

MISSIONS @ WILDWOOD

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



Impacting the lives of others

Throughout the month of May, Wildwood had the privilege of highlighting the many mission ministries that serve as the hands and feet of Christ both in our community and around the world. From building ramps that provide accessibility and independence, to prison ministry, local outreach efforts, international partnerships, and ministries that meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, each mission reflects God's love in tangible ways.

The stories shared this month reminded us that every act of service has the power to transform lives, offer hope, and point others to Christ. We are deeply grateful for every volunteer, donor, prayer partner, and participant who faithfully serves through these ministries. Thank you for answering God's call to love your neighbors, share the Gospel, and make a lasting impact in the lives of others. Your willingness to serve continues to extend Wildwood's mission far beyond our walls and into the hearts of those who need it most.

- 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

Sew Much Love - Jean Kreutzer

Stitches of Love - Cindy O'Donnell

The DAD University - Jeff Springer

Reach Out!

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In 2026 ...

DAD University - "Targeted Seminar for Dads of Teens" Virtual Session - June 9th

Big House - June 10-14th

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

Family Promise - week of October 26th

Ramps

Steve Ransey

The truck is loaded and ready to go!



I am really grateful for the turnout for the installation of this ramp for Chance as well all the folks that have helped out prior to today to help clear the yard and build the frames. Secondly, I'm grateful because of the week's delay in getting this installed, due to weather forecasting at the time. That being said, we really tore into it (literally), to demo out the old deck and the remaining section of ramp. After which the deck framing went up really quickly.



Then the ramp framing, while the deck was ... well getting decked!
Followed by handrails and ... the final "Load Test".



It's a "PASS"! Thanks so much to Jim Peterson, Greg Miller, Kerry Kilgore, Jim Ellsworth (friend of Richard Fulmer), Ron Newman, Rick Ruhman Mike Cooley, Ian Soule, Jim Grinnan, Scott Hagood, Norm Quinn and Bryan Williams.

This ramp is 66 linear feet of sections and 75 man-hours to build. I only wish that 2-year-old Chance could have been there to see it all come together, but I understand he will be back home with his folks this week.

I also have to give my usual Shout-Outs to Simpson Strong-Ties (Billy) for their continued contributions to this program. And to Home Depot (John & Matt) for their help in organizing the lumber for us. All great folks, supporting a great cause.

Household Assistance

Mike Cooley

The team didn't have any projects for May but will begin repairing items in the home of the community member that Wildwood helped acquire a well in early June.

The DAD University

Jeff Springer

Vision: Equipping Men for Victory

Mission: The DAD University is in the business of changing and shaping the lives of men. The work we do at our non-profit is aimed at providing men the tools needed to become the D.A.D. - Daily-Active-Devoted.

Goals: To acknowledge and celebrate the fathers who are involved and perform their role as the DAD.

And... To exhort fathers falling short of their responsibilities, to get in the game, and to suit up for their children.

Upcoming: Iron Sharpens Iron Virtual Session - "Targeted Seminar for Dads of Teens" - June 9, 2026

Latest Video: New DADs in Kenya

<https://youtu.be/i-MFJzPYgWk?si=UxdEKnd9bx7p1gjp>

Food Pantry

Cindy O'Donnell

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.** Thank you to everyone who so generously contributes these items.

Sew Much Love

Jean Kreutzer

Sew Much Love completed our project with Volunteers of America. We will deliver 50 quilts for their clients in need - men, women, and children. We are now on our summer break and will be back sewing in September on Wednesdays from 10-2pm.

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.

Stitches of Love

Cindy O'Donnell

We weren't able to meet in May but 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

One of Wildwood’s most meaningful outreach partnerships continues through our Adopt-a-Reading-Buddy program. For the past four years, volunteers have helped foster a love of reading among kindergartners at four Magnolia ISD elementary schools. Through this program, volunteers visit each campus four times during the school year to read stories, listen to students talk about the books they are discovering, and build relationships that encourage lifelong learning.

A special thank you goes to our Hearts & Hugs Ministry, whose faithful volunteers lovingly create a bear for every child in the program. Their dedication ensures that each student receives a reading buddy to keep and cherish. This year alone, they made more than 500 bears.

The impact of this ministry was evident at Magnolia ISD’s recent Reading Jubilee. Time and again, students ran up excitedly to share the books they had received and tell stories about what they were reading. Those moments are exactly what this program is about - helping children discover the joy of reading while showing them they are seen, valued, and loved.

As we look forward to the upcoming school year and our fifth year of this ministry, we give thanks for the volunteers, readers, and Hearts & Hugs team who make it possible. Together, we have touched the lives of countless children, one book, one conversation, and one bear at a time.



Prison Ministry

Glenn Smith

Kairos #17

Kairos #17 is scheduled for October 22-25, 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 22-25, 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), Glenn Taylor (gbtaylor75752@gmail.com) and John Osborne (josborneo03@hotmail.com).

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 (72 inmates), Hebrew Basics (9 inmates), Disciple Classes I-IV (42 inmates), Disciple I in Spanish (25 inmates) and Life Skills (26 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

Rev. Jarboe will preach again at Luther Prison on Sunday, September 27, 2026, and Rev. 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).