Describe a Christ-centered ministry you have observed in another Church of the Brethren congregation or in the wider body in the last year that made you more hopeful about our future.

(Participants entered the following comments)

001 Community pantries and blessing boxes.
002 Food pantry
003 The Growing Grounds program in the Wabash CoB that helps women coming out of jail
004 Rural church partner in ministry and come together for worship. Offer special events and meetings as one. Work in strengths and community
005 Multiple youth groups in my region from many denominations coming together to worship Jesus and grow in relationship with him
006 Alpha and Omega free Yard Sale. Food, worship service, and then free stuff
007 Church on FL involved in addiction ministry
008 Isaiah 1:17 community group....
009 Brethren disaster relief
010 Community gardens, sponsored by local churches.
011 Home churches with a larger church connection
012 Community gardens are a great way to get the community involved in the church
013 Work at west Charleston with Hispanic population outreach and connection with Congolese refugee community
014 Working with the rescue mission
015 National youth conference and young adult conference - watching young people come together and worship
016 youth coming up to the front more
   more than just youth group, really involved
017 Church book club. Read a book about abuse, forms close relationships.
018 BVS and work camps are good, as is expanding to new people
019 The Ludwicks going to Rwanda to serve there
020 Sister church in El Salvador. A way to reach out.
021 Christian trade school / ministry school for missions in the work force
022 New community project, home in Harrisonburg, learning tours, women's ministries
023 Children's disaster services provides comfort and relief to families in times of trauma
024 Sending cards to other denominations in the district.
025 I have not witnessed ministry in other congregations.
026 Program that deals with needs of people dealing with drug addictions.
027 Funeral service sermons that was pure salvation Heaven and hell presented
028 Camp ministry baptisms
029 Shared Youth ministry, interdenominational, to better serve the community.
030 INC = in name of Christ is a group that reaches out to churches to help meet needs within the community
Springfield Oregon bought motel low-income housing worships in lobby

A community hot meal once a week for those who do not have a meal daily.

Building bunk beds for children with no beds

Flint COB became a water center to respond to the flint water crisis in Michigan.

Heifer International is inspiring.

A non-CoB church gets together once a month and goes out to do service projects in the community.

Community garden feeding the hungry, children helping to plant, community involved

Neighboring congregation pays for hundreds of school uniforms for local homeless children in neighboring school district.

property used for community garden

Homeless outreach by a local church in their area. Many people coming into their shelter.

Manchester university is sending teams on Sunday am to lead worship for congregations in the area. Infuses creativity in the community.

Intercultural ministries in non diverse communities

Our response to the Nigerian crisis by way of money and prayer for those affected by war and terror.

People coming to annual conference is encouraging. People say the Church of the Brethren is not dead

Joint youth nights ....eight churches...and worked to make kits as well and wrote notes to share the gospel to those who received the churches also came from different theologically backgrounds

Rockland. They do peace right. In schools, RV converted into a computer lab, connect police to school

Disaster relief as a congregation. Brethren, "you're the ones who stay"

Dayton Memorial Day tornadoes, watching church do the work of Christ. Even the four churches that want to leave the denomination, we still see the work continuing.

Impressed by the amount of t-shirts and supplies NYC kids brought in. Seeing youth excited and making their lives difficult to serve someone else. Makes me hopeful to see youth excited and proud to serve.

Some congregations have really cool preschool programs: many kids who are actively involved in the school.

The community churches that support drug addiction and child services help

Visiting women in county jail. Ministry out of that has developed to help provide transitional housing after release.

Johns way collects slightly used medical equipment clean them up and distributes them to those in need.

A youth drop off, a safe place, where parents can pick up after school if they are not riding the bus.

In NYC the strong motivations to do things for the future of our youth.

A youth pastor tasked their youth group to raise money for an early learning center.

We had and experience in our praise team at church got together with the Spanish speaking church in Lancaster and they played in their language and we played in ours, the two languages at the same time, and it was really meaningful to me.

Churches in the area/district are doing all sorts of Christ led ministries: food pantries and clothes closets

Some churches are growing rather than declining. These churches are not complacent.

Back pack pals 100 bags a week

Witness boxes
  Free items, Bibles, food, toiletries
  Free for those in need
Serving their community during the 5th Sunday instead of holding a worship service.

Nondenominational outreach

Missionary team sent to Haiti and Guatemala.

Disaster child care

New Haven COB - Friday night lights. Bussing kids to the church after the high school home football game and reach out to the youth and their families

Brethren disaster ministries serving close to home when tornadoes struck the Dayton, OH area.

A service to the community car wash.

Those mountain churches in Rwanda that are bringing in Batwa (sp) people to know Christ by music ministries!

National Youth Conference - the combination of the curiosity of young people yearning to grow their faith but also to live out their existing faith in Christian community

Smile, open hand, welcoming presence when visiting many churches

Bridgewater has been sending teams for worship for decades. Immediate need and immediate response

Immediate response to natural disaster and praying with victims.

The starting of a home church that is already moving toward fellowship status

Trilingual services being held together. Walking with persons navigating legal means to citizenship

Backpack for kids program throughout the nation that helps to ensure kids have food over weekends

Multi-ethnic congregation, Latino and African working together, West Charleston cooperative ventures, sharing resources

Support with adopting children

Referencing a non CoB church which has a vital youth ministry and gives hope.

Brethren Disaster ministries in response to recent disasters in Ohio

A deaf ministry, church service for the deaf community.

Inter-congregation youth ministry to develop youth in smaller congregations.

Community garden partnership with other organizations to feed the hungry in the area.

Community ministry with worship and food distribution, without "agenda."

Diversity in church planting conference. Wonderful new church plants.

Shelter work for the homeless through word and deed and offering them Jesus

Willingness to do brethren disaster ministry trips

a church that holds 3 services in different languages. Everyone is involved in shared learning.

Brethren disaster ministries not only helps those in need, but allows folks to have feet on the ground and others to offer financial aid to them.

The Indiana church of the brethren has taken their parsonage and turned it into a home for disabled or homeless veterans.

installed washers and dryers for homeless to use
The lead guitarist of the band Kansas was a pastor and he wanted truckers and bikers to come into the church. He had an outdoor event to bring these people in through ice cream and music. Rain came and brought the event inside which got everyone into the church and now people stop by on the occasion.

Project Warm - collecting wood, processing, delivering it to families for use in winter.

Pilgrimage. Weekend retreat (co-ed) to see all come together. Discover self, then discover God, then service. Emmaus walk.

Richland cob clothing give away. Marie Kandoed our closet and set up parking lot. served food. had missionaries from Nigeria to take clothes to Nigeria. grandmother took clothes for grandkids. lady took clothes for kids in her apt. open the church in its natural environment would be encouraging. rural community but big impact.

Outreach to a local drug facility rehab; invite to church, lives are being transformed.

Non CoB: passion and enthusiasm from the staff that I hire

CoB congregation in Maryland in their 70s and 80s that are ministering to children in the neighborhood.

Children and youth ministries are central to the life of the church, and will be vital to the church's future.

Bring in the community to help with disaster relief?

Unfortunately, too much inward focus and service than outward

Movie outreach in the park

Uniontown, PA: home repairs for individuals in the community.

Invited missionaries to speak on how we can help others in other places

Monday-Friday summer camp after Bible school, each grade getting a week of activities and Bible stories led by young people of the congregation.

Sponsor program to assist others with life skills

Laundry love. $200 in quarters and dimes weekly to pay for peoples laundry services at local laundromat

29-meals for kids followed by games, bible study, singing; helps keep them off the street, introduces them to Christ

Non-denominational Women’s conference

A baby bank. Clothes, furniture, diapers through toddler age.

Questions and slides being translated so everyone can worship together

A church that cares well for the needs of their community

Family Promise, a powerful outreach to people in need. Shenandoah District.

Connecting with other colleagues across denominations and generations to learn from one another

3 plots of property, sold and built multi housing for families in Springfield cob area.

Wester Plains District, Haiti medical project. Sending mobile doctors to isolated areas to bring care to Haiti

Having a good testimony. The holy spirit use us to show other the word of God to others around us.

installed showers and toilets for homeless to use

Hispanic congregation has a potluck every week. Fellowship with food is blessing people.

praying for healing of others in public!

Cumberland working with children whose parents are drug addicted

Young children attending an old country church. Kids attending Bible study [from CoB in Virlina]. New church starts that were presented.
In Vegas we have the southwest district and the churches there encourage us how to keep working in be in the place and how to teach people about the love of Christ. To embody the love of Christ, city of Christ instead of city of sin.

Christ centered classroom in the school system. Breakaway program a release time program. Multi denominational. With high school credit.

Operated a small coffee house and had the pastor and other church members there to talk to and answer questions from the public.

Fifth Sunday hymn sings at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren

Disaster response ministries and camp/ outdoor ministries

Combined worship on fifth Sundays (four churches combine and rotate who holds services

Maternal healthcare

Haiti medical project - McPherson CoB, accepts donations from other churches. Doctors went down and established ongoing care, establishing clinics, facilities for clean water, and replaced the goat population after the recent hurricane.

Reaching out to people from other cultures and creating a multicultural service.

Wedding of two men in episcopal church

Youth outreach, young people working on licensing, with young people from four different churches. Intergenerational ministry.

Several Hispanic churches are drawing many people to Christ

Seeing several youth coming together for work camps and the sense of unity involved

Racism healing by reaching out to a more fundamentalist diverse church

Shared worship experiences by one going to the other and vice versa

Lead to other events together

A church in our district has a household church plant, with a homeless mission. He prevented someone from suicide. The household church plant... Was very successful.

One church got flooded and a neighboring pastor organized a community wide clean up of that church.

During BBT report. Its hopeful to see how our church is stewarding.

The spreading of the gospel with children in south Sudan

Refugee resettlement work

Doing practical home repairs for people in the community free of charge

Hispanic congregation in their neighborhood has been vibrant and positive opportunities for working together

Evening meals for community

I wish we had more answers.

PA law allows public school students to be released the last hour of the school day for Bible education. Several congregations host afternoon sessions. Its been a rich experience because a lot of children don't know Jesus's message.

These sessions are also interdenominational.

Bridgewater CoB, ministry accepting and open, intentionally multigenerational

"cru" organization at Bridgewater college.

Youth ministry focus

Food bank that takes many volunteers shows a congregation that is active in its community
To me, I see hope in Brethren Disaster Ministries and Children’s Disaster Services. Everyone works together to help others. There are devotions morning and evening. People work together to help others and put aside their differences.

Ecumenical Christ centered and Biblically centered ministry coming together to bring Christ to equip folks in their church.

A church increasing evangelism so youth can invite friends to learn about Jesus through classes and trainings.

Seeing the youth at camp Bethel and our outdoor ministry that volunteer or get paid to work at these camps showing God’s love to the kids.

Multi language service. Partnership of church and community. Garden project. Having a Sunday school class cooked dinner for community children.

Church had family outreach. Collected new and used clothes and also bought new shoes for some to prepare children for school PLUS sharing the Gospel.

Mission conference (Harrisonburg, VA) was stimulating—level of commitment was awesome.

We had a 24 hour prayer chain. This helped us solve an issue within the congregation and the answer revealed itself.

Growing Hope Globally initiatives

Immediate and ongoing response to water crisis in Michigan.

Prison ministry, children’s programs, walk to Emmaus experiences

Working with other churches

A congregation that curates a worship setting that welcomes people with different developmental gifts (Parables Community).

Brethren prayer and worship center in Rockingham county in Virginia

A poverty program to help adults have financial literacy and get out of poverty.

A church in Delaware non perishable food box open to any and all

A church in Union Bridge, MD has a similar box for those in need

Agape-Satyagraha ministry to youth; Food distribution, public worship, bilingual Bible Study and health screening weekly at Harrisburg First CoB.

Find someone on death row and become a pen pal or be a friend to someone who has no friends.

Brethren way of Christ men’s conference

Prayer and worship summits.

Every week a congregation goes to an apartment complex nearby, and hand out ice cream in Jesus’ name. They bring a bus for folks who want to come to church.

Local agencies provide emergency funding, money comes from resale shop

Fiercely hold onto our unity, if we can't do it, how are we to preach it to the world. They leave because they want to, we are family. We should fight to keep our unity.

Inviting Cross-cultural and homeless into the church.

A small community in Indiana have someone at the church in the summer to give out water and let kids play on the church playground then do a large VBS. The hope in Christ is being told.

Ability to reach out to wider community to get involved in an outreach/service opportunity.

Taking a sewing van out twice a month to areas where there are homeless people and help repair their clothes.

A focus on foster parenting and adoption ministries.

A church in our district has trilingual worship- they sing in Swahili, Spanish, and then English, and I feel like I’m in Revelation when I’m there.
177  Kingian nonviolence training with youth.
178  family promise ministry
179  A church camp in Appalachian area fed hungry kids at 20 different sites throughout the summer until school starts again.
180  Blessing box: cabinet outside on a crossroad with all kinds of products and food pantry inside for people to take as needed. Can add or take items.
181  An outstanding VBS program at a local church. Kids singing and a closing picnic
182  Selling of church building to group which reaches out in similar fashion to big brother and big sisters. They are able to reach out to disabled folks and keep their church alive.
183  Ministries that provide clothing
184  A small congregation nearby is involved in a urban ministry. Joining with 2 other local churches. Clothing, etc. looking at opening a general store opening.
185  Mentoring program
186  Addiction recovery support group and Divorce care group.
188  Samaritans purse
189  Back pack ministry where they make it their mission for the children to have their school supplies and food in the weekend
190  Well attended DC that brought 'disaster buckets', have fun together
191  Hosting a food bank
192  National Youth Conference
193  Help people who are trying to find jobs. They stay at the church. Feeds them. Helps them with resume and finding jobs. Provides child care.
194  Convert empty store in mall to an open worship space
195  Churches welcoming immigrants, working at the border, supporting resettling refuges
196  Hispanic church feels hopeful about the future simply because they have been included by "American church"
197  Teaching youth the meanings of Love Feast and inviting youth to participate.
198  Referenced another non cob church which has many youth. Don’t care if can learn from another denomination
199  A Church leased two-thirds of their property to the county to build housing for marginal members of their community. They are a lot wandering if their main building could be put to better use than as a place of worship for 20 people.
200  Ministry with gun violence
201  Mission to local community - like local disaster relief ministry but meets the needs of any of their neighbors who ask
  Also BDM - gives hope that the church loves, cares for, and serves their neighbors
202  Parables community reaching out to people with special needs and the Gathering focusing on racial justice. They carry on the hope for fulfilling needs in a distinctly Brethren way
203  Diapers for Haiti. McAlisterville CoB
204  Rockford Mobile lab!!!!
205  Ministry of spiritual direction from denomination
206  Thinking about you in advance: small thing, little stones on the ground with words like peace, love, welcome, Jesus, outside entrance of Cincinnati cob.
Brethren Mennonite counsel, open table, supporting caring network, showing the love of Christ to all.

29-district disaster team helping in local communities as well as farther away

Block parties hosted by Brethren churches in the region to reach out to the poor in our region

Housing ministry that flips homes and sells them to renters. Meets physical and spiritual need.

East Dayton co-op - Homeless work in Dayton. Several brethren congregations. Are sharing to provide housing.

refugee resettlement

The youth are spreading the word. Doing a ministry at a young age is amazing

Refugee resettlement apartments

nursing home ministry. Young kids from manor co-op going to visit and brings everyone joy. The kids get joy and so do the older folks. Kids visit, walk the halls.

Testimonies coming from youth groups that are working with Campus Life/Youth for Christ.

Community meal weekly

worked in Navajo reservation. Began programs based on listening to needs rather than being told what to do.

A non-denominational church started and takes the food out to people and does Sunday school to the streets on a week night.

Mobile food clinic

The response to the Church's Nigeria crisis. It was the Church at it's finest!

Church in Illinois who had school kids hanging out outside their building because of the Wi-Fi after school. Started inviting the kids inside for a meal etc.

D73: A ministry that involves an all-hands project with other churches in the community to handle issues. It is a way to show even with our differences, we all love the Lord since he first loves us.

Sending youth to workcamps throughout the country.

Bridges out of poverty program helps to inform and mentor and also teaches us not to judge

Food program at the church in the next town. Allow people to come once a week.

habitat for humanity

Food banks

"bibles to school program". "release time" ministry (kids allowed to leave school for lunch. They get bibles to study and take home

Vision to reach out to truckers. Ministry has expanded to other churches by including them in providing cookies and other items as a way of sharing Christ.

Refugee support and housing, legal counsel, etc.

The scholarships that allow kids that may not have heard about God to be able to attend camp for a week and see God's love. Junior high kids that go on to disaster ministries volunteer to help others.

Post prison ministry focused on sex offenders coming out of prison.

Community of joy church being in the community and the work they are doing. This is how we form the relationships to do the work of Jesus. You plant the seeds in the physical and spiritual garden. It makes an impact in the community.

Afterschool reading, tutoring, computer help program

I hope that the church will add more supportive programs for young families.

Community meal for people from neighborhood... Though problem with church people not liking to mix it up too much with people who are different.
Disaster response and the rebuilding done. Love through their work and partner with other churches, coming together.

Manassas, housing ministry for those in need

Some active involvement in disaster recovery in local churches.

Forgiveness witness by a district in a case of financial malfeasance

EYN--even with the persecution of that church, they don't want money or weapons--they want prayer. That church fosters hope.

COB-Rwanda reaching the Batwa, welcoming the indigenous people to be a part of every part of the church. This community then went to another Batwa village and

Offering backpacks and food in the community who were hurting in partnership with other churches. Also would pray with them at a specific spot where they would go to pick them up.

Harrisburg First is multicultural. Every 5th Sunday they have a potluck meal and others join in.

Principe de Paz church in Santa Ana is comprised of mostly undocumented immigrants who deal with physical and emotional walls given their status, but at the same time, they eliminate any walls of divide in doctrine or scriptural interpretation, reveling in the joy of being a community together.

Increased involvement in the ministry in the church with youth.

Don't really know what is going on in other congregations

The district drained down a fund of money that was sitting there and allowing the churches to not give to the district and we are now using that money as grants to the churches in the district starting many new ministries. So we are drawing that fund down to nothing and will go forth in faith

"Celebrate recovery" started by Rick Warren. from addictions and other

Individual who started a rescue mission which has revitalized the congregation

Leadership training for teens at a local church. Training young boys to be godly men!

Paul Mundy's church tradition of confession.

A nearby church has a coffeehouse near an interstate. It's growing in reputation - it's like a spiritual Starbucks. They have a great ministry there, with many people coming in and sharing their lives.

Turned a church into a feeding station for hungry people. A food bank as well as meals during the day. Its always busy there.

Ecumenical worship

cold weather shelter

Ecumenical and interfaith relationship building

Brethren Disaster Ministries ongoing work in devastated areas.

San Diego cobs church working with immigrants coming out of detention

Trying to help congregations leave because it is too much time to try to keep them. If you are determined to leave, go with our blessing. Divorces happen.

Involvement in organizations not only inside, but outside of the denomination.

The disaster relief from folks in the Dayton area whenever there are disasters (most recently the tornados).

A cob congregation providing a vacation bible school for another cob in a different state

Benches and picnic Tables set up for community to use and enjoy in an impoverished neighborhood

Partnership with Nigerian church provides hope through connections

District camps and outdoor ministries, youth ministry, intercultural events.

Denominational programs such as Work camps that allow for ministry of youth and young adults.
A church in a neighboring community provides housing for young mothers; housing, food, bible study, writing resumes, etc. young people caught in cycles of violence, abuse, etc. we are building relationships & community

Single mother care and support in Harrisburg and Lancaster

Our expanding world mission programs and disaster relief touching people local and beyond

Working with other churches to provide basic needs

Heifer International's work for sustainability

A church raised money for a huge community playground that all peoples can get to easily not just for the church members.

Disaster relief auction

Spanish speaking congregation growth

Massive response in and around Southern OH following tornadoes; cleanup, rebuilding, relationship, mourning alongside the suffering.

Welcoming

The social media challenges between different Brethren churches to put together clean up kits for New Windsor.

Church started a public garden where the public could use plots and put out a garden. Not only outreach to the food bank but also opens up discussion between the people at the garden

Children's disaster ministries

Weekly meals and fellowship time for underprivileged.

Ministries to and with refugees.

Ministry with homeless people in Vegas. Trying to make an impact in a community. I really like the idea of making an impact in the community.

Working with a Mennonite group that is planning to help their church create a children's ministry program.

RV turned computer lab that travels to low income areas to teach children coding.

A Christian card ministry to people who are in prison.

Other denomination church come together and offer studies.

Love INC (In The Name of Christ). Helping people who are in need with a wide variety of helps.

College ministry

many homeless services

292 29-local congregation helping regularly in a soup kitchen in a different community

Host families to escape homelessness

community hearing about Christ - centeredness and focus on serving the community, meeting needs of people

Interest in development in new mission fields

Disaster relief

A tremendous youth ministry. Taking risks, providing transportation.

Afterschool program bible study elementary

Messenger article- letter writing - relationship building

Disaster Relief

Heifer International

Food outreach ministries
302 Doing hymns/scripture readings in different languages to cater to a multicultural audience
303 It is so good that “my” church doesn’t have to do ALL the things. We can each specialize and collaborate and share!
304 Housing for women and children escaping domestic violence
305 Friend at a grace brethren church that is working on training up a leader to plant a church within the local Hispanic community
306 After school tutoring for children.
307 Summer camping programs of our districts reaching children in a non-church environment
308 Quilt auction for disaster relief
309 One of the things that I found hopeful when I was chaplain at Blue Diamond, I was leading a session and they were there with their counselors and the 6-8th graders were sitting there asking such great questions. It gave me so much hope to see young people who weren’t seminary trained cracking open the bible and taking it so seriously. Even some adults feel like they need a pastor, they can't just dig in.
310 Involved in local outreach, Charis donates furniture, a concert for the food bank, and disaster relief. We feed and strengthen each other as we work together, and help others who need to hear the word.
311 Brethren disaster ministry auction and disaster trips...
312 Harrisburg first cob has Brethren housing, nutrition, in home care. Do so much for the community.
313 Church works with immigrant community for skills; sewing, cooking, American living
314 Went against this current flow of youth and went after the older members of the community because that’s where the community was
315 National Junior High Conference and the future of the Brethren faith
316 A church that has a program called “fight club” from Nehemiah 4:14 that helps men take their place in their families. (spiritually)
317 Meal once a month for anyone to come
318 focus on meeting the needs of children
319 We list off all sorts of projects
   Haiti medical project.
   Wide variety of different people for Bible study.
   Building community around the church.
   Etc.
320 House homeless for one week each month; other churches assist them that week
321 Trips to Guatemala to support families by buying beads and craft work.
322 Working in restaurant to teach skills and address hunger. Is a gateway to learn about other areas of need. How can we touch you with Christ’s love
323 ...evangelized in the neighboring Batwa community. So the “outsider” was welcomed to the point where they reached out and welcomed others. The kingdom at work right before our eyes
324 Many different churches in a town cosponsoring events, programs, services.
325 Discussion not about what divides us but what unites us in new church planting. Recognizing variety of ways to do this., to worship.
   Bringing up children in the word, in the church. Important to build up children’s ministry in Nigeria.
326 visioning process of a congregation: members visiting other churches pay attention to how it feels to be a stranger. worship around tables with coffee, conversations about future, listening for spirit.
Buffalo Valley CoB, along with other Southern PA congregations helped the Great Lakes project, which helped to build a new church for an outcast marginalized population by proving construction materials.

Christian fairground...Lets people know church can be fun too. Another travels to different communities and invites kids in.

the youth at my church keep me hopeful. camp bethel, the counselors support each other and talk about their life and testimony.

Reaching out to fringes of community, e.g. outside prison to life ministries

The quilt making that brings different churches together to make and auction quilts.

Bus transportation to church events

Community garden

BVS

Church start for families with children with disabilities with second church planned, developing young people interested in leadership

Little food pantry akin to little libraries

Upwards sports ministry

Community outreach The Big House, teens gather for activities and hear the Word

During the summer, one night a month, they have a picnic on the parking lot that is free to the community including games and activities. Extending hospitality to neighbors.

A ministry of Spiritual evangelism coupled with meeting physical needs

Using media and online streaming to connect those who are unable or too far to attend. An idea to be able to have the ability to see other sermons from other churches is an opportunity on a national level through a website that could be possible.

Comes down to service

Taking bus from elementary public school to bible study, during release time.

At a community thanksgiving dinner, community member from all denominations shared gods blessing. Others do this at Easter as well. This is a great opportunity to know the community.

Events that bring churches together to share in ministry ... Inspiring one another to good works.

Bus that goes into the community with supplies for people in areas where access is difficult

Under free ministry - churches growing and lots of life within the church.

29-5th Sunday ministry outside the building instead of worship

Teaching trades and providing tools for single women who were unemployed.

More looking outward(outside the church)than in the past. Mission trips, etc.

BVS

On-line church...Living Stream

Working with other churches within their district even from different theologically perspectives

A congregation has sold their property, stepping away from a traditional practice of property ownership, to support a program for housing people with mental illness.

Youth leadership after returning from NYC. Youth on fire for God.

Disaster response following tornados

Large bible school program that brings in not only church goers, but others.
We’ve been doing a food ministry no questions asked in our area. A food pantry where people can choose their own food. When we’ve reached out to other churches and they don’t want any part of it. It begs the question if we need to learn first how to work in our own communities.

Music Sunday all music program containing Christ centered message giving hope for future.

host concerts

Christmas and good Friday services through multiple churches

Providing food for asylum seekers as they are being put on buses to cross the country.

Joint prayer

A church in Baltimore finds a way to keep the youth involved.

Congregations sharing their buildings with other congregations (Hispanic, Haitian)

Active furniture ministry for those who need to move quickly, English as a Second Language classes, taking VBS into community, rather than expecting children to come to church, effort to get Bibles to children in the community

Church opened up for snacks after school, three churches would take turns feeding kids meals at the end of the afterschool programs.

Youth rally hosted at different Brethren churches.

Divorce, it can be devastating to a family but a family can heal

Brethren Disaster Ministries brings people together who share beliefs but have emphases on different things

Wabash Indiana prison ministry

Death row support projects

Two churches have take two of our inner city youth and hosted them.

Community of 25,000 had 3 murders in a weekend, and community pastors joined in a prayer vigil which was healing for the community.

The diversity of organizations COB partner with.

Two ministries in their area are crossing cultural barriers and doing creative things with opioid addiction and other areas that allow the. Uniqueness of the communities to bring about unique solutions.

Helping an individual serve in poor communities in Honduras

Ongoing program to send people to Guatemala where they support the community there, with poverty struggles and violence.

Combined vacation bible school with other churches in the area

missions for the Nigerian church. made t shirts and sell/buy t shirts to show support.

Sports camp

Angel tree

Any work camp provides just as much blessing for the giver as well as the receiver, at any age!

Inclusion of children, programs for children

Young couple in the church that helped the indigenous tribes in situations and helped saved their lands by giving them a voice to protest the pipeline from being built through their land.

Community gardens

Large building with smaller congregation. Use building as a Ryan’s place. A safe haven for kids persecuted for sexual preference or place for families of suicide.
A church in our community has quadrupled in size by strictly following the Bible, and the rules of the church. Some people seem to be drawn to churches with stricter guidelines for living since the world doesn't provide them.

Motorcycle ministry - ride with motorcycle friends and stop and spread the Word.

Provide boomerang bags w/food for weekend to kids needing assistance.
- Providing baby blankets and/or Bible story books to hospital newborns.
- Serving meals to teens who are hungry.

Community food pantry to immigrant population

gospel is being preached at other local congregation

D73: extending resources to schools and small academies to assist children and families with difficult backgrounds (i.e. backpack programs, adopting, etc."

A group that worships in Arabic on Staten Island tapes all of their services here in the US so they can share their services with brothers and sisters in the Middle East

The disaster mission
- A prayer shawl mission.
- Feeding the rescue mission

Helping the homeless. Similar to Lybrook.

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- City of Fredrick.....city wide group of churches worked on a Saturday...paid at laundromat, planted gardens, many churches involved.
- Several churches went to smaller churches and refurbished....cleanup and repairs, new bathrooms.
- A hot meal by several churches, so a church provides a meal every day.

Online church providing global interaction and ministry. Now a full fledged congregation in COB. Moving church into 21st century.

A church that ministers to the Navajo and some poverty situations, providing fuel, firewood, sanitary facilities, etc.

Churches open to workshops/being central locations for disaster ministries

Church plant specifically for special needs children.

NYC and JR high conference. Fellowship and learning follow them the rest of their lives

Lansing CoB in Michigan gives out quarters and laundry soap in a laundromat twice a month

Operation Christmas Child transform villages in other countries

Reaching out and starting new churches in Venezuela.

Dunker punk podcasts

Faith and vibrancy of EYN churches in the midst of poverty, violence and disease

Multi-denominational bible study

Ecumenical working together

Man started a soup kitchen out of their congregation feeding people Monday/Tuesday/Thursday. He feeds 40-75 people and they have to pray before they eat. He puts his arm around each person that comes late to have individual prayer with them so they stopped coming late and do the group prayer.

Prayer shawl ministry

Waterboyz For Jesus organized an event called Serving Frederick 2019 that served the Frederick, MD community. Hundreds of families were blessed through free oil changes, free car washes, free laundry services,
free porch paintings, and prayer teams. A car was also given away to a single mother. This was a combined effort of over 20 churches from different denominations.

408 A church family adopts another family and stands with them.

409 New Philly Cob, the children have freedom to worship god and enjoy the service.

410 Standing in the Gap - ministry to those struggling with addiction, including ministry in schools

411 CoBYS ministries...begun out of the COB

412 Disaster ministries

413 Emergency housing and job support for those in needs.

414 We also need to learn how NOT to work together. We don’t do that as brethren very well. We need to be okay with where each others passions are and not put an expectation on others or other churches that can’t.

415 In tune to immigrants and refugees. are there entire communities we could reach out to?

416 I would like to see Church of the Brethren become more evangelistic.

417 Churches sharing space with different church groups in their building..

418 National Young Adult Conference

419 Provide temporary housing and food pantry for documented asylum seekers.

420 Food pantry

421 29-CROP walk

422 Seeing the intentional actions of Christians

423 EYN congregations setting up indoors to help displaced people. Reaching out to people in camps. Bringing about reconciliation. Baptisms resulted. Empowering of women as well.

424 Compelling vision process, right now. Listening to each other.

425 Summer outside worship service.

426 Give out water on hot streets. Put names of other churches on the bottles. Lost 60% attendees initially. Now one of the largest.

427 Passion in outreach to the Latino community is encouraging. Other community outreach includes blood dives.

428 loving each other in a committed way to overcome divisions and recover after losing Christ-centeredness

429 The Brilliant new pastors being informed by their time at Bethany Seminary.

430 Bus children/teens from community to church for Bible activities

431 small church gathering in Grand Rapids on Sunday afternoon.

432 Churches that preach the Word and share the gospel along with offering service (and that follow up on it with discipleship)

433 shared ministry pastoral leadership, go deep into biblical texts and still each preach in a unified way. humility

434 Clothing by grace: people can go in and get the clothes they need

435 Providing church building for two other churches to hold services for African American Service and an additional service for autistic children for no charge

436 The CoB congregations in Haiti focusing on service and outreach and Christ centered ministries~ going out into their communities to share and serve.

437 once a month the church went into the community and did service projects in the community. on s Sunday morning.

438 Outreach for men who are coming out of prison is just one of the many programs that brings churches that are close in geography together
Teaching bible at maximum security prison to prisoners with life sentences who then pass on the gospel to other inmates.

Sewing sanitary napkins for school girls in Somalia. Inspired additional congregations to get involved.

Coordination of churches supporting disaster relief in local area.

People with addictions helping them to know Christ. A intentional ministry

Children serving in worship, growing a vegetable garden and taking the produce to local schools for lunch program

Church specifically designed for persons with special needs.

Ecumenical work that is reaching populations of kids within the community that our churches are losing.

The younger generation's interest in spiritual things is strong but not tolerant of politics and hypocrisy. This demand for transparency and honesty is hope filled.

West Charleston church has one congregation with Hispanic and Congolese worshiping all together with the white congregation

Listening to and Meeting needs to attract people especially youth and young adults

Community breakfast monthly to all. Cover with love and watch for transformation.

Working with a soup kitchen allows people to be helped in more ways from finding housing or jobs. It is amazing when we reach out beyond the barriers of race or age and make a difference.

A Mennonite nonprofit, was started with the church. They helped people to get jobs, moving furniture and mowing lawns, etc., and they started to make money, so people could earn a paycheck and learn skills.

Community gardens

Brethren disaster ministry targeting an unreached area after tornadoes hit in Dayton.

Inviting the men from all county churches to a meeting, then having regular meeting afterward. Drawing men together in that way is more intimate than a district fellowship, but it still mixes congregations.

Trailer court in town, very low income area. A church bought a trailer and offers bible study, children's programming, winter clothes, and other resources.

Women coming out of prison ministry.

Root cellar ministry providing English classes, food, and daycare

Wednesday night kids program with dinner provided. Sending those kids to camp

People of all ages coming to the Brethren Bible Institute, and the spiritual maturity they show

God has commanded us to do things

Celebrate Discovery groups for addicts.

Lybrook Community Ministries on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico. Conduct AA meetings, teach mechanics and gardening. Food distribution and housing construction. Revitalized the worship congregation.

Green building in AZ without asphalt, no water drainage. Example of creation care, community environmental witness.

Food supplying

Volunteer services to build homes for people. It is done with no expectations of any returns but knowing that God will return

housing ministry in Springfield Oregon... Allowing their resources to be converted into useful locations for housing relief

Predominantly white congregation paired up with an African American church to study a book on racism.
Community sunrise services

Doing Sunday morning church service swaps with the CoB (predominately white) and a local Pentecostal church (primarily African American) to work on repair race relations and developing new relationships in a small, rural community.

Backpack ministry that supplies food, coats, shoes services to the community, i.e. shoes, hair cuts, washing of feet, opening up of a facility due to weather family fun day for community

Churches calling leaders and sending them out. Leadership development.

A thriving church has made an effort to bring in evangelism into their church and they are doing well as a church. And my hope is our church will someday have an equal billing for salvation vs. social justice.

Serving hot dogs on the street in Brooklyn.

Husband and wife started children’s ministry with 2 children and now has ministry of over 40 of various ages. Incredible growth.

Church of the brethren is who we are. Even if we aren’t all working on the same thing. Christ called a diverse group of disciples. We need to learn to love in our diversity and inclusion.

Just by reading the Messenger, I’m encouraged by the vignettes of congregations doing so many creative things in their communities.

Free lunch two days a week for anyone.

Working with refugees

Managing and dealing with conflict

Ministry that is giving skills training to the community (cooking, mechanic, sewing, auto, tutoring, etc.)

Churches helping other churches financially

Ministry opportunity: reach out to and serve those in halfway houses.

Neighborhood revitalization by purchasing homes from landlords who have been charging above income levels and offering better income housing.

Working with the elderly. A senior center. Working in a soup kitchen

Each individual congregation ministers to its own community. Is encouraging that we each do our own thing. Minister to people we have contact with.

Local church council celebrates history in that area

Homeless shelter started. KY. Amongst churches of different beliefs.

Taking donations for winter clothing and then make them available for those in need.

Growing Grounds tries to help women after imprisonment, find a place to live and have a decent life after prison. Church committee works with them.

Brethren leadership institute that calls out future leaders - specifically how it builds connections between peers who might have theological differences

Gas buy down at the pump

Children’s ministry/activities at annual conference.

Resting in Peace. Helps community in medical debt and helps pay off families in debt. No matter what amount. Just by giving a simple donation not matter what amount. In the church or out the Church.

Ministry to incarcerated persons

Embracing diversity

There are churches who love Jesus and are willing to go and preach the gospel
God is calling on the church. Are we on the right side, we need to make a decision. We sometimes need guiding and direction.

Holding prayer and anointing services of many denominations together for a common need


Using church parking lots for homeless people to be able to park overnight ...

Foot washing on skid row Los Angeles.

VBS offering for loads of laundry, over a thousand loads!

Thrift store and it has created a community to talk not just shop.

Wiffleball tournament open to the public with big name speakers.

a smaller congregation that is not discouraged but full of love for one another

Women's substance abuse and housing program

We fulfilled the great commission and we do what we are called to do and let the stones fall where they may. You likely will never know how many lives you have touched.

Other churches sending work groups to build churches in Haiti.

Ministry situations that include children and supports the needs of families.

ULV and Hispanic churches provide legal council and advice to scared refugees. They tell them their rights and help them deal with authorities.

Miami Haitian Church working at bridging generational language gaps by offering bilingual ministry; other congregations do this so that people can worship in the language that is most comfortable to them.

Teams of volunteers that serve in the community to meet the needs within the community.

Prison ministry in our congregation.

District pot luck bringing congregations in the district getting together.

Another church has a carry-in dinner each Sunday evening. Can invite those who have no family or people to be with for dinner. A family dinner (friends and family)

Crossnet ministries, food pantry and spiritual needs combined

Churches working ecumenically to serve people in need

D73: children youth club: inviting the children’s parents to eat with their children and have mini bible study sessions.

Spiritual relationship retreat weekend, Pilgrimage, which gets participants on fire for God. The focus is on God and His love for His people.

Community singing

New thing, cooperative community vacation bible school. At community fairgrounds, (ecumenical)

District wide worship service

Fifth Sundays of the month they do neighborhood outreach of service projects and a meal open to interested people beyond the church members.

Outreach to an urban neighborhood in need after a suburban, aging church had closed its doors.

Garden on church property to connect with community. Use resources they have and don’t complain about what they don’t have

support Operation Christmas Child - sent 900 boxes out to children

Hispanic churches- growing and welcoming

Church buildings used for community outreach, more than just Sunday morning services
A grandparenting club for local kids

Disaster auctions, brethren disaster ministry, children’s disaster services

Coffee house ministry trying that to reach out

Backpack outreaches for lower income children the churches community.

Serving a weekly meal and teaching bible classes after to non-churched kids in the community during fall-spring.

Community garden

Person working with apologetic ministries and education that goes with it.

The work of BD M is another project that is important. As one in our group said, "You don't have to agree on the "transubstantiation" in order to ask another, 'could you hand me that hammer, please." it is truly the work of the Lord when we are together helping others in need.

Manchester COB has a Death Row Support project that shares love with those who are in prison. I find it to be a beautiful example of sharing Christs love.

Camp program with innovative events that has been brought out into the district.

The Gathering!!

Church members spending time with troubled teens at skateboard park.

Annual disaster relief auctions with many districts coming together to raise funds on the denominational level. Also quilt auctions and tool auctions.

Get to know the people in a community--intentionally get to know those who provide service in stores, etc. and build relationships.

Community, ecumenical VBS. Good participation, variety, Christ based.

worship is when we are giving everything we have to god. being in a pew, people are falling asleep. if it works to go out on a Sunday morning that is worship. we need to change what worship looks like.

Working for the glory of god and our neighbors good

Nursery school ministry

Not addressing the issue has lead us to where we are today. It is time for a decision.

Provide a Christian school for K-4.

Trunk or treat/ pix with Santa/ pancake breakfast

Problem is that these have not resulted in more ppl in the church, but the community awareness is growing.

Church opened up its doors to victims of tornados

Rockford CoB has a technological van that goes out to the community providing technical support

groups within the church that go out an offer service to others in the community

You will be comfortable resting in His love and assurance because he can anything. Intentional and obedience

Hold a healing service and pray for people twice a week specifically

New Spanish language fellowships

Nursery schools and after-school programs

Meat canning together; distribute to needy families in area and overseas.

Programs that help give food to community members. The community has come together - Brethren, Methodist, Lutheran - will have a big food drive. Anybody in the community can get two bags of food every Tuesday from the food bank that resulted from this.

Veritas church meeting the local community where they are at in life.
Be who I called you to be

A lot of the observations for ministry were unfortunately not within the CoB, but other churches in the community. Ex: The Old Order Mennonite community, large non-denominational churches that break up into smaller groups for worship.

Giveaway day. Like a yard sale.

Getting together with different churches to meet and learn about each other. Multiple congregations working together

Through the global food initiative several churches have been able to help in different ways that are unique to their situation, from urban gardens to smaller community markets.

Men's Ministry

Awareness of persecution and ministries for the persecuted.

NOAC

Prince of peace in Sacramento, pastor Mary oversees a convict program - trying to get on the right path and get their lives on the right path. They are welcome and come into the church for the program. Great opportunity for reconciliation and inclusion.

Starting churches in college areas to attract students.

Celebrate recovery group begun

Food pantry every Friday reaching into community, vibrant worship, energy in church

Churches in Seattle won a lawsuit to be able to use their land to provide more help for homeless and houseless people

A local church had a program called a chain for a dollar, and they had people put in spare change, and used the money for helping to provide for the needs of people in the community.

Sunday school rooms that weren't being used, being used as a shelter for the homeless and then worshipping with them

Once a week they have a trailer of clothes, food, and sermon.

Youth room with computers for kids after school to use in case they could not afford their own.

Protection in the midst of tornados -- and service afterward

Community Kitchen. A free meal is offered to anyone who shows up.

Congregations in Action school partnership, provide education assistance and pack a snack program - it is a BVS location.

Spontaneous support group for widows.

Exuberance of worship service that brings various cultures together

Church that has a strong deacon ministry that has calls from people who do not go to church there. Deacons will go and do anointings and have prayer, etc.

Wildwood! Reaching those the church has lost (esp. lgbtq)

Supporting the elderly and those with special needs

Providing shelter for the homeless, as well as food and childcare. This allows them to get jobs and send their children to school.

29-open church monthly to mentally challenged individuals

Pastoral support groups.

Laundry ministry. Do people's laundry at laundromat and witness to them.

Workshop combating racism. Visiting other churches helped build bridges among the community churches.
Weekly community meal, all welcome from different churches and socio-economic levels, port-a-potty on property to serve homeless.

People are desperately searching for truth.

Very active council of churches in the community which gives many different perspectives.

Ecumenical service projects.

Sister church in the inner city so kids from different backgrounds get to interact with each other.

A Quaker congregation is helping the local Muslim community raise funds to build a mosque.

Praise band in other community church is causing kids or younger generation to go to other churches. Find a way to minister to all age groups.

Christian addiction counseling.

Food pantry. Must qualify for government assistance.

Celebrate recovery ministries.

A church helped raise $20k to help a non-church of the brethren who was self-employed and got hurt working and we helped with medical bills.

Community-based gardening, community of joy congregation in Salisbury MD.

People are born with a need for salvation.

Engaging sermons that motivate and inspire.

Food-filled backpacks for schoolchildren on weekends.

Our problems are similar to the old church. We have framework and we are trying to figure this out.

Helping folks with immigration problems and visiting migrants who are in prison.

The Brethren in our county (Floyd) - we can work together on various projects. Whether the congregation has 10 or 300.

Brethren Disaster Ministries and the method of drawing from all congregations for volunteer labor while spreading the love of Christ.

Seeing the lives touched by people offering sponsorship to kids and seeing the difference in their lives.

Serving meals to needy.

Church of older people who reach out to kids in a neighboring housing project - programs, meeting needs.

Working with habitat for humanity. And their re store. Brethren disaster ministries and any organization that helps people recover from difficulties.

29 youth went into a clothing distribution center and cleaned and organized it. They served the community and also gained an understanding of how other people live/what other people have. We need to look and see what is needed in the moment - weeding a garden, shoveling snow, etc.

Response:

Brethren Disaster Ministry does great work -- disaster relief bucket challenge.

Our SVMC class has helped become more hopeful because they realize that change is coming and is teaching us how to embrace change.

Community gardens that were for the community - group of churches that comes together and shares great abundances of food.

The Camp program assists with feeding the children one warm meal in the county.

Outdoor camps that touch people from toddlers to Senior citizens.

VBS programs.
Rent out parsonage, the money goes to outreach, for people to request help for bills, transportation

Church makes noodles to help raise money for outreach.

Families and congregations hosting and supporting refugees and immigrants and even sponsoring to send them to camp, and the groups at the camp being very accepting and welcoming of those people.

Churches or people active in adopting and caring for the orphan

Ss class works with an elementary school to directly and intensely work with a family in need.

Church wellness program to promote healthy grieving, cancer diagnoses, etc. Blood pressure in prayer room after service.

If you’re so pointed inside, you’re not going to help outside

Meeting with a Brethren pastors as a layperson has helped him see their devotion to God and the Bible.

The prayer summit in Rockingham County

Wildwood church meets in a tavern. Can preach gospel in any location.

Backpack program, feeding children on the weekends by sending food home from school

Several churches go out into a community together to help with home projects for a week and, while some work, others talk with the people about faith.

Ministry for rehabbing houses,

Churches that are older and shrinking... Claiming what they can do powerfully, even on one topic/focus

We don't know what is going on elsewhere in our district.

Living with Hope program for those living with addictions

the Church of the Brethren can attract all people to come to the Christ.

San Diego COB has a couple of houses to shelter immigrant families

The Haiti water project is another hopeful/astounding project.

Non-English speaking congregations' ministry that has a clear sense of their own congregational identity, which is in agreement with a traditional evangelical interpretation of scriptures

A lot of men do not want to participate in the life of the church. I saw a "men's ministry" group that was very helpful.

Church partnerships with 3 local churches (predominantly Black). Works to help gun violence, mental health support, suicide prevention.

Individuals and congregations that are wiling to make stands, popular or not, truth

Congregations worshipping together

A team of people from one church (not Brethren) visit other declining churches to hold a weekend retreat reaching out to members of that congregation who have drifted away from attending to try to help that church revitalize.

The online church is a joy.

Summer Lunch program


Our global expansions through missionaries and church planters (Spain, England, Rwanda, so many!!!)

Use Jesus as our example for our daily walk

Tomado clean up, help

Hispanic churches that are growing in the district

29-district work camp with one day for handicapped folks
Be in ministry for the need. For instance tutoring children after school. We are getting older but spirit is willing

Parking lot ministry

I'm hopeful about the death row project and Kingian nonviolence programs through on earth peace and continued outreach to marginalized communities.

Working at homeless shelters

Thrift stores

open doors front of church, bring in folks to provide services to folks in need once a week in the sanctuary. who have started coming to worship.

Immigrant Hope going around setting up offices for folks to be immigrant agents and sharing the gospel

Busing folks from a halfway house to church services...

John's Way. Purchase used medical supplies ad give away. Grown to require a warehouse.

Online worship services

Multi faceted ministry to immigrants led by multiple congregations

One more answer to the last question. The church of the future will know the Bible not just the parts they think they know.

Several churches working together within a district to help each other.

Micah's Backpack, filling backpacks with food so kids don't go hungry over the weekend

Participating in diapers from T-shirts ministry.

Serve the community

Summer music get-togethers will food sales. Funds go to Cove Christmas Love, which supplies gifts to needy families in the community in conjunction with the school.

Very appreciative to hear of the new churches that were started and five also last year. It is a good thing to be able to bring that back home and say that we are not disappearing.

Began a grief share group

A Methodist Church gets information of families in the community and writes the information on tote bags for people to fill with supplies for the family in need.

Church that has a large group of children although my church does not

older members that can't get to church. youth meet the older folks in their home to do bible study together.

another church does love feats and community in in homes.

Building open for AA and other community needs. Tax people come in and allow community people to come in and use it.

Parsonage used for home schooling. Or mothers who needed refuge for community needs

Church in no. Virginia where there is assumption of privilege. Wealthy kids can afford good tutors. Church just kicked off a program called Oakton project of learning. Focused on kids in projects in low income housing to provide good tutoring and opportunity for education. Intent to connect with kids.

Blood drives

Youth ministry must be priority! VBS that leads to regular Sunday school.

Helping other churches intaking care of Gods creation

Community churches working together to improve the judicial system. It is a complex partnership that requires cooperation and is long term.

Community garden and outreach to the community
Taking a risk to engage in this process

School supplies

In Nigeria, all churches and more come together in times of disaster. Barriers broken.

Food bank, with fresh food! Sustainable garden with kids

District Disaster Auction brings everybody together.

Community needs being met and exceeded

Project Hope goes into places that struggle with human trafficking, currently working in Hyderabad, India. Contributes money and support to the families, and works to rescue the trafficked people. Provide education to shift the mindset that allows this in their culture.

Cooperating with other sister church of the brethren churches and not worry about losing members to those sister churches

Project 127 - provides money to help with adoption expenses. Purchased building in Congo to start a school to teach women to sew and other life skills. Also sending money to help feed the children.

Offering tutoring to kids.
Offering a safe place.

Outreach to the Hispanic community.

VBS program reaching out to the community

30 years ago, our home District had a number of churches that sponsored families who were coming into the US for asylum

Our church and another church with very different background went on a mission trip together and now we're very close, often sending visitors to each other's services, and we even have a housing ministry together.

Disaster relief ministry and the rapid response to those in need.

Children's disaster services
BVS and workcamps
Church camps
Denominational and district gatherings like NYC
Pilgrimage
Family promise ministry for the homeless
Partnering with interfaith community hospitality networks
John's Way collects medical equipment
Mobile medical services
Food and water support
On earth peace

Modern and Mature club for adults

Finding needs in nursing homes and offering gifts.

Building beds for children.

School supplies

The resilience of the EYN is hopeful/impressive.

Clean up after tornados

Programs to support the homeless or single parents
Willingness to merge with smaller congregations and work together.

Medical transportation and nursing consultations

Join together with other congregations in our community to engage in ministry that we cannot do alone; collaborative ventures

A garden grown to give food to the poor.

Peace camp during summer. Showing ways to handle conflict, etc.

Brand new congregation has a home church structure. As the house church grows, they branch out to open up another house. They do not put money into buildings but witness by relationships. People who would not be comfortable in a traditional church building are wanting to come to a house church

Passion conferences

Non denominational congregations with contemporary services are seeing growth and applied.

Education opportunities on districts to provide ability to have consistency of foundational ministries

Camp ministry. Outdoor

Investing in the next generation

We have a prison ministry.

Community Bible school

Sending money to Africa to deworm kids

Women have turned funeral dinners into a ministry - serve whether they known the deceased or not - community contacts them to engage the service

The new plant in Las Vegas.....of COB....and then included by district.

The church camp ministers to children of incarcerated people.

Interfaith international day of prayer for peace service

pb&j ministry - prayer, bread & Jesus

Haiti medical project

Deep bible study

When a small church attracts more kids for a VBS program than they have members! That's amazing!

faith in action northern Ohio

Homeless shelter ministry

Small churches doing all we can

Table 72

Teamed up with many church, ecumenical, to house the homeless and feed them and to keep them warm on cold nights. The churches rotate who house those needing shelter

A place for kids to play safely and let the kids shower

Prayer and worship summit in Harrisburg, VA brings folks together to lead revival... First one had 1/2 districts represented

Young people leading a traveling hymn sing before service projects in community.

Established a preschool

Senior centers for fellowship and food

English as second language

Recognizing and supporting young talents and gifts in the church, calling some to ministry
Open and affirming churches

Relationship building with the vulnerable

Knock on doors, pass out cookies, pray with people

Seeing the Death Row Project in the session before this inspired people.

From a Messenger article: A strong congregation that helps a smaller congregation meet needs that they are unable to respond to themselves (reach out to help persons in the less affluent neighborhood)

Feeding hungry children through backpack programs, food banks, Materials and instruction on food care.

Becoming more aware of the similarities between denominations and feeling included because of those similarities

Chasing after the gifts of the Spirit

Follow the star an Christmas village reenactment of Jesus time

The Dunker Punks Podcast is super cool/helpful/new ministry

Helping Asylum seekers.

Team work situations with different cultures and financial situations.

On earth peace's antiracism transformation journey

Providing a meal after the worship service for fellowship and feeding those who may need nutrition.

Helping new released prisoners become reacclimated to society...ministry to mentally challenged people

Go door to door....people have issues with church, but all want to connect and have needs

People with different perspectives working on Nominating committee or mission and ministry board for the common good if the church and the world around us

A adult book study discussion group meeting weekly, open to people of other denominations and religions. This helps people know about the congregation and a sometimes people want to join the church.

Ministry to mentally challenged young people

Prison project Kairos men and women spend Saturdays and Sundays meeting with inmates and lowers recidivism.

Harrisonburg 1st giving young people tools to react with non-violence to the violence around them.

Churches across the denomination that send out members in various service projects both locally and internationally.