

Hands-on Mission Ministry Overview

A. Mission

Encouraging members to committed, compassion service to those who are outside the church.

B. Vision

Matthew 25:35—feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned

C. Values

- Church does not exist for itself, but for mission in all that we do
- Downtown setting creates the need to offer a welcoming environment and support for people in the area
- Mission ministry to meet the needs of people in the community and world
- Expansion of current mission ministry to involve all people at FUMC Manhattan

D. Primary objective of ministry

Primary Objective	Resources Needed	Number of People Involved	Priority
Continue providing current mission services	Staff space, meeting space, assembly space, storage, parking to expand mission capabilities for the community	Meet the needs of 50 people each week (1 staff member and 10 volunteers)	A
Enhance community meals with 2nd meal weekly	Current fellowship hall/kitchen	1 staff and 6 volunteers to serve	A
Food Pantry	Expand/reconfigure current location Purchase refrigerator/freezer units	10 volunteers for collection/stocking/handing out	A
Communicate opportunities for Mission to Church and non-members	Mission moment - worship Direct contact w/small groups Website and newsletter	1 – 5 people	A
Involvement in emergency disaster response	Acquire an emergency trailer for response	Coordinator (volunteer) 100 volunteers three times per year	B
Identify emerging mission opportunities	Space for flexibility	50 volunteers every quarter	B
Coordinate activities and resources w/other churches and community organizations	Better signage for current programs More visibility in community	Staff and/or volunteer coordinator	B
Outreach center for community – to include mentally ill and homeless, poor, hungry	Space for relaxation and active involvement, meals, showers, referrals, mailboxes, larger kitchen	50 people each week 1 staff member and 10 volunteers	C

Priorities – A – short-term, prior to 12 months

B – mid-term, 12 to 24 months

C – long-term, longer than 24 months

First United Methodist Church

Manhattan, KS

2010 – 2015 Strategic Plan

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II. Vision

Matthew 25:35–36

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. (NRSV)

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IV. Measuring Points

- Number of persons serving in a hands-on service/mission each month in either the church, community or world through the church or other non-profit organization
- Percentage/number of persons involved in hands-on mission ministry
- Number of service/mission opportunities available for persons

**First United Methodist Church Manhattan
Hands-on Mission Ministry
Action Planning**

Mission – Encouraging members to committed, compassionate service to those who are outside the church.

Person Responsible for Action – Hands-on Mission Ministry Leader and Missions Committee

Specific Action	Outcome	Resources Needed	Person Responsible	Completion Date
Continue to provide mission services currently happening (see master calendar on web site)	To meet FUMC and Hands-on Mission mission statements	Staff space, meeting space, assembly space, storage, parking to expand mission	Hands-on Mission Ministry Leader, Missions Committee, all members participating in hands-on mission ministry	Ongoing
Outreach center for community – to include mentally ill and homeless, poor, hungry	To provide space and functions to meet the needs of downtown people needing support	Space for relaxation and active involvement, meals, showers, referrals, mailboxes, larger kitchen	↓	contingent on Master Site Plan phasing
↓	To provide for gathering area near the food closet, Shepherd’s Crossing, library, other resources	Location of meeting area and connections with activities	↓	contingent on Master Site Plan phasing
↓	To provide an additional meal per week	Additional volunteers, some additional funding	↓	Fall 2010
↓	To provide access from parking for easy unloading	Outreach center needs improved access/entries to unload food, etc into building	↓	contingent on Master Site Plan phasing

	To provide access for all people	ADA accessible		contingent on Master Site Plan phasing
	To provide for safety and security	Secure building or wing – cameras – coded security locks available to a number of volunteers		contingent on Master Site Plan phasing
	To provide space for staff	An office for staff close to other staff members Resources close to the Outreach Center for communication and resources needed by volunteers		contingent on Master Site Plan phasing
Enhance community meals	To share the Gospel with our guests in a non-threatening way	Bible verse in lunch, piped-in service and music		Fall 2010
Volunteer center	Provide space for volunteers working with hands-on missions assembling and storing kits	Space to do work, shelves and storage space to gather items all year		contingent on Master Site Plan phasing
New missions opportunities as needs emerge	To meet needs of people in the community and world	Space for flexibility and changing needs		On-going
Involvement in emergency/disaster response	To meet needs of people in the community, across the state and nation	Acquisition of an emergency trailer to respond to disasters		Ongoing
Food Closet	To gather and distribute food	Space to gather, store, and distribute food; refrigerator; carts; security – safe place for distribution, door close to food for loading in truck		contingent on Master Site Plan phasing
Storage space	To provide enough storage for all activities of hands-on missions	Space for emergency items, Christmas Trees, etc		contingent on Master Site Plan phasing
Coordinate activities resources with other churches and community organizations	To provide staff space for planning, and meeting space	Space for staff with other staff members and in Outreach Center Meeting area		contingent on Master Site Plan phasing

Communication inside church and to community	To provide better signage and visibility in community	Better signs for current regular activities		Summer 2010
Shepherd's Crossing	To improve efficiency and confidentiality to address growing needs	Space for meeting with others – need larger space than currently available – providing necessary privacy		contingent on Master Site Plan phasing
Staff	To have a person on church staff dedicated to leading mission volunteers and incorporate the importance of mission in all the church does	Adequate paid staff to oversee and coordinate mission activities	Dedicated lay or clergy staff –possibly a social worker for outreach center	Summer 2010
Transportation	To upgrade our vehicle fleet for mission and other use. Old vans transferred to Anapra	At least two new vans, one capable of towing emergency trailer		

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