



God's Work Our Hands 2024

Last Sunday we celebrated our tenth year of participation in God's Work Our Hands. We gathered at 8 am & 9:30 am to be fed by God's Word and Meal of Bread and Wine; and then nearly 65 of us scattered into the mission field right outside our doors and served our Lord and our community in these ways. Our members served by:

- Coordinating, setting up, and cooking our luncheon; and washing dishes and cleaning up afterward.
- Cleaning and scrubbing the ambulance room, and cleaning out oil catch basins at the Conemaugh Township EMS building.
- Cutting down and removing brush from a hillside that was hampering blueberry bushes growth at a community person's home.
- Painting the concrete wall in the Learning Place outside play area to prep for a mural as well as painting the swing set and hanging the new swings.
- Edging sidewalks and power washing ramps, porch and sidewalks at the Conemaugh Township Historical Society Building.
- Planting 360 tulip and 240 daffodil bulbs at Laurel View Village.
- Cleaning and organizing the sidewalk, washing windows, cleaning and organizing the "Buy it Now" and Silent Auction area, cleaning the shelving in the household sales area, vacuuming the sales floor and the fatigue mats in the workroom, dusting the windowsills, and sorting donations as they arrived (3 drop offs while we were there); all at St. Francis Caring and Sharing Thrift Shoppe.
- Packing 48 New Baby Kits and boxing them for delivery to the Headstart Office in Somerset. These kits are given to families who are experiencing difficult times as a new infant joins a family. Additional items received, including body wash, blankets, aspirators, wipes, pacifiers and lotion were also delivered. The items contained in each kit represent about \$50. The total of all items WE purchased for this project falls in the area of \$2,700.
- Providing the following desserts for Meals on Wheels:

Cakes	14	Brownies	10 Trays
Cup Cakes	4 dozen	Krispy treats	1 tray
Breads.	21	Cookies	11 dozen

By working TOGETHER approximately 180 person hours were shared in 3 hours in the mission field right outside our church doors. Thank you to everyone who prepared lunch and who participated in the projects. Also thank you to David Barabas for recording the day's activities on film. Check out the presentation in the narthex. Thank you also to our congregation staff Brad Kaufman, Jessica Brewer, Brett Merberger, and Pastor Fischer for helping to make the day a success.

Finally, several Thrivent shirts are available in the narthex on the table - 3XL and 2 L Youth (size 14-16).

