

Thoughts from your Executive Director:

Psalm 121:1-2(NIV). *“I lift up my eyes unto the Lord- where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of Heaven and Earth”.*

Hello My Friends,

It is so difficult for me to understand how we are already in the month of June. One of the wisest things my dad said to me when I was a teenager, was, “don’t wish your life away”. “Life is going to pick up speed and never going to slow down”. I have come to realize that when I go in such a hurry to get to somewhere or something, that I often miss the somewhere and something that’s right in front of me. If we are not careful, an obstacle like a curve in the road can prevent others from knowing the destination. The here and now is missed and the journey does not help others know the final mission.



Today, the final destination is for everyone to know Jesus Christ. Our Scripture emphasis this year is from 1 John 3:18. Where it says, *“Dear children, let us not love with words or in speech, but with actions and in the truth”*. So our purpose of being here right now has not changed even though some of the curves have. With your help everyone knows the reason for the journey and the importance of ‘Today’!

So we need to remember our Mission Statement: ***Creating Opportunities*** ‘Today’ when we are playing baseball with our children on the campus for the first time in over 10 years. Praying with the children before, during, and after the game! Wanting ***for better lives*** ‘Today’ by doing everything we can to ensure that Summer Recreation helps change some of the roads being travelled. We want the children and their families to know that God loves them and so do we! ***Through Christ centered service*** ‘Today’ you help build relationships, ramps and remodels! Our purpose is only fulfilled by your prayers, participation, and your financial support.

Are we going to understand and appreciate this present moment? What can we take care of today? We can tell you that today, we really need your prayers, so that we're doing what he wants, and not what we want. We can tell you that today it is not too late for you to come see us this year and help us help others. And finally, today if it's at all possible, we would really appreciate your financial help to pay for the everyday expenses of doing ministry in the world we live!

John Newman, Executive Director



God Sightings

We currently are taking 25 meals one day a week to folks like Beatrice who is 101 years old. Sharon who helps in this cause says that she has been told often that we are “the only company they have”. She goes on to say “they want that... hug, that smile, that talk, and yes they want that good food”! The truth of the matter is we rotate each week to a different 25 elders and we could easily double or triple this Ministry if funds and manpower were available. **“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)**

Staff Spotlight

Jessica Partin is our Volunteer Coordinator/ Work Camp Registrar. Jessica has been with us since May of 2018 and handles many different duties from the Administration Building. She is the lead contact person for information about bringing a work team or coming as individual volunteers. She also handles the database for all groups coming throughout the year and getting them up to date information on projects, housing,



special diets, etc. In addition to that she manages the general housing calendar for all guests and volunteers and gets that information to appropriate departments on campus in order to keep everyone up to date on arrivals. She also helps answer phone calls from inside and outside the community to assist them in reaching the programs they are needing or just to answer general information questions. Jessica is wonderful interacting with everyone. She has a warm and engaging personality and easy for anyone to talk to or ask questions.

Jessica is a lifelong resident of the area and currently lives in Frakes with her husband Jeret and their daughter Abigail. She loves animals, especially horses and turtles, off-roading with family and friends and hunting. Jessica says her favorite thing about working at Henderson Settlement is meeting new people and making friends. She is really excited about the programs being offered to the community but is most excited about seeing Work Camp grow back to pre-Covid numbers. She is also excited about the Community Park renovation and seeing Abigail play there. She says that being a community person and seeing the work camp home repairs being done as she grew up and now working in that program is rewarding for her. She also has a perspective for the community and area that she can share with those that ask questions that is respectful and uplifting of those in need.

We are happy to have Jessica as part of the staff and Henderson Settlement family.

MIHOW

A high school junior dropped out of school after learning she was pregnant. A first-time mom develops preeclampsia and is forced to have a cesarean. A 40-year-old mother finds out she is pregnant. Our MIHOW program is a support base for ALL mothers.

The Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker (MIHOW) Program is a peer mentoring program that targets economically disadvantaged and geographically isolated communities. It is designed to improve health and child development for pregnant women and families with children ages 0-3. Through monthly home visits and parenting groups, MIHOW promotes healthy pregnancies, healthy children, and healthy emotional bonds between children and their parents.



Henderson Settlement is proud of our MIHOW program, and we work hard at making sure our mothers and families have the support they need to have successful lives. We couldn't do what we do without your support and prayers. THANK YOU! If you feel led to help our MIHOW program we need donations of diapers, clothing, wipes, etc. Please feel free to visit our website www.hendersonsettlement.com to find out more about our program.

Grow Appalachia:

Tomatoes, Corn, Beans...we're as busy as bees.

We have had an amazing May!

We had a meeting with our Grow Appalachia gardeners on May 18th, we had a class on organic gardening. We gave out tomato plants, pepper plants, cucumber, squash, (extra cabbage if we had it), corn, bean and okra seed, and an organic garden spray. Our meeting was full since we have been having excellent turnouts. We went over organic gardening with our gardeners during our last meeting. We had a class discussion afterward about organic gardening techniques that some of our gardeners were already implementing into their gardening. I feel that we all learned a lot, it was nice to hear everyone's experiences with using the different techniques and things. Our next meeting, June 8th, will be over basic garden maintenance. We hope to have the same amazing attendance that we have had at our past meetings. We added a season extension class in August that we announced at our last meeting. We also scheduled garden visits with our gardeners!

Greenhouse:

The greenhouse is going really well. We've almost sold out of our summer plants and seeds and we're excited to move into our fall plants! I've already learned a lot this year and I'm looking forward to all the planning and work that goes on to prepare for next year, I've already compiled a list of things to implement or change next year! We're planting corn, pumpkins, and mums for our autumn plants and what's left at the greenhouse is discounted! The season is going well and I'm looking forward to harvesting and transitioning to the next!

"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. -1 Corinthians 3:7





play ball.

Henderson Settlement's Youth Development Program has been busy this spring offering multiple basketball camps, coach pitch baseball and T-ball. As baseball wraps up Summer Recreation begins with 8 weeks of spiritual, recreational and educational fun!!!



Volunteers: We Need You!

No, we are not a recruiter for the armed forces but we are recruiting for partners in ministry for Christ! Work Camp/ Volunteers In Mission do an incredible amount of work across the nation and we are Blessed to be a part of that connection. We are excited that our participation numbers continue to grow in recovery of the Covid impact. While that growth is encouraging we still need groups to join us for community home repair and campus building and repair. We have much to accomplish with your help and we have plenty of spots available for large or small groups to join us this summer or fall. We don't need a lot of lead time to schedule your group, just contact us at 606-337-3613 or email us at workcamp@hsumc.org and we will be happy to discuss the opportunities we have available to be a service for the Lord in our part of Appalachia. We hope to hear from you and see you soon.



Craft Shop News

Greetings from the Craft Shop!

We are excited to share with you that the 2023 Work Camp T-Shirts are here! Also, if you haven't already heard, the craft shop is online. That means you can purchase your 2023 WC T-Shirts ONLINE! You can have them shipped to you or save the shipping fees and pick them up when you get here. How awesome is that! So just go to <https://hendersonsettlement.com/craft-shop-online.html> to place your order.



The Craft Shop Online is adding new items, as well as, having our tried and true inventory. There are new vendors adding their items, and we are adding new colors to our line of Logo t-shirts. We have apparel, jewelry, quilts, key fobs, tumblers, woodworking items, just to name a few. Not all of our items are online yet so if you have seen something and want to purchase it, just give us a call at (606) 337-3613 ext. 312 you may need to leave a message but we will get back to you ASAP. The Craft Shop itself is open more for your shopping convenience. Watch for the “Craft Shop Open” flag outside the Mission Dorm. In addition to extended daytime hours, The Craft Shop is open in the evening Tuesday and Thursday, 6-7pm. You can also contact the Thrift Store to gain access or more information.



Sincerely, The Craft Shop Staff

Campsite Open!

Our new and improved RV campsite is complete with 12 sites available for guest or volunteers. We are looking forward to seeing you there. To make reservations for your stay contact Jessica (606) 337-3613 ext. 314.





**“Creating Opportunities For Better Lives
Through Christ Centered Service”**

**My little children, let us not love in word,
neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**

1 John 3:18

Ways we can serve you:

Volunteer

- ♦ We can serve you as you serve others.
- ♦ Come for the day or stay for the week.
- ♦ Groups from 1-100 people.
- ♦ Volunteer on campus or adopt a community project.

Guest

- ♦ We can serve you as you are on a retreat.
- ♦ Come for the day, a weekend, or week.
- ♦ Groups from 1 - 100 people.
- ♦ Have a retreat for yourself, your family, your work, or your church.

RV camping - Dorm Accommodations – Private Housing

Nightly rates available.

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