

MISSION TALK

“BECOMING MISSIONAL”

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It Is Not The Church If It is Not Missional

- ☐ What is the “why” of your Mission Ministry from:
 - ☐ The leaderships' perspective
 - ☐ The ministry team members perspective
 - ☐ The church's perspective
- ☐ All perspectives are important because they **will drive the effectiveness of the ministry.**
 - ☐ Leaders' vision & attitude will attract/repel people
 - ☐ Ministry team members will work together and set the atmosphere that will draw people, or cause people to stay away. **Our team at Hope has fun when we're together.**
 - ☐ The Ministry must be aligned and make sure that it is aligned with church leadership and clearly communicate what it is doing and hopes to do.



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“Alignment”

In my humble opinion, one of the greatest Missionaries that ever lived realized **the importance of alignment**:

Galatians 2:1-2 (NRSVUE) - **2** *Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ²I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the gentiles, **in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain.***



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“Know What You Are About”

Agree on your Mission – Keep It Simple & Achievable – Clearly Communicate Your Mission – Make Sure Everyone on the team and in the church knows the mission.

Southfield Hope UMC – Mission Statement

“We Feed, We Clothe, We Give Hope”

Hope's Mission Ministry Statement recognizes our Pantry/Clothing Closet operation and the mindset our team operates with.

What Can An Effective Mission Ministry Do For The Church?

Allows Us To Be the Church

- Without Love what are we?
- Without care for the poor who are we?
- Provides a response to Matthew 25:35-36 (NRSVUE)

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Allows Us To Project Compassion

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Allows Us To Put Faith Into Action

Every Community has some issue that an effective Mission Ministry can address:

- Hunger
- Poverty
- Seniors
- Drugs

What's Your Community's need?

Southfield – Hope UMC Mission Ministry

- ❑ 2023 Was our first full year of operation after being idle for the Covid Pandemic.
- ❑ The Ministry relaunched with a new leadership team, some original core members, plus some new members as we progressed through 2023.
- ❑ We are a Gleaners Partner Pantry, and we secure much of our food through Gleaners.
- ❑ Benefits of Gleaners:
 - ❑ Food Pricing
 - ❑ USDA Specials which can be amazing values
 - ❑ Free Dairy Items such as Milk is usually available
 - ❑ Free Produce
 - ❑ Free Delivery to your location if the order is 2,500 lbs. or more
 - ❑ Opportunity for grants through Gleaners:
 - ❑ Dairy Cooler – BCBSM – Midwest Dairy Assoc.
 - ❑ Refrigerators – Whirlpool Good Fridge Program
- ❑ Gleaners' expertise to help improve your pantry – i.e. Nutrition Pantry Program (NPP)
- ❑ Annual Gleaners-Kroger Food Drive.
- ❑ Link2feed Client – Helps manage your operation especially food pantries.

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Data Is Your Friend in Seeking Grants

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Food Purchases lbs.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CYTD
2026													-	-	-	-	-
2025													-	-	-	-	-
2024	434	113											547	-	-	-	547
2023	629	-	1,094	1,354	2,906	1,269	1,455	2,517	5,935	3,208	3,021	-	1,723	5,529	9,907	6,229	23,388

Food lbs. Disbursed	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CYTD
2026																	
2025																	
2024	556	3,143											3,699				3,699
2023	888	1,464	1,464	2,580	2,182	2,270	2,624	2,044	3,245	3,571	6,670	3,007	3,816	7,032	7,913	13,248	32,009

Households Served	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CYTD
2026																	
2025																	
2024	10	66											76				76
2023	14	22	21	46	46	44	55	40	65	76	141	59	57	136	160	276	629

Individuals in all Households	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CYTD
2026																	
2025																	
2024	29	196											225				225
2023	49	78	103	172	142	172	176	115	219	206	487	166	230	486	510	859	2,085

Clothing Closet Visits	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CYTD
2026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	30
2023	7	14	9	24	23	23	21	24	27	32	65	23	30	70	72	120	292
2023 % utilization	50%	64%	43%	52%	50%	52%	38%	60%	42%	42%	46%	39%	53%	51%	45%	43%	46%

Southfield – Hope UMC Mission Ministry Leverage Others In Your Cause

Kroger URL To Request Donation

<https://thekrogerco.versaic.com/login>

Giving Back



At Kroger, we believe strong communities are everyone's responsibility. We are committed to helping the communities we call home grow and prosper. Each year, we help hundreds of local nonprofit organizations that are working to make our communities better places to live and work.

Our charitable giving and grantmaking supports Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste impact plan, our commitment to end hunger in our communities and eliminate waste across our company. See more details about our impact plan in our [ESG Report](#).

We also support other nonprofit organizations that are making a difference in our communities. Kroger gives back to our communities through Kroger Community Rewards in these key focus areas:

- Zero Hunger | Zero Waste
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Health & Nutrition
- Education & Youth Development
- Disaster Relief
- Stronger Communities

Southfield – Hope UMC Mission Ministry Creatively – Involve The Church

- ❑ Shine Your Light – **It's not bragging when you glorify God** – Let the church know that Missions Is doing Mission "Stuff."
- ❑ Matthew 5:16 (NRSVUE) : ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
- ❑ People will support you/join you once they know what you're doing.







Food donation from Lawrence Tech
Student Athletic Leadership Team

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Typical Gleaners Food Delivery





Children's Choir preparing bags for Southfield police to give homeless in partnership with Missions



Sister Karen Shannon in Clothing Closet with Sister Michelle Spivey

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Closing Comment

- ❑ God is amazing in what he will do through a Mission Ministry
- ❑ Mission people are amazing when they approach missions with the heart of Christ.
- ❑ Your Mission Ministry may not change the world, but it will change a piece of the world.

My ultimate Missionary (The Apostle Paul) had it figured out:

Galatians 2 - ⁹ *and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the gentiles and they to the circumcised.* ¹⁰ ***They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.***