

## ***Crossnore Presbyterian Church Donations to our Local Communities May through November 2024***

In addition to our deep gratitude for the generous financial donations to our church's general fund and the generous contributions to the non-profits listed below, thanks to everyone who volunteers in our church and mountain community and also the various communities where many of our members live part-time or full-time. We are sharing the love of Christ every time we care for others—whether they are family, friends, strangers, pets, or any precious part of God's creation.



**Our June Mission Project was WAMY World Changers: "Thank you for helping the World Changers Project with your donation of \$1,000.** We have received all the funding needed to offer 14 home repairs during the week of July 8th. In Service, Allison Jennings, WAMY Director of Development."  
<https://wamycommunityaction.org/>

**Our July Mission Project collected food donations for people and pets that were delivered to the Minneapolis Food Pantry and hygiene products and toiletries that were given to Feeding Avery Families. Over 90 bags filled the front of the sanctuary in July!** We probably contributed well over \$2,000 in all the items we collected to help those in need in our county. Thanks to the Berkleys for delivering all the bags.



**Our August Mission Project was raising funds for UnDue Medical Debt to erase medical debt in four counties in the mountains: Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, and McDowell. We did it! Our \$20,000 donation will abolish three million dollars of medical debt for those who qualify (households that earn less than 4 times the federal poverty level or whose debts are 5% or more of annual income).** Our campaign is officially closed, and it will take roughly 4-5 weeks for UnDue Medical Debt to abolish the medical debt. From there, they will start sending out letters to the beneficiaries. This process takes around 1-2 weeks. The beneficiaries have no tax consequences or penalties to consider. Just like that, they're free of medical debt. A big thank you to Joel Strickland for doing the research on this non-profit organization and helping us get started. <https://unduemedicaldebt.org/>

**The Crossnore Presbyterian Church Children's Fund, our church's endowment for Crossnore Elementary School, was our September mission project. We were given an anonymous gift of \$150,000 to start the endowment and since then we have raised an additional \$13,000 which brings the endowment's total to \$163,000 and is still earning interest.** Principal Bentley will meet with the Session before the end of the year to let us know how the interest from the endowment can best be used this school year for those students in need.

<https://www.averyschools.net/o/ces>



**October Mission Project: The CPC Hurricane Relief and Recovery Fund is being used to assist our partner non-profits in Avery County when there are no government or private funds to cover expenses for those in desperate need. Since October 1, we have raised over \$66,000. Thanks to all who have already contributed! A list of the projects we are funding so far is on the back of this sheet →**

**Our November mission project is purchasing household goods for eleven low-income residents of the Linn Cove first floor apartments that were flooded.** The mission committee is making these purchases while Reaching Avery Ministry, Volunteer Avery County, and Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, are providing all the furniture and appliances. Volunteers will be needed when we get the move in date. This mission project replaces our annual Thanksgiving baskets because the people we have helped in the past are being helped by other agencies at this time.



**In November, the CPC Knitting Group delivered their winter handmade items to the Hospitality House in Boone, NC. This is the only homeless shelter in the High Country. The knitters provided 35 winter caps, 14 winter scarves, 6 toy rabbits, a vest, and a purse.**  
<https://www.hospouse.org/about>

We provided lunch for the Habitat for Humanity Road Crazies who built a house in Elk Park in two days, May 4 and 5, with the help of local volunteers. We also provided lunch for Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, whose volunteers prepared the foundation for the house the week before. What a great ministry of hope for so many!

<https://averyhabitat.org/>



#### **Volunteer Avery County- \$2,085**

Volunteer Avery County matches volunteers with organizations or families needing help and provides food, funds and other resources for those in crisis. Ruth Shirley is the new VAC Director. She can be reached at 828-737-0178.



#### **Additional Donations:**

- **\$521.41 for 3 small backpacks for petite students attending the 2024 Rolling Academy.** This a two-week expedition for students from Avery and Watauga High Schools sponsored by Mountain Alliance. <https://www.mountainalliance.org/>
- **\$500 for gas and lodging for a cancer patient who is receiving weekly chemo treatments at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, NC.**
- **\$500 to AMY Wellness Foundation and designated to Feeding Avery Families in honor of Dick Larson-** this is a matching grant donation. <https://amywellnessfoundation.org/>
- **\$500 to Carpenter-Porter Funeral Home to help with expenses for a funeral that the family could not afford.**
- **\$500 to OASIS to contribute to a new shelter for families. \$500 to help with a rent deposit for a mother and daughter escaping abuse.** <https://outreach@oasisinc.org>



#### **CPC Hurricane Relief/Recovery Projects- October and November 2024**

- **Part-time staff person, Bobbie Willard, to assist our church with hurricane relief/recovery- \$250 per week** (Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, is paying the staff salary for six months- \$6,000)
- **Home goods for 11 Linn Cove apartments that were flooded- \$7,000** (Covenant Presbyterian is paying another \$7,000)
- **9 culverts for private roads not funded by FEMA or insurance- \$10,000** (Covenant Presbyterian is paying another \$10,000)
- **New roof for a family whose damaged roof is not covered by FEMA or insurance- \$5,000** (Reaching Avery Ministry, Grandfather Community Foundation, and Covenant Presbyterian Church are each paying an additional \$5,000)
- **Dinner at the YMCA for lawyers and hurricane victims to assist in FEMA applications - \$618**
- **Small Pet Food for distribution through the Avery Humane Society- \$100**
- **50-gallon water heater for a home that was flooded and is now renovated- \$1,600**
- **Sheet rock, tape, and mud to rebuild walls in a house that was flooded- \$234.43**
- **Stack dryer for a tiny home that was flooded and is now renovated- \$1,332.77**
- **Assist with Kingdom Kids Childcare Center that was flooded and is now renovated- \$1,000**
- **Assist in purchasing a camper trailer for a family of six as a temporary home- \$2,000**
- **Two months rent for a large storage unit to place needed furniture & appliances- \$1,800**
- **Assist Volunteer Avery in a month's rent for those unemployed and unable to work due to the hurricane- \$2,000**
- **Assist in hotel stays for OASIS displaced staff and clients after the hurricane- \$2,000**
- **Materials to replace backyard fence for elderly couple who lost their entire farm and are living with family. They needed a fence to keep their dog safe- \$487**
- **Insulation for a basement that was flooded and is now being renovated- \$600**

**Update on the CPC Roof Replacement and Sanctuary Repairs:** Time to do a "Happy Dance." **The Roof Committee received approval from the National Historic Preservation Fund for the color of our roof tile!** The roof tile has been ordered and we are on our way to beginning construction in the Spring of 2025. Thanks to everyone who has contributed funds, time, expertise, and prayers for this long journey that will continue through next summer. Our roof funds are still earning over 5%. Our construction manager, Mike Gagg, is working on getting bids for all the different construction pieces.