New Opportunities
+ New Ways to Serve
SAME MISSION

Partnership Brings Opportunity!
Mission Statement

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.”

Table of Contents

Reflections from the Executive Director
Walk of Faith check presentation ..........................................................................................................................3
We Love our Volunteers and Guests .........................................................................................................................4
A Mission Moment ..................................................................................................................................................5
Since We Last Spoke ..............................................................................................................................................6
Feature Story .........................................................................................................................................................7
Donors and Gifts ....................................................................................................................................................8-15

Find us on Facebook

Back Bay Mission has an “official” Facebook page. www.facebook.com/BackBayMission
Come check us out and share stories, comments, and photos about your experience here at Back Bay Mission.
I know pride can be a dangerous thing, but sometimes I just can’t help myself when it comes to Back Bay Mission. Pride fills my heart when I recognize so clearly the good and meaningful work we have done.

One of those proud moments was at the recent 50th anniversary commemoration of the 1963 Biloxi wade-in. The 60’s were tumultuous times in Mississippi, and the struggle for civil rights was fierce. “Wade-ins” were peaceful protests waged by civil rights activists to integrate segregated beaches, and there had already been two such wade-ins in Biloxi, one in 1960 ending with mob violence. In 1963, three individuals from Back Bay Mission would make the courageous choice to be the only white participants in the wade-in: Reverend Jack Areogood, Reverend Roger Gallagher, and a college-age intern at the Mission, George Wright. Though no violence erupted on that day, there were bitter consequences for them, for the Mission, and for our United Church of Christ congregations in Biloxi. Church members left in anger, the safety of these men and their families was threatened, and the Mission became a target for vandalism and outrage. But yet they had made the faithful choice on that hot June day in 1963, to stand in solidarity with those who were suffering, to let God’s justice roll. And yes, that makes me proud.

I felt that unmistakable swell of pride on another recent day as well, when I saw one of our clients for the first time in weeks. Val was well known to most of us at the Mission, a homeless man who’d spent years on the streets before finding our Micah Day Center and then becoming a resident in our Home At Last program. Val struggled with chronic alcohol abuse, so one often saw him looking grizzled and unkempt. But on this recent day when I saw him, that wasn’t the case. His step was steady, his appearance healthy, his eyes clear. He had just gotten back from a residential alcohol treatment program we had arranged, part of the case management plan his BBM case worker had developed with him. And the difference was stunning. When I spoke with him later, he was quiet but confident, determined to stay sober and grateful for a new beginning. I’m proud of him, and pleased that BBM is part of the journey with him.

I could name a thousand more proud moments of Back Bay Mission’s ministry: driving through local neighborhoods and realizing that just how many of the homes have been lovingly repaired and rebuilt by BBM volunteers; the instant when a desperate family realizes with visible relief that we can actually help; the multiple times we have stood for justice and compassion with those who often find the world friendless and unkind. Indeed, we have much about which we can feel proud.

Yet nothing we’ve done and will ever do can ever be accomplished alone. Of this I am certain. It takes every one of our wonderful staff team, dedicated to service and excellence. It takes each incredible volunteer, so eager to contribute their talents and their hearts. It takes each generous giver, investing their trust and their treasure in this ministry we share. Together we accomplish something about which all of us can be proud.

Grace and peace,

Reverend Shari Prestemon

Is Back Bay Mission in your will?

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.

“Walk of Faith” committee members stopped by to present a donation to Back Bay Mission to present a $500.00 donation.
Cathy Wildschuetz, a Back Bay Mission volunteer recently was honored by the United Way of South Mississippi with the President’s Volunteer Service Award. The President’s Volunteer Service Award is a national award recognizing volunteer service. Cathy was instrumental in assisting with last December’s extremely successful Christmas baskets and backpacks giveaway.

Congregational United Church of Christ, Western Springs, IL. Over 100 youth hit Mississippi’s Gulf Coast during their spring break but not for the usual reasons. This group came to participate in service projects assisting low income Gulf Coast residents.

Pictured from Left to Right: Ms. Ethel Curry (Volunteer), Lavada Vincent, and Sonny Vincent. Sonny and Lavada Vincent of Live in the Give Ministries stopped by the Mission to drop off several items for our guests at the Micah Center and our Home At Last program.

Executive Director Shari Prestemon with Dr. Gilbert Mason, Jr., at the Biloxi commemoration celebrating 50 years of beach desegregation. Dr. Mason’s father was one of the original leaders attempting to integrate the beaches of Southern Mississippi. Three persons associated with the Mission in 1963 joined sixty-nine others protesting the segregation of local beaches.

Are you receiving more than one copy of The Changing Tides?

Getting more than one version of each appeal? Not receiving e-newsletters and announcements? Stay connected to Back Bay Mission and help us reduce mailing costs by updating your contact information!

There are several ways you can update your information:
Go to the Back Bay Mission website, www.thebackbaymission.org or Contact the Mission at 228.432.0301
Contact Church Relations Associate Christopher Marlin-Warfield at 228.243.5322 or email chris@thebackbaymission.org
Contact Community Relations Associate Derek Eady at 228.432.0301 or email deady@thebackbaymission.org
Thanks for your help!
A Mission Moment
By Rev. Michele Bagby Allan Pastor, The United Church of Christ, North Hampton, NH

Our journey to Back Bay Mission felt blessed from its beginning. Our faith community has long engaged in mission/learning trips for youth, and over the years this commitment has taken us to Mexico, San Antonio, TX, New York City, and Boston. Every experience has been blessed in its own way. This year, we took the time to invite the youth to express where they would most like to give of themselves in service through a very intentional process. They poured over the 40 pages of mission opportunities available through the UCC. They prioritized three opportunities based upon their hopes to learn something new, to engage with a diversity of people and cultures, and to give of themselves in meaningful service. Leaders contacted the 3 organizations to learn more and brought the findings back to the youth. Together the youth selected Back Bay Mission for their 2013 Youth Mission Trip.

The journey continued to be serendipitously blessed even before it began through opportunities to meet the Back Bay Mission Director, Shari Prestemon, at the New Hampshire Conference Annual Meeting and the opportunity to meet the other group that would be at Back Bay Mission with us, a group of adults who live just an hour north of our town.

We arrived, new to the area and after very little sleep, having left for our journey at 3 am. We were greeted by the other mission group and by Back Bay Mission staff with grand hospitality and a warm meal ready and prepared. We settled in excited and wondering what life would be like for the week ahead.

We were continually blessed over the course of our week with meaningful projects, challenging opportunities, and chances to offer our hands in service directly with people in the Biloxi community. Many of the youth were particularly grateful to serve at the Micah Center, the food pantry, and at Loaves and Fishes’ hunger ministry. These opportunities rounded out the more physical construction work and gave them greater understandings of the life stories and experiences of the people whom they met.

As is no doubt often relayed in the reflections from mission trippers, it is difficult to put into words the depth of gratitude that our group felt in being able to participate in the ministry of Back Bay Mission. We were changed and challenged, blessed and overwhelmed, inspired and encouraged. While our young people (and adult leaders) learned how to mud, they also learned about one another, and grew in understanding of and compassion for the struggles of others. While they did demolition and learned the fine art of identifying poison ivy, they learned to give of themselves and to see the face of God in the person working very hard to find his daily bread. These are the gifts that defy words, really.

At the end of each mission trip, it has become our practice to spend an evening processing our experiences. Often a leader will pose questions to the youth, and they will respond with their thoughts. Depending on the group dynamics and the fatigue level, this exercise is sometimes filled with a fair amount of silence. Other times, again depending upon the group, the time is filled with a fair few tears. This year, while I had written a number of questions on the white board so that they could be thinking about them, one question consumed most of our reflection time. For more than an hour, our group of 12 youth and 5 adults talked about this question. “Where did you see God this week?” The youth saw God in one another and in the ways that they cared for one another as they learned and grew. They saw God in their leaders, in the other adult group that was there with us, in the guests at the Micah Center and at Loaves and Fishes. They saw God in the stories of survival and perseverance. They saw God in the work of the staff at Back Bay Mission. Nearly at every turn, they had the opportunity through their mission service and learning to see the face of God in friend and stranger and in the challenge and change to which they were called.

Ours may have been a fairly unique group of youth, as we had young people from 6 different churches who came together to spend their April vacation working together in service in a place none of them had ever experienced. That they all were blessed with such experiences of God’s love and abiding presence is a blessing that trumps them all. We extend a depth of gratitude to the people of Back Bay Mission and the Biloxi community. May your continuing housing recovery and compassionate efforts be blessed with the same kind of encouragement that you have given us. Indeed, we have seen God in this work and in the ways that we have been blessed to partner together.

Volunteers from The United Church of Christ, North Hampton, NH

5
Since we last spoke...

Back Bay Mission took part in the United Church of Christ’s Mission 4/1 Earth initiative. Mission 4/1 Earth is “one united church on a shared resurrection witness for Planet Earth during 50 great days of greening up, powering down, and shouting out for the environment.”

In an effort to support this initiative Back Bay Mission staff, Board of Directors, volunteers, and local community partners have planted 10 trees (7 locally and 3 across the globe), and volunteered more than 300 hours. Below are images captured of various clean-up and tree planting activities in support of Mission 4/1 Earth.

Mission 4/1 Earth Initiative

Evangelical UCC of Highland, IL and First Community Church of Columbus, OH help plant a tree during their week of volunteering at the Mission.

Back Bay Mission’s Board of Directors and staff help plant a tree on the Mission’s campus.

Volunteers from South Congregational Church of Kennebunkport, ME and North Hampton UCC of North Hampton, NH along with Back Bay Mission staff help with clean-up in Biloxi as part of Mission 4/1 Earth.

Our community partners from the Beau Rivage joined us to pick up litter.

The Averhart Family (Biloxi) enjoyed planting their new tree. Back Bay Mission staff and volunteers from Evangelical UCC of Highland, IL and First Community Church of Columbus, OH were also on hand to help.

Zwingli UCC of Souderton, PA and First UCC of Carlisle, PA participated in a tree planting in Biloxi.
Partnership Brings Opportunity

by Derek Eady

When Kenney Washington, Director of Client Services for Back Bay Mission sat down with Jennifer Williams, Director of Catholic Social and Community Services for the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi, to discuss several issues facing both organizations, neither could have known that a life changing event was about to happen.

The two have been constant collaborators bouncing ideas off each other in an effort to come up with the type of innovative and impactful services both organizations are known for here on the Gulf Coast.

Williams had a dilemma concerning Catholic Charities’ Twelve Baskets Food Bank. Twelve Baskets is a food distribution center which Williams oversees that was in need of someone with warehouse and distribution experience. Washington immediately saw this as an opportunity for both organizations to step up in a new way. “I was looking at how to get our clients employed and a way that Jennifer’s organization could get their employment need met,” says Washington.

The two had formerly collaborated on other services with Emergency Assistance being the most recent, but never on employment issues. “The trick was finding someone who wants to work, someone who no one else would give a chance, and someone who had the experience to fill this position,” says Williams. “It was important for us to fill all of those aspects.”

Kenney left the meeting with the challenge of finding someone who would match what Jennifer was looking for, represent Back Bay well, and potentially serve as an ambassador for this model of partnership.

Kenney did not have to look far. Right under his nose at the Micah Day Center was a guest who had been coming since 2012 and who would end up being the perfect candidate.

Rodney Harris has been coming to the Micah Day Center since 2012, when, after the tragic death of his wife, he found himself homeless. Harris’s wife had had a stroke and the mounting hospital bills drove Harris’s family into financial ruin. Like so many Americans with medical debt, Harris ended up losing the home he and his wife had made and ultimately living out of his vehicle.

“I didn’t want to stay with family because I didn’t want to be a burden. This was my issue,” says Harris. “I stayed some nights with friends and I got temporary jobs that paid enough for me to get a hotel room at times,” adds Harris.

Harris had the experience that Mrs. Williams was looking for and Washington saw Harris as just the right person to represent many of the Mission’s clients in this unique situation. Harris went through the interview process and was later informed that he had been chosen for the position.

Left to right: Jennifer Williams, Rodney Harris, and Kenney Washington

“Based on his resumé he is way over qualified,” says Williams. “We didn’t talk about the program or why the person was picked. In the look on his face; I saw him seeing his life becoming different,” Williams continued.

Harris has been on the job now for over a month and everyday is a clear reminder not only of what he went through, but how it’s turning around. “So many need an opportunity,” says Harris, “I like what I’m doing because I’m helping other people.”

Harris continues, “My wife used to volunteer and even though I work here (not volunteering), I figure I’m making her happy.”

Harris is also making co-workers very happy. Jennifer Keegan, Director of Twelve Baskets, is Harris’s immediate supervisor and she voiced high praises for Harris: “He is non-stop! With him we’ve been able to accomplish so much because he is such a hard worker. We are glad to have him.”

Williams and Washington hope that Harris’s placement is only the beginning in what will evolve into a model of job placement practices. “We hope to connect with retailers and other distribution points to offer employment opportunities,” said Washington.

Williams added, “We also hope to bring someone else in within the next 6 months, and have Harris mentor them.”

When asked what he hopes to have come out of this opportunity, Harris responded, “A home and a future. A home and a future.”
Thank You! Your generosity enables our ministry and changes lives.
The following gifts were received between March 2013 - June 2013 only.

INDIVIDUAL/CORPORATE GIFTS

A
Virginia J. Ackerman
Mrs. Phyllis Alderfer
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Phyllis Allan
Ms. Janice Andersen
Calvin & Nina Anderson
Larry Auck

B
Rev. & Mrs. Carl & Marie Bade
Dan & Dawn Balduf
Ms. Gail Ballweg
Billy & Sharon Barger
Mr. & Mrs. Kerry & Marie Bartels
Elaine Bast
Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Virginia Beamish
The Beauchemin Family
Ms. Mary Beaumont
Mr. Ernest Bengston, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Videen Bennett
Ms. Ellen Bentz
Jeanette & John Bertsch
Best Western Oak Manor Motel
Biloxi Regional Medical Center
Rev. Gene Birmingham
Donald & Mary Boos
Ms. Nancy Bowden
Mr. Robert Boynton
Terri Bracy
Bob & Tassie Brautigam
Robert D. or Teddy M Bray
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin & Shirley Brubaker
Rev. Daniel L. Busch

C
John Camp
Mrs. Florence Carlson
Ms. Renee Caskie
Ms. Dorothy Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Olive Cochran
Dr. & Mrs. Edward & Peggy Collins

D
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice & Mary Darrohn
Mr. Robert Davis
Edwin A. Dudley
Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Molly Dunford
Mr. & Mrs. Luther & Diane Durgin
Leona Einsel
Mr. & Mrs. Will & Louise Esteve
Mrs. Agnes Evans
Ms. Jean Evans
Rev. Phyllis Evelyn
Mr. & Mrs. James & Wendy Fanning
Ms. Beth Ferrari
Mr. & Mrs. Nevin & Liz Fessler
Mr. & Mrs. Carl & Mary Flaks
Ms. Carol Flores
Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Karen Ford
Ilse Foster
Ms. Sharon Fowler & Ms. Barbara Putrino
Mr. & Mrs. Bradford & Lisa Freeman
Helen Frey

E
Mr. & Mrs. John & Helen Gilsdorf
Rev. Edward Gobrecht
Mr. & Rev. Charles & Charlotte Gosselink
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Ronda Gray
Linda Gruber
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Thomsa Haas
Dr. & Mrs. Gary & Betty Hackenberg
Deloris A. Westphal & Jane L. Harland
Daniel & Alice Hall
Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Karen Harmel
Dr. & Mrs. John & Georgiana Harris
Mr. Bernhard Harst
Dave & Loretta Heigle
Mr. & Mrs. David & Mildred Henry
Tim & Sue Herbrand
Dr. George & Dr. Parmie Herman
Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Joyce Hertz
Steve & Shelah Hoblin
Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Mary Hollinger
Brice Martin Hughes
Carol Hundley
Doug Hunter & Kristine Kocen
Ms. Elizabeth Hutchinson
Mr. Ralph Hutchinson

F
Ms. Ruth Johanningsmeier
Ms. Debra Joseph
Scott Allan Joyce

G
Rev. & Mrs. John & Nadine Gantt
Mel & Betsy Gensamer
Douglas Gerdt
Anthony P. Madonna M. Giamberdino
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Marion Gilmore
Mr. & Mrs. John & Helen Gilsdorf
Rev. Edward Gobrecht
Mr. & Rev. Charles & Charlotte Gosselink
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Ronda Gray
Linda Gruber
Mr. & Mrs. James & Ruth Konrad
Jim Krier
Mr. Vincent Kuluz
Economy Drugs
Rev. Roy Kunnenmann
Lu-Roy Properties
Rev. & Mrs. Ronald & Elaine Kurtz

H
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey & Pamela Lacina
Bruce & Betty Landis
Mr. & Mrs. Peter & Patricia Lawes
Todd & Nancy Leemkuil
Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Imo Lehman
Rev. E.W. Lechtenberg
Ms. Alberta Lichte
Mr. Peter Liermann
Milton Linn
Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Liz Livingood
Ms. Norma Ludvig
Barney Lykins

I
Mr. & Mrs. David & Anne Maier
Greg and Brenda Marin
Christopher Marlin-Warfield
Karen Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Mari McCarty
Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Christina McKenrick
Priscilla D. Mead
Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Mary Metcalf
Mr. & Mrs. John & Mary Miller
Linda Miller
Mark & Patricia Molloy
Ms. Geraldine Mooers
Rev. & Mrs. Richard & Grace Moore
Ms. Jan More
Richard & Susan Morey
Mr. Bill Morris
Ms. Priscilla Morrison
Charles B. Murphy Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Murphy
& Nodie Murphy
Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Murphy
Douglaston Murtle
Mr. & Mrs. Allen & Judith Myrick

Ms. Jean Neal

Rev. & Mr. Gail & William O’Neal
Rev. Dr. & Rev. Keran & Paul Olm-Stoelting
Mr. & Mrs. Dick & Sara Olson
Ms. Marilyn Oyster

P
Mr. & Mrs. John & Meghan Palmer
Mrs. Ruth Peeples
Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Edna Pelto
Ms. Geraldine Blenman & Ms. Inez Peters
Ms. Ann Marie Prophett

R
Ms. Helen Rice
Ms. Sylvia Richards
Mr. & Mrs. Wells & Karen Ridenour
Mr. & Mrs. Russ & Karen Rifleman
Rev. & Mrs. Donald & Anne Rock
John & Susan Rodgers
Mrs. Evelyn Rose
Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Joan Ross
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald & Mary Roths

S
Mr. Ralph Sanderson
Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Barbara Schauer
Amy Scheer
Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Barbara Schmidt
Rev. & Mrs. Bruno & Linda Schroeder
Nedra A. Shelly
Mr. & Mrs. L. D. & Beverly Silliphant
John & Pam Small
David Snyder
Mr. Clark Sparks
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Tamra Staudter
Rev. Marilyn Stavenger
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence & Mary Stone
Rev. Cheryl Stoneback
Rev. & Mrs. Arthur & Alice Stratemeyer
Ms. Petra Streiff & Ms. Laron Stuessy
Mr. & Mrs. Gayle or Lois Strickler
Ms. Mary Swanson

T
Terry & Jeanette Tangeman
Mrs. Barbara Thomas
Mr. Richard Turner
Robert Turton
Ms. Irene Tewit

V
Mr. & Mrs. Angelos & Elizabeth Vamvakas
Ms. Mary Van Horne
John & Jane Veldman
Mr. Walter Vonderohe
Ms. Mary Sue Voth

W
Dwight Wagenius
S Reid & Joan Warren
Mr. & Mrs. David & Anne Weaver, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne & Melinda Westbrook
Ms. Jo Ann Westphal
Mr. & Mrs. Emmet & Betty White
Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Olivia White
Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Susan White
Mr. Gary Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Nancy Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest & Virginia Wise

Ms. Marilyn Workman

Y
Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Sylvia Yaekle
Mr. & Mrs. David & Marcia Yochum
Ms. Abigail Young

Z
Mrs. Joyce Zillig
Ralph & Andrea Zuleeg

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

B
Bethany Congregational
-San Antonio, TX
Bethany UCC
-Freeport, IL
Bethlehem UCC
-Evansville, IN
Bethlehem UCC
-Ann Arbor, MI

C
Cedar Hills UCC
-Portland, OR
Central Congregational UCC
-Atlanta, GA
Christ Congregational UCC
-Brockton, MA
Church of the Redeemer
-Westlake, OH
Columbia UCC
-Columbia, OH
Community Church
-Richmond, IL
Community Congregational Church
-New Port Richey, FL
Community of Hope UCC
-Madison, WI
Congregational Church-Evening
Women’s Assoc.
-Prospect, CT
Congregational UCC
-Whitewater, WI
Congregational UCC
-Austin, TX
Congregational UCC
-St. Charles, IL

D
David’s UCC
-Kettering, OH

E
East Granby Congregational Church
-East Granby, CT
East Side Congregational Women’s Fellowship
-Binghamton, NY
Emmanuel UCC
-Bluffers, OH
Emmanuel UCC
-Allentown, PA
English Congregational UCC
-Big Rock, IL

F
Faith UCC
-New Braunfels, TX
Faith United Church of Christ
-Ridgway, PA
Federated Church of Orleans
-East Orleans, MA
First Church Congregational
-Fairfield, CT
First Church of Christ
-Suffield, CT
First Community Church
-Columbus, OH
First Community Church Women’s Guild
-Columbus, OH
First Congregational Church
-Falmouth, MA
First Congregational Church
-Stratford, CT
First Congregational Church
-Malone, NY
First Congregational Church
-Sarasota, FL
First Congregational Church
-Des Plaines, IL
First Congregational Church
Waterbury, CT
First Congregational Church UCC
- Houston, TX
First Congregational Church UCC
- Menomonie, WI
First Congregational Church UCC
- Rhinelander, WI
First Congregational Church
- Watertown, CT
First Congregational Church
- River Falls, WI
First Congregational Church
- Wisconsin Rapids, WI
First Congregational Church UCC
- Columbus, OH
First Congregational Church
- Muskegon, MI
First Congregational Church
- Hopkinton, NH
First Congregational Church of Westfield
- Westfield, MA
First Congregational Church UCC
- Battle Creek, MI
First Congregational Church UCC
- Western Springs, IL
First Congregational Church Woman’s Society
- Western Springs, IL
First Congregational Church Woman’s Fellowship
- Stanford, CT
First Congregational Church Woman’s Fellowship
- Hopkinton, NH
First Congregational UCC
- Houston, TX
First Congregational UCC
- Appleton, WI
First Congregational UCC
- Fremont, OH
First Congregational Church Woman’s Fellowship
- Rhinelander, WI
First Ecclesiastical Society
- New Britian, WI
First UCC
- Marion, OH
First UCC - Women’s Fellowship
- Irwin, PA

Immanuel UCC
- Needville, TX
Michigan Conference UCC
- East Lansing, MI
Mt. Zion UCC
- Wapwallopen, PA
Mystic Congregational Church
- Mystic, CT
N O Association UCC
- New Orleans, LA
North Congregational Church Woman’s Fellowship
- Woodbury, CT
North Texas Association
- Chilton, TX
Northwest Ohio Association Women’s Board
- Tiffin, OH
Old South UCC-Women’s Fellowship
- Kirtland, OH
Olmsted Community Church
- Olmsted Falls, OH
Parkway UCC
- St. Louis, MO
Peace Community
- Waldo, OH
Peace UCC-Women’s Fellowship
- Greensboro, NC
Pilgrim Christian Church
- Chardon, OH
Pilgrim UCC
- Cincinnati, OH
Plymouth Congregational Church Woman’s Fellowship
- Coconut Grove, FL
Redeemer UCC
- Marion, TX
Redlands UCC
- Redlands, CA
Round Grove UCC
- Lewisville, TX
Immanuel UCC
- Needville, TX
Somers Congregational Church
- Somers, CT
South Congregational Church
- East Hartford, CT
St John’s Reformed UCC
- Hunker, PA
St Johns UCC
- Loganton, PA
St John’s UCC
- Tiffin, OH
St. Peter’s & St. Paul’s UCC
- Cincinnati, OH
St. Peter Church Woman’s Fellowship
- Seven Hills, OH
St. John’s UCC
- Freeport, IL
St. John’s UCC
- Rosenberg, TX
St. John’s Baseline UCC Woman’s Guild
- Bloomville, OH
St. John’s Christian Church
- Archbold, OH
St. John’s Evangelical UCC
- St. Louis, MO
St. John’s UCC
- Elmore, OH
St. John’s UCC
- Mokena, IL
St. John’s UCC Woman’s Fellowship
- Red Lion, PA
St. John’s UCC Woman’s Guild
- Fairmont, MN
St. Matthew’s UCC
- Wheaton, IL
St. Paul’s UCC
- Wapakoneta, OH
St. Paul’s UCC
- Wausau, WI
St. Paul’s UCC
- New Orleans, LA
St. Paul’s United Church
- Rio Rancho, NM
St. Peter’s UCC
- Elmhurst, IL
St. Peter’s UCC
- Saukville, WI
Storrs Congregational Church
- Storrs, CT

The Community Church
- Vero Beach, FL
Trinity UCC
- Brookfield, WI
Trinity UCC
- Canton, OH
UCC
- Avon Lake, OH
UCC-Nashville
- West Milton, OH
Union Congregational Church Woman’s Fellowship
- Avon Park, FL
Victory Full Gospel Christian Center
- Ocean Springs, MS
Wisconsin Conference UCC
- DeForest, WI
Zion UCC
- Waukon, IA

HONOR GIFTS

B
Mr. George W. Bahner
In honor of Grant & Donna Field
Rev’s. Robert & Lavon Bayler
In honor of Michael Bayler
J. A. Blackmon
In honor of the help you gave us
Mr. & Mrs. James & Dale Bonds
In honor of Shari Prestemon
Ms. Candy Bristol
In honor of Pleasant Run UCC

F
First Community Church
- Women’s Guild
In honor of Paul Baumer
H
Mrs. Colleen Hafner
In honor of Rev. Jeanette Sherrill

M
Ms. Dorothy Mitchell
In honor of Bill Mitchell
Mr. John Mitchell
In honor of William Mitchell
Ms. Kathleen Mitchell
In honor of William Mitchell
Ms. Catherine Moses
In honor of Back Bay Mission

N
Rogin Nassau LLC
In honor of Mary Wright

P
John & Sheryl Prestemon
In honor of Shari Prestemon
Ms. Sharon Fowler &
Ms. Barbara Putrino
In honor of William & Jennifer Fowler

R
Marilyn E. Ries
In honor of Rev Shelly

S
Phil & Barbara Salstrom
In honor of Mr. & Mrs. John Prestemon
Rev. Alfred Schroeder
& Mrs. Catherine Sprague
In honor of Kevin & Vivian Rettig
Mr. & Mrs. Dick
& Nancy Schultz
In honor of the Hansen Family

T
Mike Tilden
In honor of Plymouth Fellowship
Timothy & Kay Treu
In honor of May Theo Hudnall

V
Mr. & Mrs. James
& Nancy Vodra
In honor of William W. & Dru Vodra

U
Union Congregational Church
Men’s Fellowship
In honor of BBM

W
Lynda Weston
In honor of Rev. Keith Stuart & Cynthia Stuart
Ms. Ruth White
In honor of Richard Gourley
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin
& Norean Woodin
In honor of Betsy Tobak

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A
Mrs. Shirley Adams
In memory of Jimmy Adams Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Jim
& Anita Altenbaumer
In memory of Ron Kuhlman
Mr. & Mrs. Robert
& Holly Antkowiak
In memory of Bernice Hoberg

B
Mary Bryant-Miller
In memory of Mary Bryant
Mr Derrick M Byrd, Jr
In memory of Rev.
& Mrs. Derrick M. Byrd Sr.

C
Ms. Marjorie Cooley
In memory of Henry Cooley
Mr. & Mrs. Dick
& Doreve Gridlebaugh
In memory of GB Gridlebaugh
& Walter Alole

D
Mrs. Wilma Farmer
In memory of Rev. Dr. Clifford
Farmer, Bruce
& Chris Farmer
Dr. Randall Fellman
In memory of Kerry
Ms. Barbara Fleshman
In memory of Mildred
& Leroy Fleshman
Mr. & Mrs. Dan
& Bonnie Kay Forry
In memory of Marlene Dietz

E
Mr. & Mrs. Walter
& Sherry Halvorson
In memory of Richard Sandry
Norma Heinbuch
In memory of Rev. Henry Heinbuch

F
Ms. Jean Snitker
In memory of Verla A. Cade
Mr. Edward “Pete” Stander
In memory of Eileen
Mrs. Janette Streiff
In memory of Kenneth Streiff

I
Mr. Edward Ikerd
In memory of Elizabeth B. Ikerd

J
Mr. Scott Allan Joyce
In memory of Grace C. Joyce

K
Mrs. Patricia Kern
In memory of Rev Barry Kern
Rev. & Mrs. Paul
& Dorothy Kiewit
In memory of Dorothy Kiewit
Mrs. Lynda Knight
In memory of Butch Knight

L
Chris Lambert
In memory of Marie Hayes

O
Ms. Ellen Ott
In memory of Frank & Ester Rocille
Back Bay Mission staff, volunteers, and community partners clean up John Henry Beck Park in Biloxi, MS.