

# Mission of the Month—March 2010

## Youth Summer Mission Trips and Church Camp

The mission outreach of our church begins here at home! Locally, our youth deliver Meals on Wheels, work with Habitat for Humanity and do other service projects. We are also called to serve in other communities and countries.

We have many young people in the Youth group who need financial assistance to serve others through mission trips and to attend summer church camp.

This summer we will again be using your donations for three specific youth opportunities. The first is our annual mission trip to Asheville, NC to do home repair with “ReCreation Experiences Home Repair Ministries.” This will be our ninth consecutive year working with this ministry and it is a challenging and exciting experience for all participants. We are so involved with “ReCreation” that some of their summer staff are former members of our youth group. We anticipate taking 50-60 youth and adult leaders to North Carolina this year.

In July we plan to take a group of senior high students to New Mexico to work with residents of the Navajo Nation. This trip will be in partnership with World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization that serves worldwide. We will be doing construction/home repair in a very poor area. These mission experiences are never forgotten and they allow the students to put “feet to their faith.”



The Florida United Methodist Youth Summer Camp at Leesburg is the third area where your donations make a difference. Last year we sent 30 youth to Leesburg Camp! They enjoyed a great week full of exciting activities, awesome worship, small group discussions and lots of good fellowship! Leesburg camp is a place where lives are changed and commitments to Jesus are made. Many of our youth attend camp year after year and wouldn't think of missing it! We hear often hear stories from members of our congregation about how church camp was a turning point in their lives. It's true....church camp is often the beginning of a commitment to Christ!

All of these events have the potential to be life-changing for our youth, as they learn more about servant hood and about living a life focused upon Jesus Christ. We will be doing 100% scholarships for some of the youth who would otherwise never have a chance to participate in a mission trip or church camp, and partial scholarships for others. In these tough economic times we are trusting God to provide what is needed to allow

the young people to serve and mature in His name.

If you are able to help make these summer experiences possible for our youth, please make your check payable to FUMC and mark it “Youth Scholarships.” (This is an earmarked account.) Donations can be mailed or dropped off to the church office. You can also put your appropriately marked check in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

We praise God for the members of this church and thank you, in advance, for your prayer and financial support!

In His Name,

Christina Buehler, Youth Director

