

St. Paul UMC, Napoleon

As I completed my 2009 Year End Reports, I reflected on how many exciting ministries St. Paul has been involved in this year.

Since July,

We partnered with United Way to provide a new backpack and required school supplies for every middle school child in Napoleon who qualified for a free or reduced cost lunch, and on August 19, we distributed 65 packages of school supplies and the children selected their own backpack.

Beginning in September, we have opened our doors to the local Girl Scout Troop, and now every Thursday evening, there are 90 Girl Scouts and their leaders meeting at St. Paul.

We organized and hosted a Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which served 150 meals.

In December, we offered two more educational opportunities to the community, "Caring for the Care Giver" and "Suicide Intervention"

In addition to what I have already shared,

In late August, we sponsored a one day free store for school clothes. It was advertised strictly by word of mouth, and the response was overwhelming. Since then, we have expanded it to an ongoing Free Clothes Closet, which served approximately 90 different families in 2009.

We have also invited the Henry County Hospital in, to hold exercise and health classes. We now have community members coming in to participate in Yoga, Aerobics, and Kickboxing.

Since January of 2010, we have added tutoring to the service and outreach we provide to the middle and high school, and are actually working with a middle school counselor who makes tutoring referrals.

We have also been offering free tax preparation for persons earning \$25,000 or less, or actively serving in the Armed Forces. so far, over 75 tax returns have been prepared and we are currently not taking any more appointments as we have all of our scheduling times have been filled.

I thought you might be interested in all the ministries that are happening here.

Blessings, Lindy Maurice-Saum

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