

Ministry Ideas

Our churches all do some amazing things in their communities. We hope you are inspired by this list and spurred to do something similar in your community.

(Please note these ideas were compiled between 2017-2019 before the presbytery multiplied into three smaller regional presbyteries. Contact names may have changed. Please use this information only for inspiration.)

Local Outreach Ministries

A Community Education & Engagement Workshop

Faith Liberation Church invited 3 community organizations to come to their church to present what each one provides and to communicate how the church members can get involved. The organizations invited provide services to those affected by domestic violence, mental health issues and substance abuse.

Church Phone: 704-377-9148 Leader: Dr. Jimmy Carr

Caregiver Support Groups

Rivermont EPC provides monthly support groups for caregivers who are providing care for family members or friends who unable to live independently.

Church Phone: 434-846-3441 Church website: rivermont.org

Bags of Blessings

Greenville Presbyterian Church women contribute child friendly food to kids every Friday after school. The kids live in homes where it is uncertain that they receive meals over the weekend. Bags of Blessings provides a bag filled with 6 meals for 19 kids currently. The youth in the church often write kind notes and invitations to church for each child who receives a bag. Church Phone: 864-456-2724 Leader: Nancy Bell

Mitten Tree

Buffalo Presbyterian utilizes Christmas trees that are set-up in the church where mittens, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc., are hung on the trees then given to the local family shelter on Christmas Eve. Church Phone: 336-375-3380

www.buffalochurch.org

Urban Ministry Meals

Buffalo Presbyterian prepares hot cooked meals every other month for 70-100 people for the local soup kitchen that serves the homeless. Church Phone: 336-375-3380 www.buffalochurch.org

Transformation Ministries

Fellowship of Christ EPC provides classes and inner healing prayer ministry enabling participants to deepen their relationships with God and others. For detailed information: <https://www.fellowshipofchrist.org/transformations> Leader: Bill Venable: info@foc4u.org

Dinners Ready to Go

Rivermont EPC has in their past coordinated cooking meals in their church kitchen with a group of volunteers. 1 volunteer buys the food in bulk. People in the church donate financially. Volunteers prepare & cook multiple meals, then place several of the meals in the church freezer for those who need a meal during a difficult time, and the volunteers take home 2 entrees each. Church contact: Elke Cox

College Campus Outreach

Rivermont EPC reaches out to 5 local college campus' by way of evangelism and providing Bible studies and discipleship to college students. They also equip students with outreach and Christian leadership skills. Church Phone: 434-846-3441 Leaders: Matt & Julia Bradner Website: <http://rivermont.org/campus-outreach>

Baby Ministry

Piedmont Presbyterian women contribute to a local organization that is helping teen moms with their physical and emotional needs. Baby bottles are placed strategically to collect coins and the women facilitate a baby shower to collect baby items. Church Phone: 540-483-2655

Mothers of Many Seasons (MOMS)

River Oaks Community Church facilitates a ministry that reaches women inside and outside the church. All ages of women share their stories and serve as mentors providing gatherings that include meals, Biblical topics, sharing, worship and childcare. This ministry will train and equip any church interested.

Soccer Outreach

Northampton Presbyterian provides usage of their property and bathrooms to a local soccer league. Church members volunteer to be at the soccer games providing drinks and treats for parents & players while building relationships. The church also provides gift bags to players at the end of the season and a yearly Easter egg hunt. Many invitations are given to church events and services.

Oasis Women's Bible Study

Rivermont EPC provides 6 small groups for 10-15 women per group and 2 leaders. The groups meet at the same time, sharing, and discussing their Bible Study. Then all the groups gather to sing, worship and receive a Biblical message. Church Phone: 434-846-3441 Leaders: Andrea Adams & Eleanor Webb

His Kids

Westminster Burlington Church provides kids, K – 6th grade, an after-school ministry where volunteers provide help with homework, snacks, devotions, and build relationships once a week. They average 25 kids, and several parents attend too. Church Phone: 336-227-2787 Leader: Pastor Sykes

Activity House

Piedmont Presbyterian provides an after-school ministry to children who arrive at their church by way of a school bus. Their ministry includes Bible lessons, music, recreation, and snacks. Church Phone: 540-483-2655 Leader: Dorothy Webb

Wrapped in Love

Bensalem Presbyterian ladies crochet and make shawls/blankets for people who are on the church's prayer list. The ladies pray for the recipient of the blanket before giving them a visit and the blanket. Many recipients are not church members. Church Phone: 910-673-1982 Leader: Dianne Sutphin

Prayers & Squares

Siler Presbyterian's quilt ministry makes quilts for those who need or request to be "blanketed" in prayer. The quilts are "quilted" and as the threads are knotted the ladies say prayers for the recipient of the quilt. Leader: Dona Haney

Wreaths Across America

Siler Presbyterian orders wreaths made by the organization called Wreaths Across America. The wreaths honor deceased veterans and encourage those who knew them and the community, as the church places the wreaths on veterans' graves for Veterans Day. Church Phone: 704-821-7445 Leader: Dona Haney

Carwash of Love

An EPC member submitted this idea for youth groups. Provide a free car wash to the community on your church property, give every driver & passenger a cookie with a note that says, "You are Loved" – and invite them to an upcoming church event.

Children's Ministry – Journey with Jesus

Northampton Presbyterian utilizes the curriculum, Journey with Jesus, for their children's ministries. Parents and children report that it is life changing and well received by church members and visitors.

Missions Ministries

Haiti Help & Hope

Bensalem Presbyterian helps support missionaries who have founded a church and school in Haiti by supporting one teacher's salary, and by collecting & sending school supplies year-round. The church prays regularly for specific requests and sends teams to serve and minister onsite. Church Phone: 910-673-1982 Contact: Lydia Conrad

Kits for Girls

Bensalem Presbyterian ladies make kits for girls and women in Haiti that include menstrual pads made of fabric that can be used over & over, along with useful toiletries. The Christians who distribute these kits give a lesson on the care of the pads giving them a connection to begin a relationship with the girls and women who receive them. Church Phone: 910-673-1982 Contact: Virginia Monroe.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Buffalo Presbyterian communicates every month to their church members what items to donate for gifts that they place in shoe boxes to send to a mission agency (Operation Christmas Child) every November for Christmas gifts reaching children where various missionaries serve. Church Phone: 336-375-3380
www.buffalochurch.org

Handmade Shoes

Buffalo Presbyterian women make shoes for those in need overseas by utilizing used denim and rubber. Church Phone: 336-375-3380 Contact Person: Mille Long