

Church Mobilization Network

James 1:27; Matthew 25:37-40

First United Methodist Church has become a member of the Church Mobilization Network. This was done through private donations of \$100 per month. This network puts our church in a working collaboration with up to 100 other churches and local organizations in our community.

Do you know someone needing food, clothing, a place to live, counseling, furniture, child care, a job, or any of a number of other needs? The poor and those in need are dear to the heart of God. When the church serves those in need with humility and compassion, it demonstrates the grace and love of God in a visible form.

Mission: To connect churches in order to effectively and efficiently meet needs in our community by demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ through acts of service and generosity.

The **Church Mobilization Network** is designed to connect churches to collectively respond to needs in our community through agencies and services that already exist. These agencies are open for receiving assistance from churches. Many are overwhelmed and underfunded. With budget cutbacks in government programs, the church has an amazing opportunity to step up and meet both the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors.

The needs in a community can be overwhelming for any one congregation. If we, the body of Christ, could collaborate, however, and access systems that are already in place, we could have a huge impact in our community and for the Kingdom.

In joining the **Church Mobilization Network**, FUMC and its individual members are also eligible for other benefits and resources through Summit Leadership. Some of them include workshops (free or reduced prices), leadership classes, services to church staff, special events like the marriage seminar and evangelism workshop and meeting space outside the church facility.

For more information or a desire to become more involved, contact Brian Rosecrance at 747-4671.

If we are ever going to gain back the influence of the church in America and in the world, it's going to be built on how well we serve those in need. This is a leadership issue modeled by the sacrificial servant leadership of Jesus.