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Back Bay Mission, a community ministry of the United Church of Christ, serves the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the wider church community by faithful witness for social justice and compassionate service to the poor and marginalized.

Vision Statement

Back Bay Mission shall embody with integrity and truth the prophetic mandate of Micah:
“...to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

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To let us know of your planned gift or to consider making one, contact Executive Director Shari Prestemon, sprestemon@thebackbaymission.org or 228-432-0301 ext. 303.

“Second Liners Mardi Gras Club” of MS Gulf Coast stopped by Back Bay Mission to present a generous donation of $1,500. Their donation is for Christmas baskets that will be handed out in December.
Throughout almost a century of faithful ministry, the mission is still “strengthening neighborhoods, seeking justice, and transforming lives.”

I was called as pastor-director of Back Bay Mission church and community center in 1958, when the mission depended on support from the E & R Board for Homeland Ministries but also from congregations and individuals throughout the denomination.

My first ministry dunked me without fanfare into health and human service challenges in the context of Christian faith. We were at the beginning of a new era in the struggle for civil rights.

The mission helped me understand Jesus more intimately as a seeker of social justice, a perspective that has stimulated an evolving understanding of Church for well over half a century.

Of course, I was discovering what the Evangelical and Reformed Church had known since its inception: believe what you want, have tolerance for other points of view, but what’s non-negotiable is following Jesus: looking out for each other, for every other, and working for justice while experiencing and sharing incredible mercy.

Back Bay Mission has been doing this since its birth in 1922. For the first third of its life, the Mission focused on people’s survival: distributing food, clothing and health services; strengthening the spirit at several worship centers and a Sunday school of more than 400; giving physical, emotional and spiritual support to families.

During its middle years, the focus was on all of the above but in addition Back Bay began tentatively and sensitively to reach into the local community to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative and not mess with Mister In-Between.

In a Jim Crow era, the mission quietly and successfully integrated programs, the only private Mississippi institution to do so other than Tougaloo College, also UCC-related.

Mississippi abolished compulsory public education in defiance of the 1954 Supreme Court decision that public education should be integrated “with all deliberate speed.”

To help kids and families develop a positive attitude toward school and give them zeal for more, the mission offered nursery school and kindergarten.

My wife, Johann, taught nursery school, integrated the mission library and girls’ cooking class, and was founding director of Back Bay Mission Credit Union, run by Back Bay families with never a bad debt.

Lives were changed and saved through a 1000 member Teen Town, club groups, camps galore, and personal relationships.

Volunteers came in abundance for a week, summer, or year, often through the UCC’s Voluntary Service Department. Some remained for years. Some married. Some became lifelong financial contributors to the Mission.

Today, Back Bay Mission is faithful in many ways, but it has matured and understands that it’s also called to succeed.

Throughout almost a century of faithful ministry, the Mission changed emphasis in different seasons, responding to hurricanes both social and environmental. But Back Bay has never forsaken its calling on behalf of the whole UCC to a distinctive ministry still supported by the faithful of every Conference.

Doing justice, loving mercy, humbly trying to follow Jesus according to wisdom given by God, who still speaks through the Changing Tides of life: that’s why I and many others support Back Bay’s mission today. I hope you will, too, out of respect for the past, the critical needs of this day, and hope for tomorrow.

BBM Development Associate
September 2012
Many thanks to Back Bay Mission historian and United Church of Christ member Terry White (Falmouth, MA) for contributing articles highlighting significant moments in Back Bay Mission’s history throughout this 90th anniversary year. A full copy of BBM’s history, 1922-2012, is available on our website.

A Historical Snapshot: Hurricane Katrina, 2005

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on Monday, August 29, 2005, it raised a question: would Back Bay Mission come to an end? The storm lifted Mission buildings from their foundations and flooded them with five to eight feet of water. Only one building, the Administration & Services Building, could be salvaged, while six others would eventually be demolished. The home of Executive Director Shari Prestemon became the locus of operations and a place of refuge for the days following the storm.

To update supporters on the Mission’s status and provide accurate information about the storm’s impact in the community, Prestemon began sending emails and letters to friends of the Mission across the country. Her first letter described the new reality the Mission faced:

“The devastation is widespread and utterly heart-wrenching. Thousands of people became homeless overnight, thousands of others became instantly unemployed, and still others lost their lives. The number of dead continues to rise as relief and rescue operations now turn to the sober task of recovery. It would be impossible for us to aptly describe the enormity of what has occurred; it is an unfathomable new reality. It is a deeply humbling journey we now take, shaded by fear, sorrow, and utter uncertainty… Though spirits in general seem amazingly resilient, we join the rest of the Coast in being broken and grief-stricken. It is much to bear…”

Could the Mission recover? Prestemon and the Board of Directors said “yes!” The Board unanimously reaffirmed the vision of the Mission and voted to continue its core ministries. By October a mobile office was in place sporting a sign that read “Back Bay Mission: Here To Serve.” The Board worked quickly to respond to large numbers of requests to help rebuild. Eager to work, a group from Archbold, Ohio arrived in Biloxi entirely self-sufficient with tents and cooking gear, followed by thousands of others in the years that followed. By early 2006 there were two office trailers, two mobile homes for disaster recovery teams, and a modular home for long-term volunteers. Hope Shall Bloom, a national UCC hurricane recovery fund, supported a volunteer coordinator and an expanded staff to manage work groups coming to Biloxi.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina the Mission focused on housing while continuing direct services. Workcampers demolished, restored and even built new homes from the ground up. “Home at Last,” a program to help disabled homeless individuals, was expanded and the Emergency Assistance program ramped up to multiply its services amidst unprecedented need. The Gulf Coast Housing Initiative was established as a new subsidiary to the Mission to focus on the development of new affordable housing in the area. And when the Mission’s new facilities opened in 2009, one building would be devoted to a new day center program for the homeless, the first of its kind on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Mission has come a long way from bringing children to Sunday school in the 1920’s, to providing health care in the 1930’s, to working to ensure that everyone has a home in the 21st century. To Katrina’s question of the future of the Mission, the answer is clear:

“. . . And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8—NAS)
Our 90th Anniversary Celebration was a huge success.

Thanks to everyone who came out to help us celebrate 90 years of service.

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Vincent Creel, City of Biloxi Public Affairs Manager acting on behalf of Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway, proclaimed October 5th as "Back Bay Mission Day" in Biloxi.
How a Hammer, Paint, and a Hot Biloxi Summer helped Katherine Ryan see Life in a Different Way

When asked to describe Back Bay Mission and what it means to me, I find it impossible to pin-point one topic, one idea and one value. Back Bay Mission in my eyes is indefinable through one sentence, but one word may

We Love Our Volunteers and Guests
How Back Bay Mission’s Home At Last Program is Helping Clients to Chart a Course Towards Stability

by Derek Eady

It’s a Tuesday afternoon in Biloxi, MS and in Back Bay Mission’s Micah Day Center sit 20 individuals scattered at various tables. The group sits quietly (almost stoical) listening as they are briefed on nutrition and how important a proper diet is to good health. This briefing is only one of several demanded by the program that is responsible for bringing all these individuals together: Home At Last.

Now in its tenth year, Home At Last stands as an extremely popular program with Biloxi’s homeless population. The program provides outreach services, permanent supportive housing and case management to those who are disabled and homeless.

In 2011, through Home At Last’s street outreach initiatives; 15 homeless people were able to be housed on a permanent basis and over 260 homeless individuals received various support services.

This is a program that is demanding of not only resources, but time and patience. There aren’t many people who can deal with the personalities, dispositions, and behaviors that so often come with the types of individuals that Home At Last rescues from the unforgiving streets.

Luckily for Back Bay Mission, we have such a person in Ms. Roxanne Watts, our Home At Last caseworker. A native of Gulfport, MS, Roxanne joined Back Bay Mission in 2009 and has gained a reputation in the homeless community as one who genuinely cares for them and understands their plight.

Ms. Watts and I discussed some of her clients’ challenges, her concerns for the Home At Last program, how the program works and what the program considers as success. Here’s what she shared.

Ms. Watts, you have served for three years now as Home At Last caseworker. What are some of the challenges that you see your clients face day after day?

A major challenge for them is their adjustment from being in the woods to having a place to live. Society seems to feel that once you put them inside (find them a place) that they’re fine, but that’s not the case. They still have so many issues from dependencies to simply adjusting. I think sometimes for them the scariest idea is that they now have a door. The door now symbolizes not only their new responsibilities but greater than that, new expectations. I once had a client tell me, “I’ve been outside so long I didn’t know to look through a peephole to see who was at the door.” It seems small, but I worry about my clients dealing with those types of things.

You spoke about “dependencies” and those dependencies still being present despite the client changing their living arrangements. What did you mean by that?

Well, those dependencies make it difficult for me to do my job. When clients have substance dependency (most commonly alcohol) they can’t deal with other issues until that substance abuse has been dealt with, then making it possible for them to turn the page. Some clients need to be in substance abuse treatment centers, but we don’t have the funding to put them in those, so this complicates their forward movement.

Suffice to say; sometimes their homelessness is cause by a dependency. Yes. If someone needs to receive mental or any other type of treatment, and don’t, they can start off lost from the beginning. These issues often times caused them to become homeless, and we have to address those issues straight forward.

What’s a major concern of yours personally about this program?

It has to be funding. This is a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program. So I always worry about cuts and who those cuts would hurt. I always wonder what would happen to the people in this program if it was cut.

Take us through how Home At Last operates. How does a potential Home At Last client move from being screened to being selected to join the program?

In order to qualify you have to have been homeless for no less than a year or have four separate instances of homelessness in the past three years. A prospective client also has to have documented disability that will last one year. All this documentation must be provided through a physician’s office or a local non-profit.

Then we conduct interviews, me and Kenney Washington, (Director of Client Services) to see if the potential and desire is really there. The program isn’t easy and we need to make sure that we have accepted people that are serious about this next step. We also conduct a criminal background check and if all checks out, then we welcome in our new clients.

So once clients are in the program, you find them an apartment and then what?

Then I pray that I can find them furniture and other household items. I shop at thrift stores to purchase their most basic furniture needs. Sometimes I have to wait because things are beyond our budget, even at thrift store prices. I purchase their furniture based on three needs: 1) a place to sit, 2) somewhere to eat, and 3) a place to lie down.

How does Home At Last measure success? How is success defined within and by this program?

Success is ultimately measured by self-sufficiency. We want to get each client to a point where they are now able survive and live on their own without Back Bay Mission. This program is about getting them to that point, where we are no longer needed.
After more than two years of planning, meetings, waiting and prayer, HomePort is on target to be completed by middle December 2012. HomePort is Back Bay Mission’s phase one answer to the growing number of homeless veterans in Biloxi, and indeed the United States.

With one in seven homeless previously serving in America’s military forces, Back Bay Mission has chosen to lead the effort in South MS against veteran homelessness by building HomePort, a first of its kind here on the coast.

Phase one will house two homeless veterans, with phase two targeted to house up to six homeless veterans. Phase two is scheduled to begin next year, however funding issues may put the project in jeopardy.

“We’ll be applying to different funding sources to secure the funding needed for phase two.” says Everett Lewis, Associate for Housing Initiatives. Phase two is projected to cost $544,000.

The Departments of Veteran Affairs (VA) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimate that over 70,000 veterans experience homelessness each night. These veterans fought in various conflicts from World War II to Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom to the current conflict in Afghanistan. Veterans that will be housed in phases one and two will be case managed by the VA and may have severe physical and mental health disabilities.

Below are random pictures captured at HomePort’s phase one site.
How Back Bay’s Workcamp Program Champions the Total Mission Experience

Each year Back Bay Mission welcomes hundreds of adults and youth to Biloxi, MS to take part in what some have called a United Church of Christ rite of passage. The Workcamp program here at Back Bay Mission has welcomed congregations, fathers and daughters, mothers and sons, uncles and nieces and all who stand ready to engage in life-changing mission work. The upcoming year promises to be no different at Back Bay Mission. As sure as love and promise abounds in the Workcamp program, so does the need for more volunteers and resources.

Craig Steenkamp is the Associate for Housing Recovery & Volunteer Programs. I sat down with Craig, to discuss the Workcamp program and address some myths related to the program.

**What is the Workcamp program doing now?**
The Work camp program continues to stay very busy with lots of meaningful projects. We are still doing major projects and rebuilding. Our major projects included our new home for veterans, HomePort, and rehab projects in Biloxi and Gulfport, MS. Our minor rehab projects involve accessibility projects for the elderly and disabled. The program is also partnering up with our Affordable Housing Initiatives program to help keep their homes even more affordable.

**What are some common myths about the program? Some may think the program started after Hurricane Katrina. You have the floor, to clear up any misconceptions.**

So many of our volunteers only know Back Bay Mission from after Hurricane Katrina and the disaster recovery that took place since then, but Back Bay Mission has done more than just disaster recovery in this community. We have been rebuilding homes since the late 60’s. This community continues to need our help in building for the low wealth population. We will continue to keep our fingers on the pulse of this community and serve where we are called to serve.

Anyone can also come down to volunteer in different parts of the mission. A volunteer doesn’t have to work on a house. For example, they can work in The Micah Center which is a day center for the homeless population. Another opportunity would be working in the food pantry handing out food.

We are also starting to direct Volunteers back to the local soup kitchen which will be starting up in January 2013. This soup kitchen, Loaves and Fishes was actually started by Back Bay Mission many years ago and was spun off to be its own entity. We have continued to support Loaves and Fishes with volunteers and they always have a great experience.

**What are some of the lessons people tell you they have learned after their Workcamp week has ended?**
Volunteers continue to learn more skills every time they come down here. They also learn something about themselves and surprise themselves in what they can actually accomplish. A major lesson learned each week is that most volunteers leave Back Bay Mission with way more than they came to give. The volunteers learn a new appreciation for what the Mission actually does. They learn about friendships and working with a group to accomplish one goal. We continually hear from our volunteers three things. One is that they have so much fun fellowshiping within their group. The second is that they learned about a new culture, and made new friends. Then thirdly, they learned new skills that they’ll take back home with them. Volunteers may leave on Saturdays with aching muscles, but more important... their hearts are full! Actually living and sharing in this community of concern and support provides the greatest learning experience to all. No matter there their home is, or where they are on life’s journey, our volunteers feel God is still speaking through their own service and the ongoing service of all who come to Back Bay Mission.

**What is your hope for every church and individual who makes the journey to Biloxi to participate in Workcampaing?**
Our hope is that every volunteer comes down and has a great experience with whatever they would like to do for that week no matter which program they volunteer in. I hope they would also spread the word about Back Bay Mission and continue to come and serve this community with us. Also that the volunteers are educated enough about what we do here that it will open their eyes to the same things in their own communities and whether or not they can start some of the same programs back home. Most of all, I hope the time for them is fun.

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**Important information for congregations BEGINNING IN 2013...**

(note: Changes/additions to our overall workcamp policies & fees are in bolded italics below)

**NEW FEE STRUCTURE & POLICY**
Registration Fee: $200/group  •  Housing Fee: $75/per person  •  **Materials Fee: $50/per person**
Your registration fee is due no later than 30 days from your initial reservation confirmation and should be clearly marked with the group name and date of mission trip.

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Final group numbers must be guaranteed 60 days prior to arrival: all per person fees (ie. Housing & Materials fees) must be paid by the group based on those guaranteed numbers.

These changes will help to ensure that the long standing traditions of providing meaningful, well-organized and outstanding service experiences at Back Bay Mission may continue to be enjoyed by a large number of new and returning groups. We look forward to your ongoing participation and selfless service. See you at the Mission!

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**Want to experience one of the best mission trip sites in the country? Here’s how to get on our schedule:**
- Email (volunteercoordinator@thebackbaymission.org) or call (228-432-0301 ext. 314) our volunteer coordinator January 2 or soon after to register for a 2014 date. Be sure you have a reasonable idea of how many individuals you want to bring and the time of year you hope to come.
- Check out the 2013 schedule on our website (thebackbaymission.org) to see if there might still be a spot for your group. Then be sure to follow up with our volunteer coordinator to ask questions or register.
- Review the handbook our volunteer coordinator will send you with all our policies and fees.
- We still have many slots available for 2013 and 2014.
- Get ready for an amazing experience of service, learning, and fellowship!
In this issue of Changing Tides, you’ve read interviews with the leaders of two of Back Bay Mission’s programs: Associate for Housing Recovery and Volunteer Programs Craig Steenkamp and Home At Last Caseworker Roxanne Watts. These programs—and all of the Mission’s initiatives—rely on the support of generous donors and volunteers like you.

There are many ways to support Back Bay Mission. Long term volunteers like Marilyn DeTizio support Mission programs for a month or more. Hundreds of short term volunteers each year—both church groups and individuals—support the Mission's Housing Recovery Program, Gulf Coast Housing Initiative, Micah Day Center for the Homeless and our food pantry. Beginning in 2013, short term volunteers will also be serving at Loaves and Fishes, an independent organization with roots in Back Bay Mission. Individuals like Edna Pelto speak in their churches while development associates like Richard Ellerbrake speak in churches in their area and at larger gatherings of the United Church of Christ.

Financial support comes in a variety of forms. Some, like our volunteers from St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in St. Marys, OH, choose to make in kind gifts to Mission programs. Others, like those listed on the next few pages of this newsletter, choose to make regular gifts, including recurring gifts made through our website. Still others choose to make planned gifts, earmarking a portion of their estate for Back Bay Mission.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who participates in the work of Back Bay Mission. Financial gifts, volunteering and sharing the story with others all help us strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice and transform the lives of the poor and marginalized who we serve. Thank you.

If you’re interested in exploring ways that you can support Back Bay Mission, we’re here to help you find a match for your interests and abilities. Please don’t hesitate to contact Community Relations Associate Derek Eady or Church Relations Associate Christopher Marlin-Warfield to find your role in our continuing service:

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Brenda G. McDonald
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Charles & Mildred McMahon
Deborah L. McNeis
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Mr. & Mrs. Pat & Connie Micklin
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Linda Miller
Rev. & Mrs. Curtis & Ruth Minter
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Kathy Mizgalski
David & Diane Mook
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Moreton
Mike & Averil Riley
Mr. & Mrs. Ron & Ann Richards
Ms. Sylvia Richards
Mr. and Mrs. Don Richter
Mr. & Mrs. Wells & Karen Ridenour
Mike & Averil Riley
Gary Ring
Rev. Richard & Jo Rinker
Mr. James Robert
Mr. & Mrs. Cameron & Carlene Roberts
Dr. & Mrs. Roland & Kathryn Roberts
Rev. & Mrs. Donald & Anne Rock
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Susan Rock
Richard & Katherine Rohrer
Mrs. Evelyn Rose
Susan Grant Rosen
Curtis & Ann Rotto
Mr. & Mrs. Hans & Mary Rotto
Rev. & Mrs. William & Gail Royster
Mr. & Mrs. Allen & Carolyn Rudolph
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Laurie Ruthe
Mr. Ralph Sanderson
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn & Sandy Sapa
Mr. & Mrs. John & Patricia Saxton
Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Judith Scheer
Donald L. & Jeannean L. Schild
Rev. & Mrs. Arian & Sharon Schlundt
Miss Helen Schneider
Celebrating Ms. Kathryn Vanney & Elizabeth Vamvakas
Mr. & Mrs. Angelos Tweito & M.F. Turner-Harrington
Mr. & Mrs. L.G. Steve & Christine Tubbs
Dale L. Trombley
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Margaret Towery
Mrs. Karen Tielkemeier
Warren & Shirley Thomas
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Mr. & Mrs. Rodney & Eunicie Van Loon
Ms. Kathryn Vanney
Rev. Alfred Schroeder
& Mrs. Catherine Sprague
Rev. & Mrs. Bruno & Linda Schroeder
Mr. John Schumacher
Scott Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Martha Selby
Rev. & Mrs. Jack & Fanny Seville
Ms Mary Alice Shepard
Mr. Bruce Shindel
Mr. & Mrs. Ray & Jan Shoup
Carrie Shadrer
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Linda Siegrist
Mr. & Mrs. L. D. & Beverly Silliphant
Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Carol Sivesind
Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Carolyn Small
Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Katherine Smith
Mr. & Mrs. George & Phyllis Smith
Helen L. Smith
Ms. Alexa Sorant
Mr. Clark Sparks
Ms. Betty Stafford
Rev. & Mrs. Edwin & Patricia Stanford
Mr. & Mrs. Lavern & Lois Stapler
Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Amy Steigerwald
Vera Steinhardt
Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Marianne Stern
Ann Stevens
Mr. & Mrs. Don & Fay Stevenson
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Rev. Margaret Stoddard
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence & Mary Stone
Rev. & Mrs. Don & Beat Stoner
Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Jeanette Storck
Rev. & Mrs. Arthur & Alice Stratemeyer
Ms. Janette Streiff
Mr. & Mrs. Gayle & Lois Strickler
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HONOR GIFTS

A
Jim & Sue Ahrens
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Robert & Dot Anderson
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Rev. & Mrs. Robert & Barbara Aregood
- in honor of Jack & Joy Aregood

B
Mr. David Brown
- in honor of Nancy Diepenbrock

C
Janice and Daniel Caudy
- in honor of the memories of our fathers,
Daniel G. Caudy, MD and
Joseph G. Komendachik
Ms. Judy Cookson
- in honor of Joel
& Caryn Cookson’s wedding

D
George A. & Susan R. Drake
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Neil L. Drobnock
and Elizabeth A. Drobnock
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Birthday

E
Mr. & Mrs. Mark
& Irene Engelmann
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Shane & Roberta Estes
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary

F
William & Bonnie Falla
- in honor of Cindy Dannenbouwer
Mr. Boyd Forest
- in honor of Darlene Meier
Betty Anne Francis
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Barbara Franz
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Ms Betsy Fulton
- in honor of Kenneth
and Daena Kluegel

G
Victor L. & Wilma M. Graden
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Kathleen Habermehl
- in honor of all people who support
Back Bay Mission
Anne Weller Hansen
- in honor of Sam Schroeder’s birthday
A. Dewayne & Earlene Hentzel
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Ms. Shannon Hicks
- in honor of upcoming wedding of
April Hatch Thompson and Bill Van Houten, as they continue to build a happy, loving life together.
Carol Hundley
- in honor of Rev. Pat Kinner’s birthday

J
Paul Johnson

K
Elizabeth & Frieder Klein
- in honor of Sheila & Jerry Cole
Mr. & Mrs. Lyle & Judith Kuehl
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary

L
Rev. Kathy Lawes
- in honor of Shari Prestemon
Rev Selva Lehman
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary

M
Thomas K. Marshall
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Brad & Teresa A. McCull
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Brenda G. McDonald
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Orlan E. Mitchell
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
David & Diane Mook
- in honor of Wes
and Nancy Curda Wedding

N
Carol Nielsen
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary

O
Jacob Oberst
- in honor of Phil Sweet

P
Lynda Paul
- in honor of Paul Baumer and all he has done for Back Bay Mission.
Janis S. Peak
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Pilgrim Congregational Church-
Women’s Fellowship
- in honor of Friendly Service

R
Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Sandra Raban
- in honor of Pastor Sue Artt
Rev. & Mrs. William & Gail Royster
- in honor of Rev. Douglas Anders
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Laurie Ruth
- in honor of Hazel Dorsey

S
Mr. & Mrs. John & Patricia Saxton
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Judith Scheer
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Donald L. & Jeananne L. Schild
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary
Rev. Alfred Schroeder  
& Mrs. Catherine Sprague  
- in honor of Brian & Harmony Wommer

Rev. & Mrs. Jack & Fanny Seville 
- in honor of Jack Seville, receiving the Moss Award from Lancaster Theological Seminary “Faithfulness in Ministry”

Carrie Strader 
- In honor of Sam Schroeder

Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Katherine Smith  
- in Honor of the wedding between Sheila Barnes and Alan Winkler

St. John’s Evangelical UCC  
- in honor of your 175th anniversary 
St. John’s UCC-Women’s Fellowship 
- in honor of Women’s Fellowship

Mrs. Helen Sweeney 
- in honor of Bill and Ellen Matten

T

Ms. Paige Thomas  
- in honor of Bill and Ellen Matten

V

Mr. & Mrs. Walter & Ann Vogel  
- in honor of Alfred and Pam Scheer

Wilma Vosburg  
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Clark Weaver  
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary

W

Ms. Ruth White  
- in honor of Richard Groverly

William White & Susan Babcock White  
- in honor of Rev. Jonathan Morgan of First Church of Christ

Jonathan W. Williams  
- in honor of Rev. Jane Hawken

Nancy B. Wolf  
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary

Z

Merle W. Zirkle  
- in honor of BBM’s 90th Anniversary

**CONGREGATIONAL GIVING**

A

Amherst Community Church  
- Snyder, NY

B

Bay Vista Baptist Church  
- Biloxi, MS

Bethany Congregational  
- San Antonio, TX

Big Ridge Baptist Church  
- D’Iberville, MS

Brownhelm Congregational UCC  
- Vermilion, OH

Buckland UCC  
- Buckland, OH

C

Central Congregational Church  
- Atlanta, GA

Central St. Matthew UCC  
- New Orleans, LA

CBC Seabee Memorial Chapel  
- Gulfport, MS

Christ Church UCC-Women’s Guild  
- Ansville, PA

Christ United Church of Christ  
- Orville, OH

Church of Christ Congregational UCC  
- Norfolk, CT

Church of the Redeemer  
- Westlake, OH

Columbia Congregational-Women’s Guild  
- Columbia, CT

Community Congregational Church UCC-Women’s Fellowship  
- New Port Richey, FL

Community Evangelical Church-Women’s Guild  
- San Antonio, TX

Congregational Church  
- Laconia, NH

Congregational UCC  
- Whitewater, WI

Congregational UCC  
- Austin, TX

Congregational UCC  
- Ames, IA

Congregational UCC  
- Weybridge, VT

D

David’s UCC  
- Kettering, OH

E

Ellington Congregational Church  
- Ellington, CT

English Congregational UCC  
- Big Rock, IL

F

Faith Community UCC  
- Bensenville, IL

Faith Community UCC  
- Maumee, OH

Faith UCC  
- Center Valley, PA

Faith UCC  
- New Braunfels, TX

Faith UCC  
- Ridgeway, PA

Federated Church  
- Hyannis, MA

First Church of Christ  
- Saffield, CT

First Community Church  
- Columbus, OH

First Community Church UCC  
- Dallas, TX

First Congregational Church  
- Manchester, VT

G

Glenview Community Church  
- Glenview, IL

Grace Congregational UCC  
- Rutland, VT

Greater Hartford UCC  
- Hartford, VT

Greenbelt Community Church  
- Greenbelt, MD

H

Hamilton Park UCC  
- Lancaster, PA

Heritage United Methodist-Men’s Fellowship  
- D’Iberville, MS

I

Immanuel UCC  
- Ketterlsville, OH

Immanuel UCC  
- Needville, TX

L

Lytton UCC-Helping Hand Society  
- Delta, OH

M

Miami Shores Community Church  
- Miami Shores, FL

N

First Congregational  
- Baraboo, WI

First Congregational Church  
- Wallingford, CT

First Congregational Church  
- Grand Marais, MN

First Congregational Church  
- Stratford, CT

First Congregational Church  
- Hopkins, MN

First Congregational Church  
- Malone, NY

First Congregational Church  
- Huntsburg, OH

First Congregational Church of Spencer-Women’s Fellowship  
- Spencer, MA

First Congregational UCC  
- Waterbury, CT

First Congregational UCC  
- Lake Mills, WI

First Congregational UCC  
- Appleton, WI

First Congregational UCC  
- Ravenna, OH

First Congregational UCC-Women’s Fellowship  
- Rhinelander, WI

First Trinity Evangelical UCC  
- Metairie, LA

First UCC  
- Northfield, MN

First UCC-Women’s Fellowship  
- Irwin, PA

Naples UCC  
- Naples, FL

New Hampshire Conference UCC  
- Pembroke, NH

North Texas Association  
- Chilton, TX

P

Penn Central Conf UCC  
- Harrisburg, PA

Pilgrim Church  
- Duxbury, MA

Pilgrim Congregational Church-Women’s Fellowship  
- Williams, MN

Pleasant Hill UCC  
- Pleasant Hill, OH

Pleasantville UCC  
- Chalfont, PA

Plymouth UCC  
- Spring, TX

R

Redeemer UCC  
- Marion, TX

Redeemer UCC  
- Sussex, WI

Redeemer UCC-Church School  
- Marion, TX

Redeemer UCC-Redeemer Fellowship  
- Marion, TX

Rocky Hill Congregational Church  
- Rocky Hill, CT

Round Grove UCC  
- Lewisville, TX

S

Salem UCC  
- Doylestown, PA

United Church of Christ  
- Sunday School

California, MO

Shelton Congregational Church  
- Shelton, CT

Silver Lake Conference Center  
- Sharon, CT

First Congregational Church  
- Malone, NY

South Congregational Church  
- East Hartford, CT

South Congregational Church  
- Granby, CT

South Congregational Church-Women’s Association  
- Kennebunkport, ME

Spring Hill UCC  
- Spring Hill, FL

St. Andrew UCC  
- Sarasota, FL

St. John UCC  
- Defiance, OH

St. John UCC  
- Rosenberg, TX

St. John’s Christian Church  
- Archbold, OH

St. John’s Evangelical UCC  
- New Port Richey, FL
MEMORIAL GIFTS

A

Ms. June Adams
- memory of Theodore J. Adams
Helen Alt
- memory of Lester F. Alt
Robert Anderson
- memory of Johnnie N. Anderson
Ms. Fran Apaltauer
- memory of Florence Stoner

B

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Linda Beck
- memory of Joe Gesing & Diane Prestemon
Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Elizabeth Bibic
- memory of Dorothy Bibic
Mary Bryant-Miller
- memory of Mary Elizabeth Bass Bryant
Mr. & Mrs. Randall & Marilyn Buchman
- memory of Roger Perl

C

Mrs. Arlene Canaan
- memory of Sherman Canaan
Elaine Carter
- memory of Clyde Carter

D

Mrs. Marilyn Deegan
- memory of Dr. Robert W. Deegan
Mr. & Mrs. Edgar & Faye Deitemyer
- memory of Edgar Deitemyer
Mrs. Catharine Dunn
- memory of Melissa Dunn Kinder

E

Elaine Euchus
- memory of Donna Goodberlet

F

Lynn & Mary Ann Ewing
- memory of Lucille Tangeman

G

Kate E. Feeney-Bastian
- memory of Wilbur Bastian
Mr. & Mrs. Duane
& Marlene Fenstermann
- memory of Diane Prestemon
Rev. & Mrs. Donald & Jo Anne Flick
- memory of Mrs. Helen M. Whitener

H

Betty Gerth
- memory of Walter Gerth
Ms. Marilyn Giese
- memory of Dr. Stan Giese
Mr. A. M. Gifford
- memory of Mr. & Mrs. John & Kathryn Gifford
Mrs. Marian Gmeiner
- memory of John Gmeiner
Ms. Ruth Goings
- memory of Ken Goings
Grace Green & Janice Jones
- memory of Violet Moss
Mr. James Grove
- memory of Susannah P. Grove

I

Rev. & Mrs. Curtis & Ruth Minter
- memory of William Homeister

J

Mr. Keith G. Halliday
- memory of Gillian Kay Halliday
Mrs. Marilyn Homeister
- memory of Rev. William Homeister

K

Ms Fran Kacmar
- memory of Martin M. Kacmar Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey & Tonja Kelly
- memory of Kristen Leigh Biondi
Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Liz King
- memory of CDR. William C. King USN, Ret.
Mrs. Lynda Knight
- memory of Emily Shepard (mother)
Mr. & Mrs. Erwin & Grace Koch
- memory of Rev. Roger Perl
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest & Eileen Kruse
- memory of our parents

L

Mr. & Mrs. John & Cynthia Lasker
- memory of Mr. Walter C. Brownlie
Ms. Alberta Lichte
- memory of Rev. Melvin Lichte

M

Charles & Mildred McMahon
- memory of Dennis McMahon
Memorial UCC
- memory of Jon Holtschoppe
Rev. & Mrs. Curtis & Ruth Minter
- memory of Mrs. Beatrice Mohr

N

Mr. Jim Nesbitt
- memory Steven Lee Nesbitt

O

Mrs. Marcie Opfer
- memory Joe Gesing

P

Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Judith Page
- memory of John Gmeiner
Mrs. Jeanie Perl
- memory of Roger D. Perl
Ms. Marian Plant Petry
- memory of John H. Petry, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Jean Prestemon
- memory of Diane Prestemon
John & Sherily Prestemon
- memory of Diane Prestemon
Richard G. Prestemon
- memory of Diane Prestemon
Rev. Shari Prestemon
- memory of Diane Prestemon

Q

Mrs. Berna Reinewald
- memory of Rev. Henry L. Reinewald
Ms. Sylvia Richards
- memory of William Fairchild
Mr. James Roberds
- memory of Kay Hensley Roberds
Dr. & Mrs. Roland & Kathryn Roberts
- memory of Ella Willenbrook
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Susan Rock
- memory of Paul Petry & Grace Murray Hilton

R

Rev. & Mrs. Arlan & Sharon Schlundt
- memory of Rev. Milton & Edna Straube
Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Carol Sivesind
- memory of Diane Prestemon
Ms. Alexa Sorant
- memory of Edward & Alice Sorant

S

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- memory of Lucille Tangeman
Mrs. Karen Tielkemeier
- memory of Marsden
Mrs. Dorothy Smith Tinsler
- memory of Hollis C. Tinsler

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- memory of Frederick J. Weaver
Rev. Richard Weikel
- memory of Rev. Dr. Fred Rupley
Ms. Majorie Williams
- memory of Bruce M. Williams
Patricia Worthman
- memory of our daughter
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