

MISSION UPDATE-4/27/2026

The St. Mark's Mission Team would like to reassure everyone that although we lost Paul Givens on 4/9/2026, the ministries that he coordinated will continue to go on as follows:

1. Disaster Response Team- Nat Johnson (615-504-9249) & William Pollard. This includes local work as well as work in the southeastern U.S. states. This work will continue to be coordinated with disaster members from First United Methodist Church (FUMC)-Murfreesboro and Cookeville. (See attached photos of tree removal in Lavergne on 4/27/26.)
2. Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance- Nat Johnson (615-504-9249)
3. Red Bird Food Ministry- Bruce Atkins (615-631-6424)/Karen Alexander (615-477-4244). Bruce will be responsible for picking up food made into 144 food boxes for Red Bird Mission-Community Outreach to distribute in Beverly, Kentucky every 6 weeks. Karen will arrange for volunteers to assist in making boxes in St. Mark's warehouse and will coordinate delivery dates with Tracy Nolan, Red Bird Community Outreach Director. (See attachment for pictures of last Red Bird boxes being assembled.)
4. Red Bird-Other Food deliveries- Bruce Atkins (615-631-6424)/Karen Alexander (615-477-4244) (615-477-4244). Karen will coordinate pick up of food donated by Society of St. Andrews locations (seed potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, etc.) and other donors (ex. Ed Burnett donation of tomatoes for Grow Appalachia). Bruce will be responsible for picking up and delivering food to Red Bird-Community Outreach/Grow Appalachia.
5. Red Bird-Other Deliveries- Throughout each year, we coordinate the delivery to Red Bird of donated items from St. Mark's church members and other local churches (ex. FUMC-Murfreesboro). (examples-wheelchairs, diapers, adult depends, Christmas gifts, etc.) Karen and Bruce will also coordinate these deliveries.
6. Other deliveries as needed (example-recent 4/15/26 delivery of flood buckets for FUMC-Murfreesboro to Decatur, Alabama UMCOR facility). Karen and Bruce will also coordinate these deliveries.
7. Karen will continue to coordinate the St. Mark's Furniture Ministry (furniture phone-615-707-3166), Manna Ministry and Red Bird Christmas for the Red Bird Christian School. (Karen personal cell for non-furniture calls-615-477-4244).

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING IN ANY OF THE MINISTRIES LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE GIVE THE CONTACT A CALL!!