



UNITED METHODIST APPALACHIAN MINISTRY NETWORK

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. I want to say thank you for your support of the United Methodist Appalachian Ministry.

Because of your support we have been able to help emerging ministries as well as help sustain existing ministries that help improve the lives of poverty-stricken folks of Appalachia. Since 1972 UMAMN has funded hundreds of ministries that focus on the root causes of poverty as well as putting food into hungry bellies. Thanks to your support UMAMN has touched the lives of thousands of people in Appalachia.

Due to the Covid19 pandemic funding has decreased and the time has come that we need your help in funding the Hunger and Poverty grant program. UMAMN has just funded 6 ministries with an emergency grant so the ministries could purchase food for their pantries to elevate immediate hunger issues. Again, this is thanks to you who have supported UMAMN.

UMAMN is seeking 85 BUILDERS to create the 85 Builder's Campaign! These 85 people will help us build into our future by pledging to give \$25 a month for 1 year. (Total \$300/yr.) This will help us to continue and expand our support of the many ministries that are reaching out in God's love throughout Appalachia. Please consider pledging to this campaign.

Down in the body of this newsletter you will see a link that will direct you to UMAMN's Advanced Special number, as well as other ways to send a donation. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please take a look at our website (www.UMAMN.org). Also, our website contains a link to donate through our Advance Special Number and other ways to donate There you can learn more about who we are and what we do. Thank you in advance for your consideration and contribution

Thank You
John C. Baney

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Baney".

Executive Director UMAMN

Join us as Builders
Laying the foundation
For future ministries
Throughout Appalachia



The vision of the United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network is a society - where all people in Appalachia are valued - where all are offered discipleship for Jesus Christ, and - where all have the opportunity to realize God-centered spiritual, social, and economic potential.

UMAMN Emergency COVID: 19 grantees (\$500. Per site)

Food Pantry ‘Dairy Products’, Hillcrest Bruce UMM, Boyd County, KY

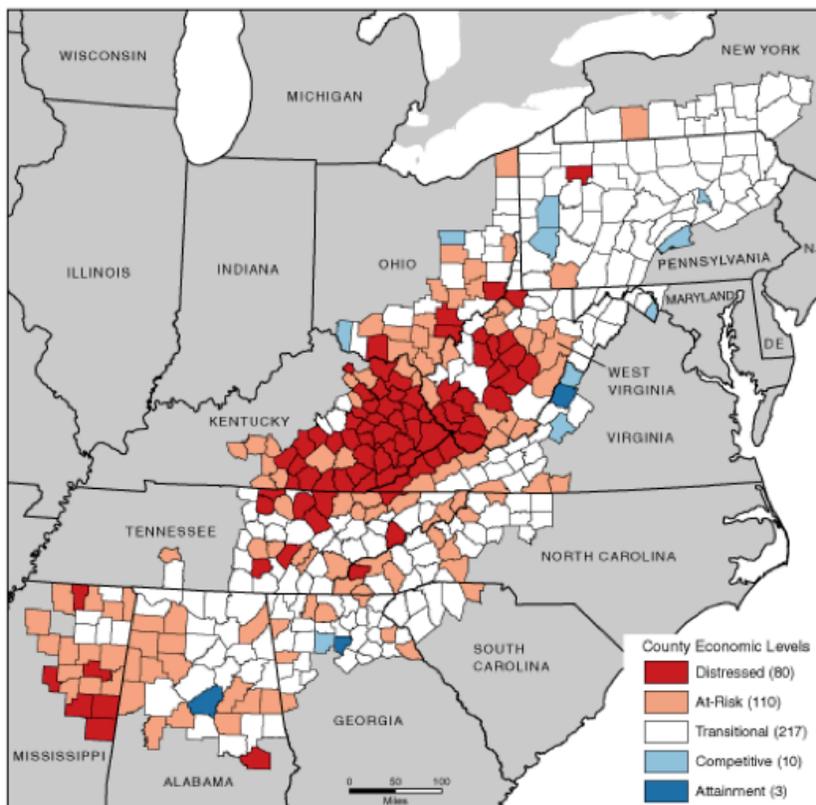
Food Pantry Ministry, Minerva UMC, Carroll County, OH

Cancer Support and Liquid Nutrition Program, Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc., Wise County, VA

Mobile Children’s Summer Food Pantry, Urban Mission Ministries, Jefferson County, OH

Food Pantry, Henderson Settlement, Bell County, KY

Matt’s Ministry Food Panty, Ledford Chapel UMC, Clay County, NC



Created by the Appalachian Regional Commission, June 2019
Data Sources:
Unemployment data: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2015–2017
Income data: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2017
Poverty data: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013–2017

Effective October 1, 2019
through September 30, 2020

Hunger and Poverty Grants are funded twice a year. Priority is given to projects that address causes and barriers related to hunger and poverty in the Appalachian region. Projects must be church-related – local, district, conference, or ecumenical (must have active United Methodist involvement). For an application or details please contact us.

Appalachia's first COVID-19 cases were confirmed in early March. 143 days later, on July 26, Doddridge County, West Virginia became the final of Appalachia's 420 counties to report a confirmed COVID-19 case. Drawing on data from the Johns Hopkins University, COVID-19 Cases in Appalachia maps COVID-19's spread in the region in relation to the rests of the country. More county-level information regarding COVID-19 cases can be found using the searchable database offering demographic data snapshots of confirmed cases and deaths in relation to hospital bed counts, population and businesses, and categories of people at risk for COVID-19 and resources by visiting arc.gov.

Hunger and Poverty Grantee Highlight!

Henderson Settlement is a nonprofit organization in rural Appalachia. Located in Frakes, Kentucky Henderson Settlement is National Mission Institution of the United Methodist Church. They have been a staple in the local communities since 1925. Henderson Settlement offers a variety of services; the three primary ministry areas are Mission Outreach, Community Outreach and Youth Development. Their mission is to improve the lives of the people in rural Appalachia. They currently serve three counties in Kentucky and two bordering counties in TN. The families are all at income levels far below 130% poverty rate and range from single parent families of women and children, to elderly that are isolated and live alone.

“We strive to be the hands of Christ to help our community members achieve sustainable, self-sufficient lives, to the extent their physical conditions permit, while at the same time helping those who cannot help themselves. We also believe in developing strong minds and spiritual growth.”

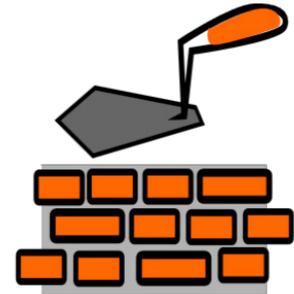


About UMAMN's contribution: Each week men, women and children look to Henderson Settlement to provide food for their next meal. Without your funding, we'd have to turn them away. We are so grateful for your generosity as we work to close the hunger gap in our community. Your funding has contributed to us buying things like canned vegetables and fruits, boxed meals, dried pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, canned meats, and other self-stable foods that provide the much-needed assistance for our families. Our average distribution is 350 boxes per month and you have made this possible. Thank you from not only from Henderson Settlement but the 350+ families you helped. God Bless!!!

85 Builders!

BUILD for a year campaign

We are looking for 85 people to help us build our ministries by pledging to give \$25 a month for 1 year. (Total \$300/yr.) Your gift can be given through the advance by using the link below.



<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-630-appalachian-ministry-network.aspx>

Donations are appreciated in any form of payment:

Thru the General Advance #982041

<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-630-appalachian-ministry-network.aspx>

by check/money order mailed to:

UMAMN 301 North Fifth Street Steubenville, Ohio 43952

or credit/debit card by using our **Givelify App**

UMAMN stands against racism...

- *The United Methodist Church proclaims the value of each person as a unique child of God and commits itself to the healing and wholeness of all persons.*
- *The United Methodist Church recognizes that the sin of racism has been destructive to its unity throughout its history. Racism continues to cause painful division and marginalization.*
- *The United Methodist Church shall confront and seek to eliminate racism, whether in organizations or in individuals, in every facet of its life and in society at large.*
- *The United Methodist Church shall work collaboratively with others to address concerns that threaten the cause of racial justice at all times and in all places.*

from The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016, paragraph 5

Are you seeking ways to engage others in difficult, but important, conversations—such as the topic of white privilege and/or racial inequality?

The following resources are intended to help get you started and create building blocks for additional work.

<https://www.gcorr.org/racial-justice-conversation-guide/>
<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/racialjustice>

In the service of the Lord,

Angela Kirtdoll, **UMAMN Executive Coordinator**