

MISSIONS @ WILDWOOD

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



Impacting the lives of others

As summer comes to a close, we look back with grateful hearts at all that God has allowed us to accomplish through our missions ministries. From serving others through Big House, prepping for the start of our Kindergarten reading program, providing food through the Food Pantry, repairing homes, creating blankets and bears, offering hope to inmates, helping men be better fathers, and supporting those in need throughout our community, our volunteers have continued to show up with willing hearts and helping hands.

So much has been accomplished this summer - not because of any one person, but because so many of you have generously given your time, talents, resources, and compassion. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ and for helping make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

- 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 - Rev. Jessica

Family Promise - Kathy Miller

Food Pantry - Cindy O'Donnell

Hearts & Hugs Bear Ministry - Chris DuBois

Household Assistance - Mike Cooley

Littles Mentor Program - Rev. Jessica

Prison Outreach - Glenn Smith

Ramps - Steve Ramsey

Sew Much Love - Jean Kreutzer

Stitches of Love - Cindy O'Donnell

The DAD University - Jeff Springer

Worship for All - Rev. Jessica

Reach Out!

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Looking ahead ...

Neuro-Welcoming Worship - August 16th

Sunday Program Buddy - September 20th

Family Promise - week of October 26th

Ramps

Steve Ransey

The Wildwood United Methodist Church crew did it again. Another successful build and I think that James and his EMT's will be really happy for many years to come.

Friday went off without a hitch (so to speak). We pre-cut and assembled all the framing sections, (2ea) 8'x4' section for a new 8'x8' deck. The ramp sections were composed of a 16'x4' section, a 10'x4' section, a 5'x4' platform and an 8' TRP-Entry piece. All loaded onto the trailer and ready to go. I have to thank Mike Cooley, Rick Ruhman, Ken Roemershauser, Ron Newman, Greg Miller and Dough Kerins for all their help to get this all put together. The best part was working under cover and out of the sun.

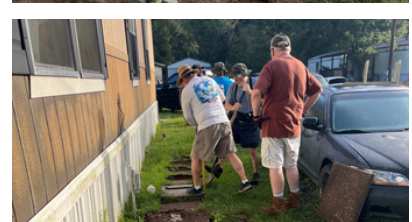
But not Saturday! It was hot, but we had a cover and some chairs, and a box fan. We got after it and in about 15 minutes we had the old deck and ramp demo'd out, and the area cleared for the new stuff.

By 09:00 we had the deck up and deck boards going on and our 16' ramp section going in.

And the ramp hits the ground and the hand rails went up.

Ballisters went on and ... the load test! What a group. My thanks goes out to Brian Naumann, Kerry Kilgore, Jonathan Hutcherson, Ron Newman, Rick Ruhman, Lamar Hutcherson, Greg Miller, Norm Quinn and, of course, Mike Cooley!

All told we have 57.5 man-hours in this build, for 55' of sections, or 220sf of deck and ramp.



The DAD University

Jeff Springer

It's been a busy month!

- We're waiting for the result of the Chick-fil-A Grant, which will be awarded sometime in August.
- We continue to do weekly zooms with Dad's in Kenya on Tuesdays.
- We are entertaining a potential game-changer funding opportunity. Please be in prayer for all of this!
- Added new ministry partners: <https://www.thedaduniversity.com/partners>
- New resource for dads of teenagers: <https://www.thedaduniversity.com/warriorsquiver>
- New video of added huddles in Africa: <https://youtu.be/DBFbqes7ktw?si=WAjdoPSAhuTYnnGH>

Worship For All

Rev. Jessica

We are launching **Worship for All**, Wildwood's special needs ministry. The vision is to create welcoming, supportive, and meaningful opportunities for individuals with disabilities and their families to participate fully in the life of our church. This ministry reflects our commitment to helping every person Belong, Love, and Serve.

Ministry Components

Sunday Buddy Program

Launch Date: September 20

- Initial launch during the 11:15 a.m. worship service.
- Trained volunteers ("Sunday Buddies") will provide one-on-one support for children and students with unique needs during worship and Sunday morning programming.
- The goal is to help each child engage in worship while providing support and encouragement for their family.
- Our long-term vision is to expand the Buddy Program to both Sunday morning worship services in the new year.
- Kaitlyn Montgomery-Sols will be leading this ministry.

Neuro-Family Worship Service

- Held approximately every third Sunday of the month.
- Time: 4:00 p.m.
- Location: Hayley Hall.
- This sensory-friendly worship experience is designed for neurodivergent individuals, people with disabilities, and their families.
- The service offers a relaxed environment where everyone is free to worship in ways that are comfortable for them, creating a welcoming space for those who may find traditional worship settings challenging.

Ministry Vision

Worship for All exists to create a church where every individual and every family knows they are welcomed, supported, and valued. Through intentional inclusion, meaningful relationships, and accessible worship opportunities, we strive to help every person experience God's love and become an active part of the Wildwood community.

Household Assistance

Mike Cooley

The team recently helped a single mother in Magnolia by repairing a door and fixing a water leak in her home. We are grateful for the opportunity to lend a helping hand and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Food Pantry

Cindy O'Donnell

Many thanks to everyone who faithfully donates items that we often struggle to purchase through the Montgomery County Food Bank. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in helping us keep our shelves stocked and meet the needs of our neighbors. Our greatest needs continue to be soup, jelly, cereal, snacks (for children's lunches, granola bars, etc.), canned tuna and chicken, pasta, and crackers. Every donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated!

Sew Much Love

Jean Kreutzer

Sew Much Love is now on our summer break. Our next project will be Montgomery County Women's Shelter. See you in September on Wednesdays from 10-2pm.

Hearts & Hugs Bear Ministry

Chris DuBois

The team recently met to make sure we have enough bears ready for the four schools we serve through our Kindergarten reading program. Thanks to the dedication of our wonderful volunteers, we have made 500 bears and currently have 57 bears remaining to share with other community partners!

Our ladies have worked diligently—even throughout the summer—to keep the bears coming. We will begin meeting again on August 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 322, and we welcome new members at any time.

If you enjoy sewing, cutting, ironing, or stuffing, we would love to have you join us! No special expertise is required—there is a place for everyone. We also welcome monetary donations, cotton fabric, cotton flannel, and other sewing supplies to help us continue this ministry.

Come be part of a wonderful group that is putting a little love into every bear!

Stitches of Love

Cindy O'Donnell

This fun and caring group of ladies from our community continues to create beautiful handmade blankets that are shared with those undergoing medical procedures, homebound individuals, families celebrating baptisms, and others who could use a little extra comfort and encouragement.

We meet at 2:00 p.m. each month, although our meeting dates vary, so be sure to check the website for the current schedule. Yarn is provided, with plenty to choose from! Come join us and be part of this wonderful ministry of wrapping others in love and comfort.

Prison Ministry

Glenn Smith

Kairos #17

Kairos #17 is scheduled for October 29-November 1, 2026. The Prison Ministry Team asks the Wildwood congregation for their continued support through their prayers, donations, prayer chain links, colored place mats and “Chewy” Chips Ahoy Chocolate Chip Cookies.

If you are interested in serving on the next four-day event, Kairos #17 (October 29-November 1, 2026), please contact any one of the following Wildwood volunteers: Glenn Smith (drwgsmith@att.net), Bryan Johnson (bryan.p.johnson@exxonmobil.com), David Kennedy (apoliticalguy@gmail.com), Derek Reese (jderekreese@aol.com), Andy Rhodes (skinnyman180@me.com), Nick Smith (senornicksmith@gmail.com), Glenn Taylor (gbtaylor75752@gmail.com) and John Osborne (josborneo03@hotmail.com). Also, Greg Miller, Doug Kerins and Lanny Baker are going to serve as volunteers on the Outside Team at the First Methodist UMC in Navasota during the weekend.

Class Program

Wildwood UMC sponsors the following classes that are currently restarting: GriefShare (7 inmates), Winning at Work and Home (53 inmates), Quest for Authentic Manhood (62 inmates), Hebrew Basics (9 inmates), Disciple Classes I-IV (42 inmates), Disciple I in Spanish (25 inmates). Life Skills - English (25 inmates) and Life Skills – Spanish (25 students). Band/Choir have almost 15 inmates.

In addition, Glenn Taylor and Luther Assistant Warden Justin Wade are counseling a group of twenty inmates who are addicted to K2 (a powerful synthetic marijuana). Inmates at the unit have overdosed resulting in numerous deaths and hospitalizations. The counseling has been very effective.

Wildwood UMC is currently serving almost 300 inmates in classes and band at the Luther Prison Unit out of a total population of 1400. Another 84 will be served through the two-yearly Kairos weekends. Wildwood UMC is beginning to have a huge impact at the Luther Unit.

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. Starting this month, David Kennedy will add a second two-hour Band practice on Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. On Mondays the Band will practice for Kairos weekends and Kairos Prayer and Share and on Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon the band will practice for church services.

Wildwood Pastors Preach in Luther Prison

Dr. Michael Jarboe will preach again at Luther Prison on Sunday, September 27, 2026, and Dr. Deanna Young will preach again on Sunday, November 26, 2026. Cindy O'Donnell is now TDCJ trained and approved and will be eligible to attend the worship services when Drs. Jarboe and Young preach in prison.

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).

Certified Volunteer Chaplain Assistant (CVCA)

Andy Rhodes has completed the almost one-year training program to become a Lay Chaplain at the Luther Unit. He is awaiting the final approval as a CVCA from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) in Huntsville.

David Kennedy begins training to complete the CVCA training and internship. Kennedy and Rhodes join Wildwood Volunteers Glenn Smith and Joe Wilson who have been CVCA's for almost sixteen years.