

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee is “to give hands and feet to the Gospel of Jesus Christ beyond the walls of the church and to ensure that the congregation is involved in the mission of Jesus Christ in deeds of mercy and compassion.” The Mission Committee membership in 2019 was Nancy Henning, Bonnie Burns, Susie Graves, Matt Weinell, Margaret Warren, (Chair) and the Rev. Linda Pitts. With more hands to make light work, Lafayette Presbyterian Church was involved in many mission activities, not just providing financial support, but also with prayer, work, support, and encouragement.



Lafayette continues to be a “tithing congregation,” meaning that we give 10% of our proceeds to Missions. The committee determined the budgetary support for the designated recipients of mission funds. These included the Presbytery of Florida (with increased focus on Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance after Hurricane Michael); UKirk; the Thornwell Home for Children; the Homeless Shelter (Kearney Center); the Mercy Fund, ECHO, Refuge House, and Gideons International.

Special offerings were taken to support the Thornwell Home (with the Thornwell Turkeys), the One Great Hour of Sharing, the Pentecost Offering, the Peacemaking Offering, and the Christmas Joy Offering. Everything from the 2cents-a-meal program to these traditional special offerings, with the generous support of the congregation, helped the committee to achieve the goals of the budgeted giving.

We again sponsored the youth programs of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing Scouts (boys and girls). And our Food Pantry continued to supply those that arrived at our doors hungry. We supported Dogwood Acres with a volunteer workforce doing hurricane debris cleanup. And again this year we supported the Living Gift Market (using the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue) to our Christmas time giving; buying heifers, bees, chicks, a pig, goats, sheep, and rabbits, or water wells to help give those less fortunate around the world, a new hope. And this past Fall we also began hosting a very successful UKirk Once-a-Month Youth Dinner to foster a closer fellowship with the students from the University.

Many other mission projects, which are described elsewhere in this annual report, were completed by our congregation and PW Circles, like Operation Christmas Child (the shoebox ministry.) So, Thank You, - for your continued and prayerful support of mission work at Lafayette.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Warren, Chair