

The Summer Missions program, first organized in 1995, supports 4 summer missioners at \$2500 each for 250 hours of service (typically it ends up being 25 hours of mission work for 10 weeks)--** Note, special arrangements with the sponsor's agreement, can help with family vacations, summer classes, employment, etc. The parents of our first missioner, Laura Winkel, have established an MUMC designated account in her memory to provide additional missioner support. To engage as many youth as possible, a missioner applicant with fewer than 2 years as summer missioners are given highest priority. Those applicants with 2 or more years as summer missioners are given lessor priority. Usually publicized in January and February, the selection process occurs in late March or early April. The interested Summer Missioner Applicant will submit his or her application along with a cover letter and a resume to the Memorial Office. Following the deadline for applications, the Coordinator will arrange an interview time with the interested applicant and committee. During the interview process, the committee will gain more information on the interests, skills and future plans that potential missioner has. This is an important part of the process to ensure the applicant is placed at an organization that will be suited for him or her. During the latter part of the mission experience, the Summer Missioner will present their experiences, feelings and ways they saw God work, to the congregation at both of the services. The Summer Missioner can present how they see fit (ex. discussion, powerpoint, role play, excerpts from journaling while at the organization, etc).

Missioners are expected to approach this experience as a humble servant; as such, their actions speak louder than words. Missioners are not employees, nor are they evangelists.

Young people who have completed their junior or senior year and post high school young people of the community (not restricted to members of MUMC), with Emily Owens as the coordinator, offer Christian service in such organizations as:

- Mental Health America
- MUMC pastor shadowing
- CODA (Council on Domestic Abuse)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Ryves Hall
- Happiness Bag
- Gibault School
- Children's Museum
- Boys and Girls Club
- Booker T. Washington Center
- Wabash Valley Health Center
- 14th & Chestnut Community Center
- Next Steps Recovery Center
- Westminster Village

Other organizations will be considered if the potential Summer Missioner presents logical, rationale, and thoughtful reasoning.