

Date: June 19  
Time: 8:00 AM  
Location: St. Aloysius

Those in attendance

Don Niefer –  
St. Marks  
Tracy Knappins – SA  
Erin Hachtel – FUMC  
Mary Jane Fulcher –  
St. Tom's  
Lyn Long –  
1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian  
Emmy Hann –  
1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian  
Jo Tutolo – St. Al's  
Norm Almanson -  
Dayspring  
Wib Miller –  
St. Mark's  
Leslie Cady – LDS  
Denise Foes – St.  
Al's

**Anyone  
interested joining  
our group PLEASE  
contact  
Don Neifer**

*Our Mission:  
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

- **Welcome and Opening Prayer** – Don Neifer welcomed all
- **Old Business:**
  - **Feed the 5000** – 13 churches participated this year and we collected almost 4000 items collected
  - **First United Methodist Church** – discussion continues about building a food pantry at FUMC – BG Christian Food Pantry had to move locations to temporary site on Gould with a 1 year lease Working with Brent Pomeroy and working on paperwork Lots of work to come but plans have started
- **New Business:**
  - **Tools for Schools** – collect July 1 – August 8 Drop items at Salvation Army August 8<sup>th</sup> but SA will accept items until the end of August Leslie Cady will be calling churches for specific assignments
  - **Project Connect** will be collecting hat and scarves to donate to the area needy
  - **Salvation Army** will be collecting food for the Thanksgiving baskets and coats for families. Please drop donations to the SA
  - **United Way** has approached WAM with funds – \$3100 per year lots of paperwork and tracking of the money is involved 501C3 may be helpful, if this will be an ongoing source This money must be applied for each year Decision made to accept the money for this year and see how it works
  - **Jo Tutolo** handed out a report on WAM activity January thru May of this year – *see attached* Follow up calls for WAM – someone really needed to make these calls They are just piling up so no new cards will be made until we can find someone to regularly make these calls Each church is asked to seek a person to make these calls, Jo is willing to train. People who may be housebound but are still wanting to help people would be perfect for this job.
  - **Plain Congregational** donated a generous amount to WAM. Jo read us the accompanying letter. Much thanks to them for their generosity
- **Financial Report – Denise** – *see attached*
- **Service Report from other Ministries** –
  - **St. Al's** food pantry fed in April 720 people, 199 households with 157 children and 300 adults, 64 seniors. They fed in May 195 households with 574 people.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church** - The migrants are coming. We will be donating food and clothing items to help them out. Heavy duty clothes and boots, sunscreen, or food items needed before July 29<sup>th</sup> drop off items Th 930 – 11 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month opens at 10

*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.*

**call for times**

Alternative School will be starting weekend backpack program starting Mission team touring with Cherry Street Mission in Toledo and seeing what is needed and how they can help

**Project Connect** – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 3 at St. Mark's

This will again be a day of access to local resources

Many volunteers will be needed to help make this day a success

- **Next Meeting** – Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 at FUMC
- **Closing Prayer** – Erin Hatchel

