



The Third Mark of Mission is *“to respond to human need by loving service”* and the Mission Statement of the Outreach Committee of Grace Church is to facilitate through all parishioners our Lord’s caring and sharing ministries to the greater community. **The purpose of this mission is to fulfill our baptismal vow to “seek and serve Christ in all persons.”**

Throughout the year we have opportunities to be Jesus’ hands and feet in the world, helping others in various ways. Sometimes we don’t respond to the nudge of the Holy Spirit for some reason, then wish we had— because hands-on-service always tops our lists in church surveys about ministries.

The **Oct 4th Hands on Kirkwood** is a one-day mission blitz in our local community; a day when every member of the community is encouraged and empowered to go out and serve. We’ve all heard the statement, *“It is better to give than to receive.”* Most of us believe this, but few of us find an intentional way to live it. **Hands on Kirkwood** is that intentional way. It is simple... just sign-up to serve neighbors in need **one day**: neighbors in need of yard work; neighbors in need of home repairs; neighbors in need of a smile; neighbors in need of winter clothes, food, toys, books or a blanket.

HOK provides many different ways to serve our local community this Fall, when the weather is cooler. No matter your age or level of ability, there are jobs you can do. Members of Grace with different abilities can form teams to repair and clean up a local home, **or** you can meet and join volunteers from other local churches to help in various ways. There are many sedentary and easy jobs, as well as jobs for those with more strength or repair know-how. **You can donate food, clothing, kiddie items or assist with the Celebration Event at Grace Church Oct 4th by providing food, drink, and hospitality to other HOK volunteers. Check the Outreach Board for details.** Please contact Vince & Michele Nicosia for additional info about the projects below **or** Google **Hands on Kirkwood 2025** to sign up for other missional projects.

September Prep Work for Grace Parishioners

Sept Winter Clothing, Toy & Book collection at Grace

Making Lap Blankets & Layette Items (yarn in LaVielle closet)

Greentree Parade 9/15

Neighborhood Bag Drop

Free Store set-up at KBC starts Sept 25

October 4th Missional Community Projects

Neighborhood Donation Pick-Up

Donation Sorting & Distribution

Home Projects (exterior house work & yard work)

Winter Car Check

Free Store volunteers (toys & clothing)

KUMC Health Fair

Oct 4th HOK Celebration Event at Grace Church

Sign up in Albright Hall to provide drinks, snacks, food, desserts and hospitality