The Mission of the Month for February is Cass Community Social Services, a Detroit-based agency dedicated to providing food, jobs, health services and housing.

* FOOD: One million meals served a year, with food coming from volunteer donations, a community garden, food banks, and meat from hunters in Northern Michigan.
* HOUSING: Multiple warming centers, emergency shelters, rotating shelters hosted by churches and permanent supported housing (where individuals can stay in an apartment indefinitely) are made available to those in need.
* JOBS: Green Industries was created for those with significant barriers to traditional jobs and links employment with sustainability. Currently 85 adults produce [m](https://casscommunity.org/mud-mats/)ud mats and flip-flops from tires that were illegally dumped in the city, coaster sets using repurposed wood from demolished houses and glass scraps from Guardian Glass, and shredded materials through a document destruction program.
* HEALTH: A free medical clinic is operated by volunteer doctors and Wayne State medical students, offering health screenings, simple medications, and arrangements for pro bono procedures.
* TINY HOMES: 25 different homes (250-400sf) are planned for this project (13 are completed or near completion). The residents are formerly homeless, senior citizens, or college students who all qualify as low-income. For seven years the residents will rent the homes for $1/sq. ft. after which time they will be given the opportunity to own the home and property.

Cass has many other outreach programs and services including bicycle rentals, coat and gift drives, a choir of formally homeless men, a store allowing people the opportunity to provide for themselves at a significant discount but giving them a sense of responsibility and accomplishment – just to name a few. They truly are living their motto of *“Fighting Poverty. Creating Opportunity. Building Community.”*

Hands-on projects with Cass and SLFUMC have already begun in 2019. The UMM have built an office inside one of their warehouses and have done work inside an apartment building to make it habitable. The youth are working on remodeling a children’s room at the Cass UMC. A hot meal will be served on Saturday February 2, 2019 to those in need. And, a group has gone to paint bowls that will be used at a fundraiser in Eastern Market on Friday March 8, 2019 (21 & over event). Tickets are available at [www.emptybowlsdetroit.org](http://www.emptybowlsdetroit.org) if you would like to attend.

Detroit is changing, rebuilding and growing stronger but there is still a lot of work to be done. Please consider supporting Cass Community Social Services. You can learn all about their work at [www.casscommunity.org](http://www.casscommunity.org) Checks can be made out to FUMC and designated on the offering envelope to CCSS. During the month of February, your prayers and financial support will make a difference in the City of Detroit.