

Celebrating Successes Network

It is our hope and prayer that each local UMC will discover the JOY of partnering in uniquely tangible ways with at least one local public school as we strengthen our life in community. Please feel welcome to contact the persons listed for insights and/or Elaine Lilliston (elilliston@nccumc.org) to share additional successes as partnerships with local public school continue to evolve within our incredibly responsive Fairway District.

Increasing Literacy Rates:

★ "Summer Literacy Enrichment"

- Two days/week **reading camp** with Bible story, food, field trips for 40 children from Mineral Springs Elementary School provided by Ellerbe Charge (Rev. Elizabeth Polk epolk@nccumc.org)

★ ESL Literacy Support

- **Afterschool ESL tutorial partnership** with Apex Elementary, "Read & Feed of Wake County", Fiesta Cristiana and Apex UMC (Becki.leeland@apexumc.org)

★ Book Give-a-way

- Holland UMC **youth collected and distributed 28,000 books** to 8 Garner area public schools for summer reading
- **Moore Family Resource Center distributes books** collected by Pinehurst UMC (Rev. David Beam -- jbeam@nccumc.org)

★ Reading Tutors & Classroom Volunteers

- Children have the gift of persons spending an **hour a week listening to young children read** in Moncure, Siler City, Carbondon, Willow Springs, Candor, Fuquay-Varina, Sanford
- Contact your local public school to develop a church/school partnership

Meeting Basic Needs

★ Food

- **School Food Pantry** designed by students of North Moore HS in partnership with Pleasant Hill UMC
- **Breakfast Granola Bars** are provided by Pinehurst UMC to both North Moore HS and Pinecrest High School (Rev. David Beam – jbeam@nccumc.org)
- **Backpack Buddies** for youth in Lee County thoughtfully also include a personal care item each week... toothpaste/brushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap

- **“Student Reward Break”** at North Moore HS in partnership with Pleasant Hill, Mt. Carmel and Tabernacle UMC congregations serving together to provide snacks
- **School Vegetable Garden @ Mineral Springs Elementary** in partnership with Jones Spring UMC/Norman Charge (Rev. Dena White -- dwhite@nccumc.org)
- **“Feed the Kids”** similar to Backpack Buddies for Apex area schools by Apex, Cristiana Fiesta & 519 UMC @ Carpenter Elementary (Amanda Borchik—amanda@519church.org)

★ Clothing and Supplies

- **School Supply Collections** graciously throughout the district impacting local public schools and building relationships with schools through needed donations; for example, Pleasant Hill UMC partnered with Robbins Elementary, Westmoore Elementary and High Falls Elementary; Mt. Carmel partners with West End Elementary; Fuquay-Varina UMC partners with Wake County Southern Regional Center to support counselors in providing school supplies for clients.
- **Clothing Closets** throughout the district providing free clothing to children in need through local school counselors, church give-a-way events, partnering with “A Note in My Pocket” and a clothing closet on wheels by St Luke UMC, Sanford. Holly Springs UMC seeks to be the first responder for Holly Springs Elementary (Lisa Littleton—lisalittleton1@gmail.com) is eager to share their growing partnership.
- **“Undies Sunday”** collection of socks, underwear for local clothing closets (Rev. Gregg Presnal – greggpresnal@nccumc.org OR Mission Director Linda Dilley ldilley77@yahoo.com)

★ Prayer Support

- **Prayer Partners** at J.S. Waters Elementary and Chatham Central HS plus weekly school prayer with ongoing partnership between Goldston/Cumnock UMC (Rev. David King – dking@nccumc.org OR Adm. Co. Chair Dawn Ziblay)
- **Back to School Community Worship Celebration & Prayer Partners** at Tabernacle UMC (Rev. Mamie Alley – malley@nccumc.org)

Increasing Community Involvement

★ Staff Appreciation

- **Back to School Welcome** & ongoing partnership between Robbins Elementary School and Tabernacle UMC (Rev. Mamie Alley -- malley@nccumc.org)
- **End of School Picnic; Monthly Staff Appreciation; Improving School Grounds** result from an ongoing partnership between Mt. Gilead Elementary School and Mt. Gilead Charge (Rev. Lee Edwards -- hedwards@nccumc.org)

★ High School Team Support

- **Pre-game Friday afternoon meals** provided for the Holly Springs High School football team by Holly Springs UMC (Rev. Jim Littleton – jlittleton@nccumc.org)
- **Assisting with cross country events; school fundraisers; and, feeding** the North Moore High School football team by Pleasant Hill UMC
- **Selling French fries @ home games** by Pinehurst UMC UMM and returning all profits to Pinecrest High School (Rev. David Beam – jbeam@nccumc.org)
- **Basketball Hospitality** for Chatham Central HS provided by Goldston/Cumnock (Rev. David King – dlking57@gmail.com)

★ Sharing Our Facilities

- **Additional “testing space”** for North Moore HS was provided by Pleasant Hill UMC
- **High School Fund Raiser** utilize the church kitchen for fancy cupcake baking; **HS Art Department Awards Banquet; Homeschool Coop Prom** . . .at Fuquay-Varina UMC

★ Community Mentoring/Literacy Partnerships

- **Moore Buddies** (with Pinehurst UMC Rev. David Beam jbeam@nccumc.org)
- **Skype Classroom Readers** (St. Luke UMC in partnership with United Way, Rev. Jaye White – jayewhite@nccumc.org)
- **“Read & Feed” community collaboration** between Read & Feed of Wake County, Lincoln Heights Elementary and Sunrise UMC, First UMC-F-V and Fuquay-Varina UMC with an unique “family literacy model” providing Tuesday evening meals for the whole family; programming for parents; and, one on one reading tutoring for K-5 students. (Elaine Lilliston – elilliston@nccumc.org)