

International Outreach Opportunities

NICARAGUA PROJECT - Ministry Coordinators: *Gene & Marnie Cotton*

We are a community-to-community outreach program of Christ UMC that seeks long-term relationships in Nicaragua. The project supports "Centro Alternativo Proyecto 19 de Julio", a local school in Managua, Nicaragua. While mission trips are currently suspended due to political unrest, ***WE WELCOME HELP MENTORING NICARAGUAN FAMILIES WHO ARE RECENT IMMIGRANTS IN THE FRANKLIN AREA. DONATIONS OF HARD-BACK SPANISH OR SPANISH/ENGLISH CHILDREN'S BOOKS ARE ALSO NEEDED.***

RAISE THE ROOF ACADEMY - Ministry Coordinator: *Eric Fellows*

We develop high-quality education centers, provide community health programs, create income generating opportunities, and grow alongside local leaders in three districts of central Uganda. ***WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO SPONSOR STUDENTS, HELP WITH MAILINGS IN OUR NASHVILLE OFFICE, PREPARE FOR SUMMER MISSION TRIPS, AND/OR TRAVEL WITH US ON YEAR-ROUND MISSION TRIPS TO UGANDA.***

When hit with the glint of love's light,
even ordinary things become holy.

Richard Rohr

God will turn our ordinary into God's holy.

Richard Rohr

Contact Us

To learn more & to volunteer with these ministries, please contact us at: **outreach@christumcfranklin.org**

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Outreach

Volunteer Opportunities

FALL 2025 - WINTER 2026

Outreach connects people to people. And real connection develops relationships. Below is a glimpse of some of the relationships built through Outreach and other Christ UMC groups:

- Tutor Johnson Elementary School students.
- Provide children Christmas gifts.
- Cook and deliver meals to homebound Franklin residents.
- Provide prisoners a holiday meal and gifts.
- Help build a home for a family in need.
- Mentor local Nicaraguan families who are recent immigrants.
- Fill weekend "fuel bags" for WilCo's school children with food insecurity.
- Host unhoused men each week from November to April.

Listed inside and on the back are the upcoming local and international opportunities to show God's love to our neighbors and the world. Get involved in our church life!



Local Outreach Opportunities

ROOM IN THE INN – Ministry Coordinator: *Donna Hudson*

Each Thursday night November through March, our church provides meals and a warm place to sleep for 12 unhoused men. Volunteers are needed weekly to provide supper, breakfast, and sack lunches, as well as wash sheets and towels. **STAY TUNED FOR SIGN-UP OPPORTUNITIES ON SIGN-UP GENIUS.**

SOCIETY OF SAINT ANDREW POTATO DROP – Ministry Coordinator: *Matt and Meredith King*. Help sort 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes into 10 lb. bags to deliver to local food banks. **ANNUAL CHURCH WIDE, CHILD FRIENDLY EVENT. TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH 2026.**

CENTER FOR LIVING & LEARNING - Ministry Coordinator: *Bryan Richardson*
We are a private, non-profit, residential, supportive living facility that houses adults who have experiences with severe and persistent mental illness. **WE WELCOME FALL/WINTER ORGANIC GARDEN AND FLOWER BED MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS.**

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY MEALS ON WHEELS – Ministry Coordinator: *Becky Calvin*
We are a partnership of local churches working together to cook and deliver hot, nutritious meals to approximately 130 elderly or homebound Franklin residents 3 days per week. Be part of our church's team of cooks (3 hours per day) or drivers (1.5 hours per day) monthly. **JULY 30, AUGUST 15, SEPTEMBER 29, OCTOBER 29, NOVEMBER 7, DECEMBER 29. THE 2026 SCHEDULE IS TBA.**

GENTRY'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (GEF) - Ministry Coordinator: *Katie Higgins or Ethel Detch*

At Johnson Elementary School, we provide after-school tutoring and enrichment programs for young students who benefit from one-on-one instruction that leads to academic success. Tutoring requires no advance preparation. **SEPTEMBER THROUGH APRIL ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS.**

GRACEWORKS MINISTRIES – Ministry Coordinator: *Shelly Bleistein*
GraceWorks supports WilCo residents in need by providing food, clothing, housing support and direct financial assistance. We assist by assembling Fuel Bags of non-perishable foods that are distributed to WilCo students with food insecurities. **TWO TEAMS WORK FOR ABOUT 2 HOURS EACH THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR ON EITHER THE 3RD OR 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Ministry Coordinator: *Cal Cobb*
Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. We believe in a world where everyone has a decent place to live. **NEXT BUILD: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH.**

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LAST MINUTE TOY STORE – Ministry Coordinator: Lisa Spencer

As our name suggests, we provide a LAST CHANCE for families to receive Christmas toys who have not been helped by or missed the deadlines for other local Christmas charities and organizations. **COME VOLUNTEER WITH US IN DECEMBER!!**

MIRIAM'S PROMISE – Ministry Coordinator: Ethel Detch

We build bridges through crisis pregnancy counseling and child placement services. **WE WELCOME VOLUNTEER HELP WITH TWO ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS: THE MARY COOPER GOLF CHALLENGE AT TOP GOLF IN NASHVILLE ON OCTOBER 23RD AND A DINNER/ART SALE IN EARLY SPRING (DATE TBA).**

PRAYERFUL HANDS - Ministry Coordinator: Cheryl Stanley

We are a group of people who enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing. **WE GATHER ONCE A MONTH TO WORK ON PROJECTS SUCH AS PRAYER SHAWLS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES, SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS, AND OTHER ITEMS.**

PRISON MINISTRY - Ministry Coordinator: Jeff Williams

AT RIVERBEND PRISON, WE HOLD WEEKLY COMMUNION SERVICES AND A BIBLE STUDY, HOST A HOLIDAY DINNER NOV 17TH&18TH, COLLECT SOAP AND DISTRIBUTE IN CHRISTMAS PACKAGES IN DEC, AND HOLD A "SOUPER BOWL" FUNDRAISER IN FEB. YOU NEED A BADGE PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN A NUMBER OF THESE ACTIVITIES. CONTACT US!!!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - Ministry Coordinator: Marnie Cotton

We provide opportunities **EVERY MONTH** for all women to grow spiritually and to put faith into action in our neighborhood & around the world on behalf of other women, as well as of children and youth. **CONTACT US!!!**

PARTNER WITH GLENCLIFF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—Ministry Coordinator:

MaryAnn Szabo. Christ UMC partners with this mission congregation church, which works toward achieving mercy and justice for all. **ON OCTOBER 19TH, WE WILL ATTEND A WORSHIP SERVICE AT GLENCLIFF COMMONS WITH OUR REV BILL HEINZMAN PREACHING. WE WILL ALSO PREPARE A MEAL TO SHARE AFTER THAT WORSHIP SERVICE. IN ADDITION, A WORKDAY IN THE GARDEN IS PLANNED FOR THE FALL (DATE TBA).**

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