

Date: Nov. 7, 2013

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: St. Mark's

Those in attendance –  
Don Niefer – St. Mark's

Leslie Cady – Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter-day Saints

Jo Tutolo – St. Al's

Emmy Hann – 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

Bob Barr – Salvation Army

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Norm Almanson - Dayspring

*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 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** – Don Niefer

- **Old Business:**

**Project Homeless Connect** – Nov. 14 more info on the final numbers 40+ providers and 300 volunteers served 250 individuals more details later

- **New Business:**

Elections will be looked at in January at our meeting. Please let us know of your interest in helping or anyone you would like to nominate.

Don met with St. Paul's in Haskins – let them know about WAM

- **Updates from those present** –

**St. Al's** – WAM volunteers - someone to help with follow up and help connect people to their church of choice. Help with budgeting, etc. Volunteers will be asked to bring a friend to train to do their job. This will give us a larger pool of volunteers.

St. Al's adopt a family for Christmas.

Partnered with Meijers for *Simply Give*. Donate at Meijer Nov. 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>. Helps St. Al's food pantry.

**St. Mark's** – Furniture Pantry – serves so many each month. Always looking for furniture that is gently used.

**First Presbyterian Church** – Deacon's Closet open Wednesday

AA meets there twice a week Narcotics Anonymous meets

Deacons Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party – breakfast for families and they will receive food and gifts for kids. Santa will be there.

*La Connexion* with Beatrice Mays English as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language twice a week. Helps integrate into community. Child care is provided as needed.

**BG Christian Food Pantry** – looking to build a building on land of 1<sup>st</sup> Christian church and will be looking for help raising capital.

**Dayspring** – Operation Christmas Child collection – list in box for suggested items. Contact Dayspring if you would like to participate. Boxes distributed to needy overseas. Deadline Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Addiction recovery group *Celebrate Recovery* Friday evenings at Dayspring.

**Salvation Army working with BG Food Pantry** – will be collecting food. They will be packing food bags on Nov. 18, sorting clothing 19<sup>th</sup> and distribute 20<sup>th</sup> to families in need referred by Salvation Army.

Neighborhood ministries.net - Job Club held at BG Alliance Church Tuesdays 10:00 to noon. people looking for a job, underemployed or just looking for a change. Resumes, Job Hunting skills, etc...

**LDS** – Feed Ohio food donation 925# to BG Christian Food Pantry  
\$1000 food donation made to St. Thomas Moore Food Pantry  
Blood drive Dec. 30

- **Financial Report** – Denise

- **Service Report from Other Ministries**

Thanksgiving Feast Nov. 26 3:00 – 7:00 BG Community Center

- **Next Meeting** – Thursday, January 16, 2014  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Conneaut Ave.