

Outreach for 2026

As we look ahead to a new year full of ministry opportunities at MUMC, I would like to share a story to illustrate my hope for our ministries ...

Our prayer garden ministry, lovingly known as The Hackers, spent a lot of time in the summer of 2024 working in the prayer garden. We dealt with heat, rain, dirt, weeds, thorns, while planning, pruning, planting, and hacking. We put in a lot of work and saw some beautiful results. But what ended up being the most beautiful part of the garden that summer, and what generated the most conversations with passersby, were the zinnias. Perhaps you remember the gorgeous tall zinnias that surrounded the bench to the right of the front doors? They were beautiful; so many colors, so healthy, and so vibrant. But the thing was, we didn't plant the zinnias. The zinnias came out of nowhere; planted and grown by God, and we had nothing to do with them.

I think our ministry efforts at MUMC should be a lot like the prayer garden that summer. We are going to plan, prepare, create, engage, and accomplish; but in the end, God grows the zinnias. We know that God makes beautiful things from/despite our best efforts and we give all the credit to God.

There are many ministries for you to get involved in here at MUMC. Take a look at this list and see where you would like to get involved:

Reconciling Ministries, Little Food Pantry, Ecumenical Food Pantry, Crafty Ladies, Prayer Garden, Game Night, Halloween Distribution, Hope Fund, Go-bags, Green Team, Faith & Fiction, Baby Shower for Jesus, Souper Bowl of Caring, Back-to-School Supplies, Angel Tree Gifts, and Warming Station in Port Jervis.

You can take a leadership role, share a talent, or just come a be present; whatever you do, I promise you will see the change in your life when you reach out to those around you to share the love of God. If you are interested in one of these ministries, get in touch with me (clarity172@yahoo.com) and I will connect you with the team leaders. Also, if you have an idea for a new ministry, please come to one of our Outreach meetings to be announced throughout the year in the bulletin. Current Schedule is as follows:

Feb. 10th 4:30 pm | May 12th 7pm | August 11th 7pm | November 10th 4:30 pm in Conference Room

In hope,

Jodi Hancock