

Wycliffe Presbyterian

Christian Service & Missions

Statement of Purpose

Provides opportunities for the congregation to engage in Christian Service in the local community, particularly in working with local charitable agencies.

Opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ **Volunteers of America (VOA)** - Shelters and feeds the homeless for a week (usually in Feb/Mar)
- ◆ **Samaritan House** - Provides funds for special programs to assist abused women, men and their children. At Christmas we host a party for those in residence.
- ◆ **St Columba** - Monthly provides this homeless shelter with clothing, detergent, paper bags and 150 sandwiches (purchased and prepared by the Fellowship Committee)
- ◆ **Seamen's House** - Provides magazines, hotel toiletries and knitted caps.
- ◆ **St Judes Ranches for Children** - Sends used greeting cards to assist with their fund raising.
- ◆ **Apple Tree** - Provides homeless children with school supplies.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets** - Collects food for homeless families for their holiday meals.
- ◆ **Supplement Food Bags** - Collects for homeless children in the VB school system for the Christmas break.
- ◆ **Angel Tree** - Provides Christmas gifts for homeless children and PACE senior citizens.
- ◆ **College Freshman Foster Child** - Sponsors a foster child's first year in college with dorm room supplies and funds for books.
- ◆ **Food Pantry** - Assists homeless families with children in the VB school system.
- ◆ **Blood Drives** - Sponsors two blood drives each year with the Red Cross
- ◆ **Housing/Utility Assistance** - Provides funds to assist families in paying housing and/or utility bills through Charity Tracker
- ◆ **Local Missions** - Provides funds to local missions to support disaster relief and needy families.
- ◆ **Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts** - Sponsors Boy Scout Troop/Cub Pack #493 and provides additional funding.
- ◆ **Wycliffe Youth Group** - Assists in funding youth group mission trips.
- ◆ **Special Offerings** - Conducts four Presbyterian Special Offerings each year.
- ◆ **Meals on Wheels** - Delivers meals to people in this program.
- ◆ **Shriners Hospitals** - Collects can tabs for Lady Shriners.
- ◆ **VB FEST** - Supports financially and assists in the VB Family Homeless Shelter Program.
- ◆ **People in Need (PiN)** - Supports this homeless ministry with funds and in preparing and serving meals.
- ◆ **Congo Missions** - Collects stamps to assist in funding PEVA Congo Missions (ends Dec 2014)