Midland FUMC Missions Team

March, 2025

**Purpose:** Connecting the Church in mission

**Executive Summary:**

The Midland First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Missions Team is a work area supporting outreach ministries of this congregation beyond Midland County. (The Church and Community work area covers outreach within Midland County) A key partner in the effort of the Missions Team is the UMC Board of Global Ministries whose purpose and vision provides key guideposts for the work area.

The Missions Team places a high priority on connections that can be established and maintained over many years, even decades. Each organization has a “Knowledgeable Contact” that is a FUMC Missions Team Member. Through regular communication the Midland FUMC “Knowledgeable Contact” assesses the effectiveness and impact of each of the organization we support. The team actively pursues our fiduciary responsibility to the full congregation by regularly engaging and participating with each of the organizations we as a congregation support.

**Organizations Supported:**

The Midland FUMC Missions Team supports 23 Outreach Projects with a budget of approximately $85,000/yr. Nine of the organizations are Domestic, with a presence or solely based in Michigan.

The Team organizes 5-7 Mission activities per year for the congregation to attend or support. Trips and events the FUMC Missions Team organized in 2024:

* March - Day trip to Cass Community Social Services (Detroit, MI)
* May - Multiday trip to Midwest Missions (Pawnee, IL)
* June - One Week One Street (Saginaw, MI)
* September - Multiday trip to God’s Country Cooperative Ministry (Newberry, MI)
* November - Rice Packing Event (4,000 bags @ FUMC)

If you possess any of the following Spiritual Gifts your talents match well with becoming a member of the Midland FUMC Missions Team:

* ***Administration***
* ***Compassion***
* ***Discernment***
* ***Exhortation***
* ***Giving***
* ***Helping***
* ***Leadership***
* ***Servanthood***
* ***Shepherding***

If you have questions our if you are interest in joining the Midland FUMC Missions Team, contact FUMC Missions Team Chair: Fritz Hyde (989) 708-1450.