

WILLITS AND THE WORLD SERVICE FUND

“This month, as Thanksgiving approaches, we think of others,” says the November newsletter from Willits UMC. “With Jesus’ teaching to ‘go into all the world’ and John Wesley’s claim that ‘the world is my parish,’ we have solid foundation for our church’s outreach ministries.”

Their focus this month is on “the World Service Fund, often called the ‘first cause’ of United Methodists.” They continue, “Through World Service we:

- Undergird a network of [more than] 2,000 missionaries who serve in 9,000 projects around the world.
- Strengthen evangelism efforts, stimulate church growth, expand Bible Studies and nurture spiritual development.
- Support local church work with children, youth, singles, students, adults of all ages, and persons who are mentally and physically challenged.
- Enrich our congregational life with worship, retreat and camping resources, leadership training and stewardship development.
- Provide coordination for denominational ministries with youth.
- Continue nearly 200 years of commitment to quality colleges and graduate education.”