

## Our Mission

Through our prayers, our giving, and our service, we will show compassion and support to individuals in our community, building a more Christ-centered world.

This brochure contains brief information about those missions we support at Cypress Lake United Methodist Church. Some are supported with financial assistance or supplies; others receive volunteer help or use the church's facilities.

Please know that every gift, no matter the size is vitally important. As you give to our Local Outreach Ministries, pray for them that God will grant them wisdom and insight to use your gifts wisely.

If you have any questions about local outreach ministries or wish to volunteer, please call or email the church office. A brochure with current volunteer needs is available, and we will gladly connect you with the appropriate person at the church or outside ministry.

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## What if the church left the building?

We are the hands and feet of the body of Christ.

We serve Him when we feed the hungry, clothe the needy, house the homeless, protect the children, and visit the prisoner.



## Local Outreach 2016

## Supported Organizations

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### ACT (Abuse Counseling and Treatment)

Serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. Available opportunities include the Second Act Thrift Store, the ACT hotline, administration, and outreach programs.

### Bright Beginnings

An early-childhood ministry of CLUMC, the preschool welcomes volunteers in classrooms and for special activities.

### Children's Network of Southwest Florida

This nonprofit organization is responsible for the child welfare system in the five-county area, working with the community to protect children and preserve families. The Network works with over 1,400 children and their families, delivering care through more than 50 social service agencies.

### The Clothes Closet at Faith UMC

The Clothes Closet provides new and gently worn clothing, shoes and accessories to those in need. Volunteers sort clothing on Thursday and Saturday mornings, and distribute clothing Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

### Dunbar High School Girls Basketball

Church members can support the team with financial contributions that help purchase needed equipment, as well as by attending games and helping with gate receipts or concession stand sales.

### Ft. Myers Rescue Mission

The mission in downtown Fort Myers serves the homeless, housing 65 men and feeding 300-500 people daily.

### Gladiolus Learning & Development Center

The center provides educational and developmental child care for 200 children of low income working families and strives to provide for the social, emotional, economic, and the developmental needs of those children and families.



### The Heights Center/ Heights Foundation

The Heights Foundation works to build strong, self-sufficient families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood. Volunteers are needed for special community outreach events as well as tutoring and mentoring.

### Kairos Prison Ministry

This ministry aims to change hearts and transform lives by sharing God's love, grace, and mercy with the incarcerated as well as their families.

### Our Mother's Home

Our Mother's Home transitions teen mothers and their children from foster care and human trafficking to stable, happy, and productive lives. Volunteers are needed for tutoring, mentoring, baby sitting, and group facilitation.

### South Fort Myers Food Pantry

The food pantry housed at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church provides food to those in need within our community and is supported by sixteen local churches. Volunteers unpack, shelve, and distribute food on Monday mornings and evenings.

### Tice UMC Food Pantry

Tice UMC, a small sister church in East Ft Myers, serves about 150 families each week with its food pantry ministry. Volunteers bring clean, dry plastic grocery bags donated by our congregation.

### Young Life of Lee County

Young Life is a non-denominational, Christian organization committed to impacting kids' lives and preparing them for the future. Young Life introduces adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith, while providing strong, positive influences in their lives.