

MISSIONS

@ WILDWOOD

Missions is not only what we do, it is who we are in Jesus Christ



Impacting the lives of others

Our newest mission, Neuro-Welcoming Worship, saw a wonderful turnout at its first service. If you know a family who might benefit from this thoughtfully adapted worship experience, we warmly invite you to encourage them to join us on June 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the Children's Theatre.

As we step into the month of May, we look forward with gratitude and anticipation to a special time of highlighting the many missions of Wildwood and the incredible ways they have grown over the years. What began as faithful steps of service has blossomed into a vibrant outreach touching lives both within our community and beyond. From meeting basic needs to building relationships and sharing God's love, each mission reflects a story of commitment, compassion, and impact. Not only will we celebrate where we have been, but also the continued opportunities God places before us to serve, grow, and make a lasting difference.

- Cindy

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Our Mission

Wildwood strives to provide faith-based, community-wide solutions to individuals and families who need hope for a better future. Whether the need is a ramp enabling a wheelchair-bound individual to achieve a better quality of life, a family in need of groceries, or parents unable to provide gifts for their children at Christmas, Wildwood offers services year-round. Our outreach spreads from Magnolia to as far away as Honduras so see where your talents can be used for the Glory of God! We can always be reached by email at Missions@Wildwood-UMC.org.

Cindy O'Donnell, Missions Chair

Rev. Jessica McMullen, Associate Pastor

Mission Leaders

Adopt a Reading Buddy - Rev. Jessica

Angel Tree - Beverly Robertson

Big House - Eddie Erwin & Rev. Jessica

Family Promise - Kathy Miller

Food Pantry - Cindy O'Donnell

Hearts & Hugs Bear Ministry - Chris DuBois

Household Assistance - Mike Cooley

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Neuro-Welcoming Worship - Rev. Jessica

Prison Outreach - Glenn Smith

Ramps - Steve Ramsey

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The DAD University - Jeff Springer

Reach Out!

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In 2026 ...

Beyond The Walls - Highlighted throughout May

Big House - June 10-14th

Family Promise - week of October 26th

Neuro-Welcoming Worship - June 21st, August 16th

Household Assistance

Mike Cooley

The team made modifications to the home of a member of our Church. One of her legs had to be amputated to stop the spread of cancer which has left her wheelchair bound for now. We made the following modifications:

- Installed a 2ft, and a 4ft ramp at the front entrance and a 7 ft ramp at the back exit.
- Added a 50 sq.ft. concrete slab between their patio and the back door to provide better patio access and ramp support.
- Made a dressing area in the master bathroom by removing a spa bathtub and preparing area for tile to be installed by a contractor
- Repaired water damaged sheetrock around the master bedroom door area
- Removed the door from the master bedroom toilet room, widened the entrance area and added grab bars for safer access.
- Added a grab bar to the master bedroom shower area and added a longer hose to the shower head wand to improve access and safety.
- Added shelving at the end of a hallway
- Added a fan & light assembly in the breakfast area.
- Arranged to replace the MB carpet with lower profile carpet to provide a better rolling surface for the wheelchair.

The following volunteers are extremely grateful to have had the privilege of helping this family: Jim Harvey, Norm Quinn, Craig Kelly, Steve Ramsey, Ron Newman, Susanna Gilson, Greg Miller and Mike Cooley.



Ramps

Steve Ramsey

The team did not have a ramp build this month.

Food Pantry

Cindy O'Donnell

Because Wildwood was fortunate to be awarded a \$2,000 grant from Global Ministries' Feeding Our Neighbors program, we will be highlighted at this year's annual conference. Effective June 1, the pantry hours will be 10a-12n. **Our greatest needs continue to be soup, jelly, cereal, snacks (for children's lunches, granola bars, etc.), canned tuna and chicken, pasta, and crackers.**

Sew Much Love

Jean Kreutzer

Our group completed our Volunteers of America project. We will be gifting 50 quilts for their clients in need (men, women and children). VOA will distribute these to a couple of families living in cars. Some will go to families residing in VOA sponsored apartments, while others will go to disabled clients in wheelchairs. We love serving our community. Come sew with us on Wednesdays from 10-2pm.

The DAD University

Jeff Springer

This month I traveled to Georgetown, Texas, and presented the keynote at Crestview Baptist Church's annual church-wide Men's Ministry Dinner with over 450 in attendance. We also released several new ministry promotional videos:

<https://youtu.be/i-MFJzPYgWk?si=SdNYTA-ESV47Box3>

<https://youtu.be/UCtsoNDcQwM?si=QboNdsWGWLHKx7qA>



Stitches of Love

Cindy O'Donnell

It's so fun to see the nests for wildlife babies as well as beautiful blankets. If you crochet or knit, please join this fun group of ladies from the community as they share their creations, new patterns, and lots of laughs! We meet at 2:00p each month so check the website for dates as some months vary. We have yarn for you to choose from!



Adopt a Reading Buddy

Rev. Jessica McMullen

We will be visiting our four schools to do their last read for the year in May. They will receive prizes for their completed reading logs. We serve Bear Branch Elementary, Audubon Elementary, Parkway Elementary, and Ellisor Elementary. If you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry, contact Rev. Jessica.

Hearts & Hugs Bear Ministry

Chris DuBois

The Hearts and Hugs Bear Ministry continues to churn out bears. If you like to sew, cut, iron, or stuff, please join us Mondays at 10a in room 322.

Neuro-Welcoming Worship

Rev. Jessica

We are excited to introduce a new opportunity through our Missions Ministry - Neuro-Welcoming Worship - a space created with intention, care, and belonging in mind.

This worship service is designed for individuals and families who may find traditional services overwhelming due to sensory sensitivities or neurodiverse needs. It offers a gentle, flexible environment with a calmer atmosphere, space for movement, and room to engage in worship in ways that feel safe and meaningful.

We held our first gathering on April 19th, with 14 in worship, and we are grateful for this meaningful beginning. As we look ahead, we are excited to continue growing this ministry, building a team and deepening partnerships with families as we learn together what this space can become.

Our next service will be on June 21st at 5:00 pm in the Children's Theatre. All ages are welcome. Come comfy. Come as you are. At Wildwood, we believe everyone belongs, and this is one more way we live that out.

Prison Ministry

Glenn Smith

Kairos #16

Luther Kairos Weekend #16 was held this past Thursday-Sunday, April 23-26, 2026.

Wildwood UMC member Glenn Taylor served as the weekend leader. The following eleven Wildwood volunteers are serving on the Inside and Outside Kairos #16 teams: Cedric Allen, Bryan Johnson, David Kennedy, Greg Miller, John Osborne, Derek Reese, Andy Rhodes, Glenn Smith, Nick Smith, Glenn Taylor and Joe Wilson.

The Prison Ministry Team thanks the Wildwood congregation for their continued support through their volunteers, prayers, donations, prayer chain links, colored place mats and donating “Chewy” Chips Ahoy Chocolate Chip Cookies. If you are interested in serving on the next four-day event, Kairos #17 (October 22-25, 2026), please contact Glenn Smith (drwgsmith@att.net).

Class Program

Wildwood UMC sponsors the following classes that are currently restarting: GriefShare (5 inmates), Winning at Work and Home (31 inmates), Quest for Authentic Manhood (92 inmates), Malachi Dads II (25 inmates), Hebrew Basics (9 inmates) and Disciple Classes I-IV (37 inmates).

Two new classes offered by Wildwood began in March 2026: and Disciple I in Spanish (25 inmates) and Disciple IV (5 inmates).

Music Program

Wildwood UMC volunteer David Kennedy oversees the Luther Chaplaincy Music Program on Mondays from 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon. Currently, he rehearses both the Kairos Band, which plays for the Kairos Weekends and Kairos Prayer and Share on Saturdays, and the NRC (Non-Roman Catholic) Band, which plays for the Protestant Worship Services on Sundays.

Wildwood Pastors Preach in Luther Prison

Dr. Jarboe will preach again at Luther Prison on Sunday, September 27, 2026, and Dr. Deanna Young will preach again on Sunday, November 26, 2026

Christmas Blessing Bags

Christmas Blessing Bag Day IV is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2026, from 2:00 pm -7:00 pm. If you are interested in serving on this event, please contact Glenn Smith (drwgsmith@att.net).

Matthew 25:36-40 (NASB)

³⁶ “... I was in prison, and you came to Me.”