



Souper Bowl Sunday ~ February 2, 2020

Join tens of thousands of other youth and collect food and money for a local agency serving those who are hungry and “food insecure” (at risk for hunger) in your own community.



Register at www.souperbowl.org before Super Bowl Sunday. There is a lot of information there to help publicize the collection within your congregation. On Super Bowl Sunday, youth stand at the doors of the church with soup pots and collect dollars and cans to deliver to a local agency.



**Also, consider joining the Service Blitz!
Check out the Souper Bowl Website.**

www.souperbowl.org

What do I do after my Souper Bowl of Caring event?

FIRST: Report your collection amount to Souper Bowl of Caring. Your total will be added to all of the other collections across the country so a national total can be reported to the media!

SECOND: Report your collection to the Presbytery by emailing brobinson@presbyterywnc.org

THIRD: Donate 100% of your collection directly to the charity of your choice. Please remember to tell the receiving charity that your donation is part of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Contact Billy Robinson if you have questions.

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PWNC Mission Committee Report
January 25, 2020
Jamie Brady, Chair

In 2019, teams from the Mission Committee visited congregations in our presbytery to listen to what our churches are doing in mission and to ask how the larger presbytery may be of assistance. We visited New Hope Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, (Burnsville), Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, Union Presbyterian Church (Gastonia). These conversations have elicited positive discussion and suggestions. A common theme was a desire for improved communication from the presbytery regarding mission opportunities and assistance in identifying grants and funding sources for engaging in mission. The committee is assimilating the gathered information and proceeding with next steps. The Mission Committee will continue these visitations in 2020.

If your congregation would like to have a conversation with our committee in 2020, please contact:
Mrs. Jamie Brady, 2020 Mission Committee Chair
Email: jbrady@blackrocksurveying.com

Disaster Assistance Trips:

The Committee organized trips to New Bern, NC, October 6-12 and Wilmington, NC, November 3-9. These were very positive experiences for all who participated.

Two trips are being planned for **Spring, 2020**. The first trip will be to Wilmington, NC beginning May 29. The destination of the second trip is still in the planning stages. Registration information and forms will be available through presbytery office.

Young Adult Volunteers Program (YAVs):

Members of PWNC are encouraged to contact each of our Young Adult Volunteer scholarship recipients. A word of encouragement will mean a great deal as they serve their year as a YAV.

Their contact information:

- **Clara Hare Grogg, member of Montreat Presbyterian Church. Contact** <https://clarayav.home.blog>. She is working in the Philippines.
- **Emma Maney, member of Grace Covenant Presbyterian. Contact** emmabrynn14@gmail.com. She is working at The Inn Project in Tucson which is a short-term shelter for immigrant families.
- **Matthew Begley, member of Black Mountain Presbyterian. Contact:** mattbegley111@gmail.com. He is working in Glasgow, Scotland.

Communications/Mission Zone

The Committee is updating the Mission Zone portal on the PWNC website in 2020. Many changes are happening “behind” the website and the portal’s visual data should be improved shortly. It is our intention to make Mission Zone a “go to” information hub about mission for PWNC churches.

Reports about, and pictures of, previous disaster assistance trips as well as Malawi and Guatemala trips are currently available on the Mission Zone.

If there is anything a church has questions about or needs resources or information concerning mission, we want it to be available to you on Mission Zone. Please let us know what you need.

PC(USA) Mission Information and Resources

Every church and member with a computer in your home has mission resources at your fingertips. Plug in “PCUSA Mission Agency” and then be prepared to spend hours (or as much time as you wish to spend) clicking on lots of interesting areas of Presbyterian mission. This web site is especially helpful for mission committees who need some suggestions for your work in your local church. There are videos of our mission co-workers you can watch and printed and on-line magazines and newsletters you can sign up for which could be coming into the homes of every family in your church for FREE!!!

**PWNC Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Mission Trip
Wilmington, NC November 3-9, 2019**



Wilmington, NC Disaster Assistance Team, November 3-9, 2019:
(left-right) Dale Sticka, First Highlands; Darlene Daniels, owner of the house; Ben Hill, First Hickory; Phil Trick, First Hickory; Russ Rankin, Hayesville Pres; Chuck Shelton, Morrison Franklin; Dave Rowe, First Hickory.
Taking the picture, Bobbi Trick, First Hickory.

We arrived in Wilmington, NC Sunday afternoon and got settled into our rooms at First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington. Everyone was there by dinner time on Sunday, except Ben Hill and Dave Rowe, who got stuck in bad traffic and were delayed. But finally, we were all safely there, and our week started.

We met with Mike Moser and the NCBOM (NC Baptists On Mission) in Burgaw, NC Monday morning where the warehouse is located and got our assignment.

We would be working on the house of Darlene Daniels, a very sweet lady we all got to know and love. Darlene was there with us every day and was ready to fetch whatever we needed. Her ready smile, laughter, and words of encouragement and thanks made us feel like we had known each other for years. Darlene's home had water damage. So, the house had to be gutted, all the drywall and insulation removed. A new metal roof has since been installed, insulation replaced, electrical wiring done, and some drywall installed.

Such a rewarding trip! We accomplished so much in the five days we were there, but it is sometimes hard to not see all that still must be done for Darlene to get back in her house.

Thanks to a great team! I'm rested and recovered, and ready to go hope to see all of you again.
Until next time, Bobbi Trick, Co-team Leader

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Mission Trip New Bern, NC Fall of 2019



Left to Right Top-Joanne Mitchell-Southminster Bob Abel-Hayesville Pres., Charles Shelton-Morrison Pres, Brian Schroeder-FPC Gastonia, Wanda Murchison-Southminster Bottom- Roger Rizk-FPC Gastonia, Betsy Keith-FPC Gastonia & Russ Rankin-Hayesville Pres.

In 2018 Hurricane Florence flooded houses in New Bern with as much as eight feet of water in some areas along the Neuse River. Our PDA mission team of eight volunteers from Presbyterian Churches across western North Carolina met in New Bern on October 6th to assist with disaster recovery. We were hosted by the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders at Cornerstone Church, located on Hwy/ 70 E. Our assignment was to work on a house in the final stages needed for inspection so the owners could move in. The house had been flooded inside with four feet of water. Our work consisted of repairing a hole in the front porch, adding a landing with steps to exit at the back, install molding, painting, and a significant amount of cleaning. By the end of the week, power was on and the house was ready for inspection. The owners, living in a FEMA trailer just outside their house, were excited to see the finished work and looking forward to being able to move back in. This is just another example of a successful mission trip sponsored by our Presbytery WNC. Everyone had a great experience and are looking forward to additional opportunities to serve our communities.

**The Peace & Justice Committee
Jill Isola, Chair
January 25, 2020**

The Peace & Justice Committee needs your help!

How does your congregation work for peace and justice in your community? We hope to compile resources to be shared with the entire Presbytery. Please consider sharing your resources, whether they be websites, organizations you support, or documents that support the work of peace and justice, locally, nationally and internationally. Resources can be shared via email with Rev. Jill Isola, revjillisola@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance!

What is a Matthew 25 church?

Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. There are three areas of focus, and congregations and mid-councils can pledge to work in 1, 2 or all 3 areas:

Building Congregational Vitality

Dismantling Structural Racism

Eradicating Systemic Poverty



How the vision unites all Presbyterians

By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, you can help our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. We recognize Christ's urgent call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious. And we rejoice how our re-energized faith can unite all Presbyterians for a common and holy purpose: our common identity to do mission.

The Peace & Justice Committee is excited about this initiative for our congregations and our Presbytery! We invite you to join us on this journey! Check out <http://bit.ly/m25church> for more information!