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May 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.

Current Collections and Service Opportunities



Food Ministry

On, April 18th, members of the six churches that have formed the **Oberlin Road drive-through food pantry** gathered at Wilson Temple UMC and members of White Memorial Circle G gathered at InterAct to receive and sort food collected in the Hayes Barton Community Food Drive. This year the food drive collection was **a record 6,031 pounds**. The food was divided between InterAct pantry and the Oberlin Road food pantry. The food will be used to help Interact families and other food insecure members of the community fill their pantries.

Additionally, we are preparing and delivering 300 **Backpack Buddies bags** to three schools each month of the school year. If you are interested in helping in any of these endeavors, email **Jan Stewart** to help fill Backpack Buddies bags or **Ruth Landers** to help with the Oberlin Road drive-through food pantry.

To donate food to Backpack Buddies or Oberlin Road drive-through food pantry, use the Amazon links below for direct shipping to the church. For in-person purchases, see the item lists and place the items in the red bins on campus. Financial donations can be marked for WMPC and earmarked for the Oberlin Food Pantry.

[BACKPACK BUDDIES FOOD AMAZON LIST](#)

[OBERLIN ROAD DRIVE THROUGH FOOD PANTRY AMAZON LIST](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: DRIVE-THU FOOD PANTRY

Fridays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. on June 19, July 17, August 21
Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 20, July 18, August 22
Email: [Ruth Landers](mailto:Ruth.Landers).



WMPC's major ministry partner, StepUp Ministry, is in need of volunteers to help in the following ways to support the 2026 StepUp Ministry Impact Luncheon in the Edinburgh Building and Main Hall:

Sunday, May 31 from 2-5 p.m., event setup (wear comfortable shoes)

Monday, June 1 from 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., event decorations & greeters

Monday, June 1 from 12:45 - 2:45 p.m., event cleanup

*Attire 6/1 = all black or navy and comfortable shoes. No athleticwear, please.

Email Dayna Jameson StepUp Ministry's Volunteer Coordinator for more information.

Note in the Pocket Western NC Warehouse

The warehouse for WNC is winding down. Come help us clear the shelves and sort the clothing to go to WNC agencies. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Loading Dock, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. **Email Sherri Miller** for more information.

Upcoming Event

"From Shadows to Freedom: Leadership in Times of Anxiety"

Wednesday, May 13, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Geneva Hall

Join Wojciech, our Poland mission partner, as he shares with us:

"What does freedom look like when the world feels uncertain, even anxious? And what kind of leadership can sustain it in times like these? Wojciech will share personal memories of growing up under communism in Poland, which shaped how he understands both freedom and responsibility. From these experiences, he asks deeper questions: how freedom actually comes into being, and whether it can survive without responsibility, community, and courage. Freedom is not something we simply have. It is something we practice together. Something fragile and demanding, something that calls us beyond ourselves."

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Thank you!



On Saturday, April 25, WMPC hosted a wonderful morning of fun, fellowship and service. 70 volunteers of all ages worked together to support our neighbors and WMPC community partners. Together we assembled:

300 hygiene kits for Church World Service

200 weekend meal bags for Backpack Buddies

200 children's health kits for F.I.G.S.

200 snack packs for SouthLight

We also decorated attic baffles for Habitat for Humanity, and lunch notes and bags for the brown bag ministry supporting Raleigh Rescue Mission; sharing God's love with others in unexpected, everyday ways. Be on the lookout for more ways to serve soon!



On behalf of Iglesia Santuario, **thank you** for all the beautiful Easter Basket bags. By the looks on their joyful, cute little faces, you can see that the children were so very happy to receive their own bags. You made them feel extra special. Thank you very much, White Memorial, for always making a difference in people's lives. You are a blessing!



A big thank you to everyone who attended the Concert for a Cause supporting **StepUp Ministries**! Over 150 people attended and we raised \$3,500 for our major mission partner.

2 Oberlin Road drive through food pantry
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

6 Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen Contact: Ruth Landers
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

12 Service Committee Meeting in the Outreach Room
5:30 p.m.

13 From Shadows to Freedom: Leadership in Times of Anxiety with Wojciech our Poland mission partner- Geneva Hall
6 p.m.

[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](#)

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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