

2023 Missions

St Matthew's is doing missions. Please pray for these missions and watch the Midweek Messenger, church Alerts, and Circuit Rider for how you can get involved. If you are unable to safely come out, we can pick up your donations or we can bring you supplies. Financial contributions can be given by check to SMUMC or [online](#) via One Time Gift by specifying the Mission's name.

In addition to the list below of on-going activities, there are events throughout the year, such as [Crop Walk](#), [Christmas in April](#), Hunger Action Month, and [Church on the Move](#), that you can lead or join in with.

Watch for opportunities to serve in the Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider. To ask questions, or if you have ideas on ways that we can serve the community or concerns, then please contact missions@stmatthews-bowie.org.

Mission	Status	How You Can Help	Points of Contact
Bowie Interfaith Pantry/Emergency Aid Fund Note: Often called Bowie Food Pantry for short	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please put Bowie Food Pantry donations in shopping cart in the coatroom. No expired food or open packages. Take fresh food directly to the pantry. Consider being a (reimbursed) shopper for the pantry; email the pantry at bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com. Learn about this organization at www.bowiefoodpantry.org 	Margie Pekala and Lorri Meadows
Little Free Pantry (LFP)	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please volunteer to be a stocker and/or shopper. Please put donations into the outside bin at the Narthex entrance. No fresh or expired foods, or open packages. Email lfp@stmatthews-bowie.org with questions or concerns, or to volunteer. 	Beth Lingg and Beth Obear
PG Men's Shelter Meal	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please volunteer to provide a meal to 30-40 homeless men the 3rd Sunday each month. Contact Linda Cooper and the PG Shelter for current guidelines for delivery. Money is available to assist in meal preparation. Meals can be homemade or bought. Please contact Linda Cooper. 	Linda Cooper

Bowie Supportive Housing Corporation (Alpha & Beta House)	As needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers need to support both domestic violence clients and refugees. Specific needs as they arise will be put in Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider. 	Dave Miller and Gary Allen
CHAMP House Recovery, Inc.	As needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific needs as they arise will be put in Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider. Learn about this organization at champhouserecovery.com 	Dan Blades and Marian Eisinger
St Matthew's Shelter/Transitional Housing	Ongoing	Specific needs as they arise will be put in Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider.	Shelter Committee
FISH of Greater Bowie	Ongoing	FISH needs Drivers & Telephone Support. Call 301-262-8479 or email fishofbowie@gmail.com to volunteer or find out more information about FISH.	Ray Denmark
Merry Methodists (MMs)	Pandemic Hiatus	Continue to provide MM collected items such as toiletries, wash clothes and hand towels in MM's Coat Room bin. Cards, calendars, and stickers are not needed at this time.	TBD
Bowie State Dorothy Holland Student Emergency Fund	Ongoing	Specific needs as they arise will be put in Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider.	Dan Blades
Appalachia Service Project (ASP)	Jun 25-Jul 1, 2023 (Kentucky)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific needs as they arise will be put in Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider. Learn more at asphome.org 	Becky Roper
Disaster Response and Mission Outreach Hub for Mission Central	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please volunteer to be a Mission Central Hub volunteer St Matthew's picks up, stores, and delivers items to/from Mission Central and local churches and individuals. St Matthew's distributes items received in the community for Mission Central St Matthew's verifies and makes kits for Mission Central and UMCOR. Specific needs as they arise will be put in Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider. Learn more at BWC's Mission Central Hubs and missioncentral.org 	Bob Fuller

UMCOR General & Disaster Response	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please volunteer to be a UMCOR Advocate and messenger • How you can help with disaster relief? Specific needs as they arise will be put in Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider. 	Marian Eisinger
Missionary Support (2-Mexico; 2-Liberia) via Global Ministries	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please volunteer to be a Missionary Liaison • Please pray for our missionaries' loving work they are doing in Liberia and Mexico. Specific needs as they arise will be put in Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider. 	Marian Eisinger
Liberia- St Matthews School	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please volunteer to be a Liaison for the school • Please pray for the school and the community. • Specific needs as they arise will be put in Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider. 	Marian Eisinger
Guatemala Missions (via Impacto Ministry)	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pray for Impacto Ministry and all those they serve in Guatemala. • Specific needs as they arise will be put in Midweek Messenger and Circuit Rider. 	Marian Eisinger