmail.com) to read and pass along
- By emailing Nara Melkonyan at nmelkonyan@yahoo.com to receive email updates

Farm-Hope-Thrive (Tanzania)

www.FarmHopeThrive.org

Contact: *Joshua & Renee Moose* 828-719-9032 PO Box 1513 Boone, NC 28607

- Donate financially towards the establishment of the Ormee Primary School and Agriculture Training Center in Mairowa, Tanzania
- Volunteer for a short-term trip to assist with establishing the school and training center. (Volunteers need to be skilled in building, education and/or gardening/farming.)
- Contact us to learn more about Farming God's Way and training opportunities in the US and abroad

Connect with:

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS:

ZOE (Rwanda)

www.zoeempowers.org

- Consider joining a ZOE trip
- Give a gift that helps (rabbit, banana tree bulb, cooking pot, sewing machine, etc)
- Become a prayer partner (sign up on their website for prayer requests once a week)

International Leadership Institute (ILI)

<http://iliteam.org>

- Sign up to receive a weekly Dare To Ask email with information about how to pray for ILI teams
- Donate to Train A Leader
- Join the ILI Team: <http://iliteam.org/join/>

Grace Endearment Mission Services (GEMS)-India

Contact: Stephen Joseph stephenjoseph71@gmail.com

Grace Endearment Mission Services US: 1926 Spring Hill Rd Road Gilbert, SC 29054

- Consider going to serve short-term or for a semester in the new English Medium School

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. –John 13:34-35

MINISTRIES SERVING CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Youth Mission Trips

Contact: Ben Fitzgerald ben@booneumc.org

- Donate to the Drew Newell Scholarship Fund that supports students on summer mission trips, camps, and retreats who otherwise couldn't afford to go
- Volunteer to help with a youth fundraiser, whether it's driving students for service days in the community, helping cook for a pancake breakfast, or bringing a dessert for Valentine's Day Dessert
- Talk to, get to know, get involved with and pray for youth group students

Grandfather Home for Children/Children's Hope Alliance

<https://www.childrenshopealliance.org/> Contact: Lori Fees lmfees@childrenshopealliance.org 704.818-1724

- Take a tour of campus. Hear success stories from staff & see firsthand how they're changing lives! Thousands of kids need someone brave and willing to be a voice for them
- Volunteer on campus (KSC has a group that goes on Thursday afternoons) or become a foster parent to serve kids needing a safe home
- Donate financial support

The Children's Home/ Crossnore

<http://www.crossnore.org/getinvolved/volunteer>

Contact: Courtney Lane, Annual Giving and Outreach Coordinator, (828)733-4305 Clane@crossnore.org

- Organize a group to go and work at The Children's Home property in Winston Salem or Crossnore locations
- Volunteer as a "visiting resource" to mentor and spend time with students at the Crossnore location
- Donate financially to help provide a safe place of hope and healing for the children or make an in-kind donation (list of needs can be found at <https://www.crossnore.org/ways-to-give/>)

Connect with:

MINISTRIES SERVING CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Western Youth Network (WYN)

<http://www.westernyouthnetwork.org/wordpress/>

Contact: 828-264-5174 info@westernyouthnetwork.org 155 WYN Way Boone, NC 28607

- Become a community-based mentor or school-based (lunch buddy) mentor
- Become a tutor in our after-school program
- Volunteer for (or attend) a WYN fundraising event

Bradford Boys Night/Girls Night

Contact: Pastor Laura or JB Byrch 828-434-6661 jamesbbeyer@gmail.com Instagram: *Boys_Night_Bradford*

- Volunteer your time or gifts to build relationships with teens or support Boys Night/Girls Night
- Invite the Boys Night or Girls Night group to a place, event, or activity that you love
- Donate guitars, wood for skateboard ramps, money, or outdoor equipment

Angel Tree

Contact: Elizabeth Shukis

- ☺ Choose an angel to shop for or provide money for shopping
- ☺ Volunteer to help sort and bag gifts
- ☺ Provide food for family food boxes (12 families are provided a food box)
- Volunteer for a logistics role: manage food collection/distribution, organize food into family boxes, manage gift distribution, transport food & gifts, create Angel Tree cards, put up/decorate angel tree (Chapel & Family Life Center), manage & monitor Chapel or FLC tree; help with advertising and marketing

Operation Christmas Child

Contact: Samaritan's Purse P.O. Box 3000 Boone, NC 28607 Phone: (828) 262-1980

- ☺ Pack a Shoe Box: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>
- ☺ Join the OCC prayer network: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/prayer-network/>
- Volunteer with OCC <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/volunteer-year-round/>

Wilderness Trail

www.wtrail.com Contact: Anna Belle Lamar director@wtrail.com 828-734-0355

- Join Boone UMC Youth or Bradford Youth for their summer Wilderness Trail events
- Connect with one of Boone UMC's young adults who have been staff or junior staff to learn about how Trail has impacted their lives
- Donate to the Drew Newell Scholarship Fund that supports students who otherwise couldn't afford to go

SUSTAINING LIFE MINISTRIES:

Hunger & Health Coalition

<http://hungerandhealthcoalition.com/> Contact: Seth LeJeune 828.262.1628 volunteeringhhc@gmail.com

- Volunteer in the Pantry, Fresh Market, Food Recovery Kitchen, Pharmacy or Clothing Closet
- ☺ Sign up for A Simple Gesture food collection (you receive a bag that gets picked up at your home every 8 weeks)
- Donate your time, talents or resources so H&H can be of further assistance to the community

Hospitality House

www.HospHouse.org Contact: info@hosphouse.org 828.264.1237 338 Brook Hollow Rd, Boone, NC 28607

- ☺ Visit regularly, hang out, or eat at the Bread of Life Community Kitchen, bring us your ideas
- ☺ Volunteer in the gardens and help tend the chickens
- ☺ Volunteer to prepare or serve meals or assist with food preservation of donated produce
- Volunteer or shop at the Welcome Home Thriftique

Connect with:

Casting Bread Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen

<http://www.faithbridgeumc.org/casting-bread-food-pantry.html>

Contact: castingbread@gmail.com (828) 295-8333

- ☺ Sponsor food drives or donate toiletries, laundry supplies or garden produce
- Volunteer to cook meals for the Soup Kitchen lunch on Wednesday and Thursdays
- Volunteer to transport food donations from grocery stores on Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. or Sundays
- Volunteer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays to help stock, serve clients or carry boxes to cars

Community Care Clinic

<http://www.ccclinic.org/> Contact: 828-265-8591 cccvolunteering@gmail.com

- Volunteer as a medical provider, clinical volunteer, or clerical volunteer
- Donate meals for evening clinic volunteers
- Donate or help with fundraising

Red Bird Mission

<http://rbmission.org/> Contact: Virginia Young fandvyoung@skybest.com 828-963-5188

- Volunteer to go on a mission trip (usually the last week in October)
- ☺ Provide support in the form of donations as requested for mission trips
- Pray for the mission volunteers when they are preparing for and on a mission trip

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

www.umcor.org

- Attend UMCOR Disaster Academy September 26-29, 2017 at Central UMC (330 S. Main St, Asheboro NC)
- Get trained to be on a disaster response team (minimum age 18 years)
- Donate financially
- ☺ Help assemble and restock health and school kits (see website for more info)

Watauga Crisis Assistance Network (WeCAN)

<http://www.hosphouse.org/wecan> Contact: wecan@hosphouse.org

- Volunteer to help with office work/administrative tasks during a timeslot from 10am-12 pm weekdays
- Volunteer as a budget mentor with BUMC to coordinate benevolence with WeCAN
- Donate financially

SUSTAINING LIFE MINISTRIES:

Boone Area Missions (Firewood, gleaning, gardening, benevolence)

<https://www.facebook.com/booneareamissions/> Contacts: Amy Van Devender (gleaning/garden) 828-262-1821

asvande@hotmail.com; Patience Perry (garden) 828-467-6713 patienceperry5@gmail.com;

Susan Diefes (firewood) Susandiefes@yahoo.com 336-250-5800

- ☺ Volunteer with firewood ministry—picking up wood, cutting, splitting, and delivering firewood; visiting firewood recipients; providing snacks/a meal for volunteers on Tuesdays (pm- Fall only) or Saturdays (am)
- ☺ Volunteer to glean or help with the Farmer Foodshare Donation Station at the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings; or join a gleaning crew to harvest food donations from local farm fields
- ☺ Schedule a time for your small group or Sunday School class to come work together in the garden

Western Watauga Food Outreach

<http://www.wwfood.org/what-we-do>

- ☺ Sign up to greet/host or distribute food, 4-6pm on Thursdays at Cove Creek Community Center
- ☺ Volunteer to help with monthly food bag packing/pantry maintenance
- ☺ Help provide a meal on Thursdays

Connect with:

"I was hungry and you gave me food to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me...I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." –Matthew 25:35-36, 40

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Learn more about how to get involved in advocating for and volunteering to support persecuted Christians at:

<http://www.persecution.com/public/getinvolved.aspx>

After praying and looking through this guide, where are you feeling called to get involved?

Fill this out, cut on the dotted line above and drop it in the offering plate or by the office and let us know how you plan to serve and/or how we can help you connect!

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

I/we hope to serve by: _____

Not sure how God can best use your gifts or passions? List a few things you're good at or enjoy doing or that you'd like to teach or do with others and we'll join you in praying about how God can use your skills and passions!

Skills/talents/passions I'd like to offer: _____
