



FOCUSING ON CHILDREN & BASIC NEEDS

Housing | Hunger | Healthcare

March 2026

Outreach at White Memorial shows our members' faithful response to God's grace. We serve by working together with partners, locally and globally, building relationships, and sharing our time, talents and financial resources.

Upcoming Event

Agency Panel - March 25 in Geneva Hall

Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. (registration required for meal), followed by a 6 p.m. panel and Q&A session on children's needs in Wake County featuring: Note in the Pocket, Loaves & Fishes, Wake Monarch and the Backpack Buddies lead from Interfaith Food Shuttle.

Contact **Ruth Landers** with any questions.

[REGISTER FOR DINNER HERE](#)

Current Collections and Service Opportunities



Because Hunger Doesn't End on Friday

Monthly we provide 300 weekend meal bags for students at Oberlin Middle, Lynn Road and Lacy Elementary schools, at \$8 a bag. Grab a grocery list from the Outreach Room door (K100A) and drop food in the Backpack Buddies red bin on campus or use the Amazon link to buy and ship directly to the church.

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE BACKPACK BUDDIES FOOD VIA AMAZON](#)



There's a new drive-through food pantry at St John's Baptist Church, **1615A Oberlin Road**, **open 10 a.m. to Noon on the first Saturday of each month starting March 7**. Along with the Oberlin Road churches, we need your help with non-perishable food donations. We are collecting proteins such as peanut butter, canned chicken or tuna, beans and healthy snacks like raisins, Nutri grain bars, fruit pouches.



Healthy Snacks

Raisins, Granola Bars,
Fruit Pouches

Proteins

Beans, Tuna, Soup, Meat,
Pasta, Peanut Butter

[SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE FOOD PANTRY](#)

Sign up to help us hand out food to neighbors in need from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers may be asked to do the following: transport food donations from their churches to St. John's; set up tables; assemble bags of food; distribute bags; clean up after the pantry has closed.
Contact: **Ruth Landers** or **Michelle Jeutter**.

Easter Basket (Bag) Collections are currently underway for the children of Mayview Learning Center, StepUp Ministry, Iglesia Santuario, and Loaves & Fishes. Kindly collect a labeled bag from the Ross Lobby, fill it (see suggested items on the tag) and **return it to the Ross Lobby by March 20**. Please do not remove the bag's tag.



Who: You! Anyone 16+ years old can join. No experience required.
When: March 21, at 8:15 a.m. until finished (around 10:30-11 a.m.)
Where: 3301 Jones Sausage Rd

WMPC will partner with Habitat for Humanity of Wake on a Wall Build. A wall build activity happens inside the construction warehouse, using construction "templates", we build all the exterior and interior walls of an entire home. We only use a hammer and nails, which are provided at the warehouse. Being that ages 16+ are invited to attend, it's a good opportunity for high school service hours.

For this event we are partnering with St. Ambrose Episcopal Church of Raleigh. Register early to secure your spot (max 30 participants). Unfilled slots open to the public on March 7, but remain open for WMPC and St. Ambrose. Contact **Eric Miller** with any questions.

[SIGN UP HERE FOR HABITAT](#)

FIGS of Wake County needs volunteers for event setup on **Friday, March 20**, and event assistance on **Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cary. Sponsored by FIGS and WellCare, this supports the Wake NC Med Assist Free OTC Pharmacy. Contact **Beth Everly** with any questions or sign up below.

[SIGN UP HERE FOR FIGS](#)



We will sponsor a Note in the Pocket Pop-Up event to allow our StepUp families to shop for free. The event will be held in Pickard Hall, and we need

volunteers to assist with this event on **March 3, from 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.** Contact **Ruth Landers** with any questions.

[SIGN UP HERE FOR STEPUP](#)



Sort and distribute winter clothes and blankets to our mountain partners every **Wednesday or Thursday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.** at The Loading Dock. We are still in need of couriers to WNC. Contact: **Sherri Miller**.

Thank you!

On November 15, 2025, WMPC and Hayes Barton United Methodist Church partnered to pack over 10,000 meals at a **Rise Against Hunger** meal packing event. Those meals are now on the way to fighting food insecurities in the Philippines!

In addition, the Haiti Committee reports that **Haiti Outreach Ministries received a grant from Rise Against Hunger** in December to construct 20+ picnic tables for students at the Barye Fe High School campus in Port-au-Prince. Rise Against Hunger has been unable to deliver food containers to Haiti due to the unrest for over a year. Understanding that HOM has continued to provide meals, this grant came as a blessing since the students have been sitting on the ground or standing while eating their mid-day meal.



Agency SPOTLIGHT

FIGS and Milner Commons Work Together

FIGS (Filling in Gaps) helps low-income Wake County residents purchase prescription medicine and medical supplies. Milner Commons provides affordable housing for low-income seniors. Both are WMPC Outreach ministry partners.

Recently the two organizations partnered to support Milner Commons residents by distributing over-the-counter medical kits to 100 residents, helping meet basic health needs.

“They loved the kits!” said Valerie Holland, Service Coordinator with Resources for Seniors, who helped coordinate the project. In addition to the kits, FIGS provided Milner Commons with a FIGS Medicine Chest to address ongoing resident needs.

Opened in 2024, Milner Commons was built on land donated by Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church in East Raleigh. The 156-unit residence incorporates stained glass windows and pews from the former church, creating a beautiful reflection room and chapel. The Presbytery of New Hope serves as landowner and mission partner.

Often individuals do not need a prescription but still require simple medical relief that can make a meaningful difference in their day. To meet these immediate needs, FIGS has recently set up Medicine Chests with partner agencies to offer quick access to essential medical items, like Ambesol for a painful mouth ulcer, for example.

Working together, FIGS and Milner Commons demonstrate how partnerships expand WMPC Outreach efforts to improve health and well-being of low-income seniors in Wake County.

Submitted by Beth Everly, WMPC member and FIGS Board Member.

Photos: Milner Commons Reflection Room and chapel with the original stained glass from the Milner Commons Presbyterian Church; Social worker at Milner Commons, and one of first residents who visits the reflection room and chapel nearly every day; FIGS Medicine Chest.



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Knitting Group in room R400 contact: **Faye Senter**
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Haiti Committee Meeting contact: **Carol Vassey**
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in Outreach Room

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Sewing Group in room C200 contact: **Sally McLaurin**
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Agency Panels in Geneva Hall
5:30 p.m. **Dinner - register here**
6:00 p.m. Panel Discussion

[View All Activities...](#)

If you are interested in joining an Outreach Committee, contact the appropriate leader below:

Outreach Co-Chairs: **Debbie Fox** and **Tom Robinson**

Community Service Leader: **Kristi Wilson**

Community Allocations Co-Leaders: **Ruth Landers** and **Stuart Phoenix**

Refugee Resettlement: **Harriet Worley** and **Jerry Worley**

Presbyterian Campus Ministries: **Wesley Jones**

Iglesia Santuario: **Phil Lambert**

Poland: **Kathy Kidd**

Middle East Peace & Justice: **Landy Anderton**

Haiti Outreach: **Carol Vassey** and **William White**

Staff: Pastor for Outreach & Community Engagement: **Austin Vernon**

Staff: Administrative Assistant for Outreach & Community Engagement: **Laura Rolston**

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