

Mission Matters



**First Presbyterian Church
of Farmington**

The Church of the Open Hands

26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Who We Support	What They Do
Alternatives for Girls	Helps homeless, high-risk girls, and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation; 2017 Statistics: 100% graduation rate from high school and college-bound
Baldwin Center (serving Pontiac)	Provides meals, clothes, after school programs, elementary summer day camp, holiday food baskets, food delivery for seniors, baby formula/layettes, winter hats/gloves, laundry facilities, showers & hygiene products, GED, AA meetings, birthday gifts, computers.
Scouts	Boy Scout Troop #179 – support “camperships” (provide scholarships for Boy Scout campers)
Calvin East	A sister Presbyterian Church in Detroit that we support in various ways
CARES of Farmington Hills	(Community. Action. Resources. Empowerment. Services.) CARES is an emerging Village of Hope, with food pantry, clothing, community services. More services to come.
COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter)	Provides housing, coaching & mentoring, incentives to move families to economic self-sufficiency
Crop Walk	Helps to provide food & water, resources that empower people to meet their own needs (seeds, tools, well systems, technical training, micro-loans); 25% of funds remain local; the balance supports overall ministry of Church World Service
Crossroads	Provides emergency assistance, advocacy & counseling to anyone in need; partners with many other agencies
Ecumenical Theological Seminary	Urban-based accredited seminary in the heart of Detroit; bring together various religious communities in an ecumenical learning environment
FPS Operation Common Good	Supports families in Farmington Public Schools dealing with poverty and/or homelessness
Fort Street Open Door	Provides meals, clothes, hygiene kits, round trip transportation for interviews & appointments, meaningful employment, health screenings, case management
Freedom House	A comprehensive approach to assisting those who seek asylum in the U.S. & Canada. Provides housing, food, clothing, legal aid, medical & mental health care, English as 2 nd language classes, education, job training, recreation, transportation, & offsite housing.
Gleaners (for CARES)	Foodbank; donations are specified for CARES food pantry
Goodfellows	“No child or senior without a Christmas” (Farmington/Farmington Hills)
HAVEN	Provides comprehensive program for victims of domestic violence & sexual assault; provides shelter, counseling, advocacy
Neighborhood House (part of Goodfellows)	Provides support to help clients reclaim well-being after financial or economic upset; provides food, shelter, clothing, rent & utility assistance, medical & dental assistance, mental health services
PAWS with a Cause	Enhances the independence & quality of life for people with disabilities nationally through custom-trained assistance dogs
Rebuilding Together	Provides home repair across Southeast Michigan for elderly and needy
Second Mile Center	Provides a safe environment for after-school & summer programs, computer labs, mobile health fair, Bible study, meals & food for individuals, children, & families, field trips, job placement opportunities, etc.
Lighthouse (formerly SOS)	Partners with over 60 congregations, which host Lighthouse guests (men, women, & children), providing overnight accommodations, 3 daily meals, transportation & meaningful interactions with volunteers. Operates year-round.
Presbyterian Missions	Presbyterian Mission Agency directs our gifts (OGHS, Peacemaking, Christmas Joy) to the places where they are needed most.
PW Mission	Thank Offering, Birthday Offering, hat & mitten tree, etc.; individual circles engage in additional initiatives

Carry each other’s burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2



Ways to Volunteer & Donate in July 2019



Pantry Current Needs: health care products – razors, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, sunscreen, etc.; cleaning products – dish soap, etc.

Volunteers: needed for weekday shifts (open Tues – Fri 9:30 am – 2:30 pm); volunteers needed for food pantry, clothing closet tasks, and serving lunch. Sign up at (<http://caresfh.org/volunteer/>) or contact Delores directly at [dwatters@caresfh.org](mailto:dwaters@caresfh.org)

SPECIAL REQUEST: Need donations of (or a discount supplier for) new appliances for the converted rectory: Fridge, Dishwasher, Clothes Washer and Dryer



Financial donations to Gleaners can be specified for CARES food pantry to buy perishables (meat & vegetables).

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) BOOK SALE

BOOKS NEEDED! If your bookshelves are overcrowded, consider donating to the AAUW Book Sale. Just bring books in good condition to church and **give to Karen Linnell by August 11**. Then, if you want to fill your book shelves back up again, come to the book sale on September 6-8 (don't worry, we'll remind you) at the Southfield Community Pavilion.

Proceeds go to college scholarships.



The Fort Street Church and supporting partners, comfort, care for, and encourage the homeless and indigent people of Detroit by ministering to their physical, social, and spiritual needs.

Urgent Need this month: Men's underwear and socks (only new, please)

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday." Isaiah 58:10

Youth & adults from 12 faith communities are planning this year's 2019 **Youth United** experience. Quite a few First Pres members are on the planning team, but **we could use your additional help during camp week, supporting the teens in GARDENING, ART, CARPENTRY, PAINTING AND REHABBING. Interested?**

Spread the word: Please invite middle & high school students to join us: July 29 – Aug 2.

Contact Laura Hedgecock or Karen Linnell

Register online at bit.ly/yu19reg

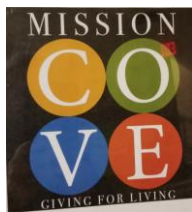


NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

There is a need for feminine hygiene products, backpacks and \$\$ to buy sneakers. If you would like to know more, contact: **Leslie Black**



Call the church office if you can help keep the church grounds beautiful. We need help mulching the parking lot islands. The 3 teak benches in the Cope Memorial Garden need to be sanded and coated. Or join your fellow members in "Adopting a Bed."



The Mission Cove - Giving for Living!

Located by the kiosk, you'll find bins for CARES, Neighborhood House, Freedom House & baskets for eye glasses, used batteries, bottle caps, greeting cards. And a place to hang clothes for Fort Street Open Door!