

CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT 2024

Where do the Hopeless Go to Find Hope?

They go the eight West Virginia Conference Mission Projects.

These projects could not carry on their work without the support of local churches across the Conference. In addition to the projects, we also support Greater Clarksburg Cooperative Parish, New Vision Depot, and Volunteers in Mission. And we know who are there inspiring and working for Mission in their local churches-the WOMEN. They collect the items, serve the dinners, and guide the fundraisers that make COME a success. Thank you.

The first Celebration of Mission totals are in, and Nine Rivers' giving is up over last year. Our COME gathering at Cross Lanes UMC on April 17 was a heart-warming success.-Music, dessert, missions representatives, and a large plate offering. WOW. Since then, several large donations have been added to our total.

The first Celebration of Mission totals are in. As of June 30, the 2024 Conference giving to the Celebration of Mission Event is \$62,081.92. Nine Rivers donations are up to \$12,402.96 in cash and over \$2600 in donations from eleven churches. That sounds great but the annual Conference giving for the year is usually around \$100,000, and there are nearly 100 churches in Nine Rivers District. We have a long way yet to go. Thank you for your support.

Nine Rivers District is blessed to have two of the Conference Mission Projects- Heart+ Hand Outreach Ministries, South Charleston and Ebenezer Community Outreach Center, Huntington. Both are devoted to their communities. Ebenezer is embarking on a major expansion project to better serve the people of the Tri-State. Ebenezer has been faithfully serving the community for over forty years. In all those years they have been trying to expand their services, beyond day care and after school mentoring. Finally, the necessary property is purchased, the blueprints are completed, and fundraising will soon begin. You can help with fundraising, finding donors, and volunteering in many other ways.

(By Jane Morse)