



## Settle Memorial United Methodist Church

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Dear Settle Family,

As you know, Settle Memorial UMC has a longstanding tradition of serving others in our community, across our state and nation, and around the world through our mission work. That tradition was kept alive in 2023, and what a blessing it has been to serve our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ together.

1. You donated over \$1000.00 to Estes Elementary, Foust Elementary, Eastview Elementary, and Audubon Elementary for school supplies.
2. Your gifts to Faith Promises provided the food for our Weekend Backpack Ministry. 100 bags of food are prepared each week for students at Eastview and Audubon Elementary Schools to help them through the weekend—more than 4,000 bags of food in 2023! We are so thankful to our volunteers that pack and deliver these bags each week.
3. We have three teams of church members that provide meals to St. Benedict's each month. That is 180 meals provided each month. Your gifts help fund those meals and make these men's lives a little bit better.
4. Many of us have attended Camp Loucon during the nearly 75 years of its existence. Some have even worked as summer staff or volunteers. Our mission work at Loucon is a huge part of our church history. Teams of people have cleaned, built, repaired, and served Camp Loucon just this past year with more planned in 2024. Hundreds of work hours help keep this special part of our conference available for future generations.
5. Trunk-or-treats: We served more than 200 visitors and gave away more than 50 coats that day. Additionally, we donated more than 300 coats to Foust Elementary, the International Center of Owensboro, and the area shelters. We also served a meal, sending 60 extra meals to St. Benedict's. Our church family pulled together cooking, passing out candy, organizing coats, cleaning but mostly — showing Christ's love to all.!
6. Mission Tree: provided gifts for 16 families (39 children). So many of you helped make Christmas a little more special for many people. These families have stories of resilience, compassion, and faith. Their thankfulness was ... well, I think I received the best gift of all in getting to meet the parents when they picked up the presents.
7. We continue to have both a hands-on and financial support to the following: Habitat for Humanity; The Help Office; Kentucky Wesleyan College; Mary Kendall Home; Henderson Settlement; Camp Loucon; Red Bird Mission; Jail Ministry; Boulware Mission; Friends of Sinners; Fresh Start for Women; and our international missionaries: the Howards, the Morrisseys, and Ron Kaluya in Uganda. Our small gifts have immeasurable effects around the world.

I Peter 4:10 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Thank you for serving with your prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alecia Meyer".

Alecia Meyer