

Date: April 25, 2013

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: St. Thomas More

Those in attendance –
Don Neifer – St. Mark's
Mary Jane Fulcher –
St. Thomas More
Leslie and Jim Cady –
Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints
Norm Almanson –
Dayspring
Wib Miller – St. Mark's and
BG Christian Food Pantry
Denise Foos – St. Aloysius
Emmy Hann – First
Presbyterian

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Through understanding,
communication, compassion,
and cooperation, Wood County
Area Ministries, an interfaith
network, will equip and
organize its members to better
serve the underserved in our
community.*

*Our Vision:
Wood County Area Ministries
seeks to meet the basic needs
of the people in our
community through faith and
compassion by empowering
them to live self-sufficient and
spiritually fulfilled lives.*

Wood County Area Ministries

- **Welcome and Opening Prayer** – welcome from Don Neifer
Prayer by Leslie Cady
- **Old Business:**
Feed the 5000 – 2655 items of food collected by 13 area churches
Give churches notice in the September for 2014 collection
- **New Business:** Updates from those present –
St. Mark's Furniture Pantry – collaborative with area churches to collect
unneeded furniture and items from university students. Wednesday meal
will end in May and start again in September.

First Presbyterian Church – Deacon's Closet going well. Donation will be
made to 2nd Chance in Toledo. (2nd Chance – girls rescued from being sold
into prostitution and helps them get their lives back together)

Dayspring – Celebrate Recovery doing quite well. Open to community.
Meets Friday nights at 7:00 at Dayspring. More information contact
Dayspring.

BG Christian Food Pantry – First Christian Church will lease ground for
a pantry to be built for the Pantry. Looking for grant money or donations.

St. Thomas More – 3600 individuals served in 2012 according to their
annual report. This is over 1000 families!

LDS – National Day of Prayer organized by Gary Saunders at First
Presbyterian Church 252-5176
Blood drive May 25 at church 1033 Conneaut Ave.

- **Financial Report – Denise**
Three months reported *see attached reports*
Reports from January, February and March

- **Service Report from Other Ministries**

Family Promise – National Org in Toledo, faith based program to
house the homeless. Director looking for 13 churches in BG area. They work
with individuals as well as families. The program works through 13 area
churches to house the homeless enrolled for one week every 13 weeks.
They work with social workers, giving direction to their needs, job skills,
connection to agencies. It is less expensive this way and many more are
helped. Churches are expected to feed supper and breakfast and provide
sleeping areas. 2 church members stay overnight in the church with the
families. Parents look for housing as kids go to school each day. 2 churches
have already signed on in BG area. Transportation is a challenge but BG
Transit may be an answer to at least local transportation.

Project Homeless Connect – Oct. 16 9:00 – 2:00 at St. Mark's planning
meeting **Jen Kaphart** will be spearheading this campaign. They try to pull
in all services to one location dental, doctor, health, clothing, social services,
groceries, hair cuts, etc... More info coming (*sheet given*)

Relay for Life May 17th and 18

- **Next Meeting** – July 18 11:00 - third Thursdays quarterly FUMA
First Presbyterian Church



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May 15, 2013 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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Sept. 24, 2013 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Nov. 14, 2013 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Register for the *First-Timer Training* or the *Lunch and Learn* events by calling Wood County Educational Service Center at 419-354-9010. Registration payments may be made the day of the event. Checks should be made payable to WCESC.

Purchase Orders for invoicing will be accepted as well. (Please keep in mind that if you register and don't show you will still be charged. Box lunches and other supplies will be purchased in advance for all registrants.)