

Missions Overview for 2025

We have a very generous, mission-minded church. Many of you gave of your time, talents, and finances to support various mission opportunities throughout the year. We supported local, national and international missions. ***The items printed in italics were mission initiatives of our Presbyterian Women's Group.*** Thank you all for your care and support of others.

March – Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

The PW 2025 Birthday Offering Mission Project helped with the severe housing shortage on the South Dakota Lakota Reservation by providing funds for the Lakota residents to build small energy efficient homes. Our congregation donated \$425 with an additional \$200 given by our Presbyterian Women, making a total of \$625.

March/April – One Great Hour of Sharing

During the season of Lent, we participated in the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. This offering supports three main efforts: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for relief and recovery after disasters, the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) for food security and environmental justice, and the Self-Development of People (SDOP) program, which empowers communities to overcome poverty and injustice, with a portion of PHP funds also addressing homelessness and housing. Thanks to your generosity, the amount donated for the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering was \$485.00.

April – Hearts in Hands Community Easter Event

On Saturday, April 19, we went to the Hearts in Hands Community Center at the Indian Run Mobile Home Court to hide 200 eggs. We had 12 children and their families come out. We told the Easter Story, sang a song and hunted for eggs. The children had a great time. The initial plan was to hold the event at our church but no one attended.

June - Strawberry Festival

The Presbyterian Women sponsored the annual Strawberry Festival in June. Proceeds from the Festival of \$1,277.00 allowed the Presbyterian Women to support Mission opportunities with our community, Presbytery, and Synod.

June/July – Sponsoring Children to attend Hearts in Hands Summer Camp

Each summer Hearts in Hands runs four weeks of day camp at the Community Center in the Indian Run Mobile Home Park. One of our members helped to oversee children one of the weeks in July. Our church also donated \$900 to send children to camp. Each child pays \$50 a week to attend.

July

Our congregation supported the Honey Brook Food Pantry by providing school supplies and backpacks that were given to the children of their clients to prepare them for the start of school in August.

July/August – PW Domestic Violence

During the summer months, the Presbyterian Women reminded us and the community about the victims of domestic violence by posting the hotline number on the electronic sign. Many victims suffer in silence. On Sunday, July 6th, Dave Mantz shared special music in honor of those victims.

September – Hospitalized Veterans Collection

Body wash, shampoo and men's deodorant were collected for veterans being served by the Coatesville VA Medical Center. We honored our hospitalized veterans by helping to provide for their personal needs.

October – Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child was the mission focus in October. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collects and delivers gift-filled shoeboxes to children in over 170 countries, aiming to share the message of Jesus Christ and bring joy to children who might not otherwise receive gifts. Under the leadership of Chris Martin, our church packed 25 boxes. \$250 was also collected to pay for the shipping of the boxes. Thank you for your continued support with this outreach project and a special thank you to Chris Martin for her leadership with this ministry.

November – Hat and Mitten Tree

The Hat and Mitten Tree was our mission focus for November. Items donated were distributed at the Honey Brook Food Pantry in December. 196 items, consisting of hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, pajamas, etc. were donated. Thank you for helping our community stay warm during these winter months.

December – Chester County Children's Foundation Community Christmas (Hearts in Hands)

On December 13 we hosted HIH families at our church for a special Christmas event. Children met in the Old Fellowship Hall to make and wrap gifts for family members. Adults met in the new Fellowship Hall to create stocking stuffers for their children. After crafting, everyone made their way to the sanctuary to re-create the Christmas story, complete with props and costumes. We then gathered downstairs for a taco bowl meal prepared and served by our members. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited during the meal, giving a special gift of school supplies and a storybook to each child. We had 37 people attend the event and 25 helpers who assisted with the crafts, stories, and food. Thank you for helping us to reach out into the community with the love of Jesus.

December – Special Honey Brook Food Pantry Donation

Recognizing the need for food assistance in our community, the session voted to take the offerings from December 21 and the Christmas Eve Service, match it up to \$1,500 and send this donation to the Food Pantry. Along with a \$500 Donation from Freedom Village, the church was able to send a check for \$4,496.50. Thank you for your incredible generosity!

December - Honey Brook Police Department Toy Drive

Two barrels of new toys and games were donated to the Honey Brook Police Department to be given to children in the community. Thank you for making the Christmas of these children a special one.

Shepherd's Kitchen

Under the direction of Lynn Klumpp, the Shepherd's Kitchen team of volunteers served 9 community meals in 2025 with an average attendance of approximately 45-50 people. Meals are served the first Thursday from 4:30-6:30 at no cost to participants. A donation basket is available.

Matthew 25:40: Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."