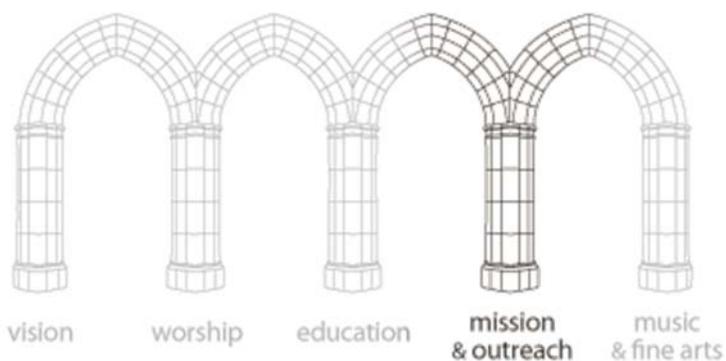


The Fourth Pillar: Mission & Outreach



Caring + Compassion =

Can Do!

Five Decades of Mission & Outreach at First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth

*“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.
Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Share with God’s people who are in need.”*

— Romans 12:10-13



Over the past five decades, the First Methodist Church of Fort Worth Foundation has grown to become a remarkably healthy endowment that supports the five pillars of our Church. Among other efforts, the Foundation has provided much needed funding to purchase, expand and renovate the First United Methodist Church’s Mission Building and to assist the Church community that creates and maintains ideal programs to meet the needs of thousands of less fortunate individuals and families in our area.

These Mission and Outreach Ministries — the fourth pillar of our Church — are tangible results of our congregation’s caring, compassionate “can-do” attitude. Our members understand that Christian faith is best reflected in acts of love and concern, exemplified in the early days by distribution of supplies out of the back of a pick-up truck and later through the construction and operation of our Mission building where today volunteers help literally thousands of individuals and families in need.



The building is the distribution point for infant formula, Thanksgiving baskets, chili lunches, and clothing and food. Importantly, behind all the items, ounces, numbers and statistics are human beings with unique stories compassionately addressed by caring volunteers and dedicated staff. Their activities are just a few of the many Mission and Outreach services our Church offers.

In addition to all that takes place within the Mission building, the care and compassion of our congregation is evident throughout our community (and beyond) in many ways.

- **When the desperate plight of the homeless was brought to our attention, our congregation responded by providing resources for the Day Resource Center for the Homeless.**
- **We help make quality childcare available through our partnership with the YWCA.**
- **First Church assists the United Community Center and Room in the Inn.**
- **On a global perspective, Mission and Outreach is active in the Costa Rica Project, the African Orphan Endeavor and sponsors countless international mission trips like ones to Latin America and Africa.**



The Foundation is involved in nearly every one of these endeavors, providing the financial resources that enable Mission and Outreach Ministries to continue to positively affect the lives of so many individuals in our Church, community and the world. We are here to assist in preserving the church's magnificent facilities and supporting the vital programs and ministries of the church body, like Mission and Outreach.

To learn more, [visit our website](#), and I'll give you an overview of the Foundation's efforts for the Church, the endowment's ONLY beneficiary. And please mark your calendars for September 30, 2014, when we will have a wonderful celebration of the Foundation's first 50 years at the Fort Worth Convention Center in the Ballroom. You'll receive an invitation and ticket information soon. See you then, and perhaps also as a volunteer for one of the remarkably fulfilling activities sponsored by Mission and Outreach at First United Methodist Church.

— Sid Johnston, Executive Director of FMC Foundation