

These are the service opportunities available to residents through First United Methodist Church of Northville. Take a moment to explore and see where you might be led to serve your community, your state and your world by plugging in to these efforts. We need you!

Thanksgiving Community Meal:

On Thanksgiving Day 2024, FUMC will host our second Community Thanksgiving dinner. The event is intentionally set on the holiday because that is the day where all across America families and friends sit down to share a meal, good company and the festive joy of the holiday season. In our community there are those with no plans for Thanksgiving. And in our community, there are those who might not have the means to enjoy a full thanksgiving feast. In our community there are those who do have the means and the time and the spirit and the willingness to serve and to welcome and to share a meal with each other.

How you can "DO GOOD" – Volunteer to cook, donate, set tables, greet guests and join us!

Noah Lunch Assembly and Food Collection:

The vision of Noah is to be an anchor of hope leading the Detroit community in ending homelessness. We gather in the church kitchen several times a year to support "Noah at Central" with meal preparation and service.

How you can "DO GOOD" – Join us in collecting supplies, preparing and packing lunches to transport and serve to folks in need in Detroit.

Homeless Hospitality Host Church:

Each spring FUMC houses and feeds 50-75 individuals from the city of Detroit through the rotating homeless shelter, part of Cass Community Services.

How you can "DO GOOD" – We invite you to cook, serve, engage, greet, donate, welcome and assist unhoused guests for a week of shelter, meals and community.

National and Global Disaster Relief:

FUMC partners with the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) in Springfield, Illinois by sending volunteers to work at the center to pack and prepare disaster relief supplies nationally and globally. MMDC thrives because of a constant stream of individuals and groups who choose to volunteer to come and serve.

How you can "DO GOOD" – Packaging, sewing, bike repair, carpentry, sorting and assembling are just some of the tasks accomplished on this five-day trip.

Community Meditation Garden:

“The Path:” The community is welcome to enjoy our outdoor garden path. Meditate, pray, journal, read, contemplate, convene or picnic @ The Path. Beautiful, lush garden areas, a gentle babbling water feature complete with bench for the serenity you seek awaits. Bring a friend or explore alone: unplug, stroll, wander or sit on a bench and breathe in the quiet. Access The Path from the upper (Sanctuary) parking lot.

How you can “DO GOOD” – Come pull weeds, plant flowers, prune, dig and create beauty for you and others to enjoy.

Community Martin Luther King Event:

On Sunday of Martin Luther King weekend, an event was planned by partnering churches, including First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church, to celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. One hundred and fifty attendees filled the Northville Community Center space to illustrate our need for community and the desire for peace and connectedness. Speakers, conversations, entertainment, hands on opportunities and food donated by generous Northville businesses. We plan to make this an annual event!

How you can “DO GOOD” – We welcome you to attend in January of 2025. Volunteers always needed to organize, set up and encourage others to attend.

Northville First Care Childcare Center (NFC) –

The NFC ministry of FUMC embraces the most valuable treasures in our community...our children. Affordable, high standard childcare nestled in the Northville town limits offers quality Christian based education with open doors for all children.

How you can “DO GOOD” – We’d love to have all qualified teachers and caregivers work at Northville First Care! The more staff we have the more families in the community we can serve. Recommend NFC to those seeking childcare in the community.

Detroit Urban Renewal: “Saturdays in the D”

On select Saturdays throughout the year, FUMC leads a group of multigenerational volunteers in working with various Detroit non-profits. We call it “Saturdays in the D.” Opportunities include painting garages for seniors, refurbishing buildings, rebuilding-repairing-renewing community spaces and homes, weeding gardens, cleaning after flooding and “Doing Good” wherever there is a need.

How you can “DO GOOD” – You and your family can join a team of volunteers to do this engaging work.

Michigan ECO Outreach:

The Huron River, the Upper Peninsula and state, county and local parks, are all places that we travel to engage in cleanup and restoration of Michigan's parks and public lands.

How you can "DO GOOD" – You and your family can join a team of volunteers to do this hands-on work.

Costa Rican Orphanage Construction:

The project we are involved with is the development of the Methodist Children's Home in San Jose, Costa Rica. The purpose of the Home is to provide a safe, nurturing environment for children who have been declared legally abandoned. The project's aim is to provide loving homes for children who have moved through the child welfare system in Costa Rica, yet have not been adopted. There is an emphasis on receiving sibling groups. Our group partners with other churches annually in February with an option for one or two week trip.

How you can "DO GOOD" – Join the team and travel to Costa Rica for this amazing opportunity. Informational meeting to be held in the fall.

Pub Theology:

Our young adults host Pub Theology on the first Tuesday of the month at rotating locations! – People have been gathering in pubs and public spaces for ages, talking about life, philosophy, faith, and deep questions of meaning. The format is simple: beverages, conversation, and God. Each meeting local location is provided to the email group. (restaurants & parks)

How you can "DO GOOD" – Join us! Connecting, listening and communicating about real and important life questions makes the world a better, more unified place for all of us. The fact that it's FUN is a bonus!

Community Vacation Bible School:

The whole town is invited to volunteer, participate, sing, create, learn and play for a week in August at FUMC Northville's annual Vacation Bible School...VBS! Participants range from preschool (potty trained) to 5th grade.

How you can "DO GOOD" – Encourage your kids and others to attend this great week. Sign up to volunteer, donate items and decorate the building! VBS is always a great community event for all who attend!

DO ALL THE *good* YOU CAN
BY ALL THE *means* YOU CAN
IN ALL THE *ways* YOU CAN
IN ALL THE *places* YOU CAN
AT ALL THE *times* YOU CAN
TO ALL THE *people* YOU CAN
AS LONG AS *ever* YOU CAN