

At Paducah Cooperative Ministry...

...we seek to serve God, to be guided and provided for in all ways by God. First and foremost, our ministry is His.

... we have served as an extension of the faith community in McCracken County for 50 years.

...we are an interfaith organization whose member congregations ask us and enable us to be effective stewards of God's resources on their behalf.

...we are a unified, community effort responding to the urgent human needs of our neighbors.

...we recognize that every person is a child of God deserving kindness and respect.

...we serve those who come to us daily seeking aid and keep in mind that we may be entertaining angels unaware.



Our Community of Faith

With deepest gratitude for all you do all year, every year

Amazing Grace Lutheran	New Covenant Fellowship
Arcadia United Methodist	New Ebenezer
Bethel Tabernacle	Oakalone Baptist
Broadway United Methodist	Olivet Baptist
Concord United Methodist	Paducah Seventh Day Adventist
East Baptist	Palestine United Methodist
Faith Center of Paducah	Reidland Church of Christ
First Baptist Church of Paducah	Reidland United Methodist
First Christian	Rosary Chapel
First Presbyterian	St. John A.M.E.
Fountain Avenue United Methodist	St. John the Evangelist
Gospel Mission Worship Center	St. Matthew Lutheran
Grace Baptist	St. Matthew by the Lake
Grace Episcopal	St. Paul Lutheran
Grace Fellowship	St. Thomas More Catholic
Harrison Street Baptist	Temple Israel
Highland Cumberland Presbyterian	Trinity United Methodist
Hope Chapel	United Church of Paducah
Immanuel Baptist	West End Baptist
Islamic Center of Paducah	Woodlawn Cumberland Presbyterian
Lone Oak United Methodist	

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Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to Noon and 1 to 3:30 PM

PCM Staff in 2022

Heidi Suhrheinrich, Executive Director (January-November)

Lacy Boling, Executive Director (November-December)

Kathy Rowland, Administrative Assistant

Sheila Forrest, Shelter Director

Tasha Forrest, Shelter Supervisor

Karen Burton, Emergency Services Coordinator

Gina Stafford, Homeless & Housing Coordinator

Glenn Warren, Emergency Services Facilitator

John Lewter, Financial Development Coordinator

Karen Durbin, Accountant

Our Mission: Paducah Cooperative Ministry seeks to "Do God's Work with Human Hands" by drawing together individuals and congregations to respond to basic human needs and conditions.

Doing God's Work with Human Hands



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

When Neighbors Need Food

Emergency Food Pantry

The number of folks needing help with food grew again this year with our Emergency Pantry responding to requests on 3,434 occasions compared to 2,881 in 2021. On each occasion, we provided at least a 4-day supply of groceries. For those with limited or no storage or cooking facilities, we offered ready-to eat, take-away foods such as canned meats, fruit, juice, and energy bars.

We were able to meet the increased demand thanks to gifts of food from hundreds of supportive businesses and generous friends as well as from our member congregations who provided food on 331 occasions during the year. In addition, we and other non-profits benefitted from two important annual food drives: the Paducah Mail Carriers' Food Drive and Paducah Power's Christmas Lights in the Park.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

On the second and third Thursday every month, low-income seniors enrolled in the CSFP program come to PCM to receive bags of basic commodity groceries – milk, cheese, cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, and more. We're proud to participate in the federal program that gives 400 of our older neighbors access to healthy food. A special shout out to Bob and Jeannie Goud, Theresa Pont, Amy Johnston, and all the other volunteers who on Thursday after Thursday in 2022 helped us distribute hundreds and thousands of bags of food in spite of the heat, the cold, and the wet.

When Neighbors Need a Helping Hand

Emergency Services

Throughout 2022 we provided emergency financial services to an average of 119 households every month. These included:

- 865 households helped with utility bills to avoid disconnection
- 191 households helped with rent to avoid eviction from their homes
- 63 households helped to get back home or to an available shelter

We usually also had on hand limited supplies of "extras" to round out our response to folks in special circumstances or to those who were transient or living outdoors. Some resources included were diapers, hygiene items and toiletries, pet food, and depending on the season, fans and space heaters.

Homeless Services

In 2022, our Fresh Start Village for homeless women alone and women with children sheltered 72 adults and 35 children for a total of 10,022 days. 17 households left shelter for homes of their own or to live with relatives. To help prevent future homelessness, residents were trained in spending and saving sensibly in 133 financial literacy sessions.

In addition, staff carefully monitors each household's spending and saving to help guide them toward successful independence. Other case management provided guidance on steps and referrals to help residents move forward with their lives.

In addition to FSV, PCM provided temporary shelter to 48 households, 22 with Greyhound tickets to return home, and 72 with other transportation assistance.

Our Volunteers

We would not be able to do what we do without volunteers who help us bag groceries, sort and organize donations, answer the phone, pick up special donations, help with special events....and more, like the United Way of West Kentucky's annual Project United which matches corporate volunteers with non-profits for a day's worth of extra hands. Our wonderful volunteers provided over 4,291 hours of service in 2022! To find out more about helping PCM as a volunteer, contact Karen Burton at 270-442-6795.

Supporting PCM

PCM is grateful to receive donations of financial support, food pantry items, cleaning products, toilet paper, diapers, paper towels, trash bags, personal hygiene products, household items.

Please note that we do not have storage capacity to accept donations of large appliances, furniture, or used clothing. Cash donations may be made by mail or on our website: paducahcoopministry.org

Have questions about supporting PCM? Call 270-442-6795, email pcm@paducahcoopministry.org or john@paducahcoopministry.org, or leave a message on our Facebook page.



Visit our website by scanning the QR code with your smart phone!

9th Annual Moonlight Ride 2022

Once again we can say that our Moonlight Ride event would not have been as wonderful as it was without the hard work, talent, good spirits, and enthusiasm of Martha Emmons, Hutch Smith, the whole crew at BikeWorld, Erin Lewis and Justin Lewis. Hats off and three cheers for you all!

And a multitude of thanks to: Whitney Stratemeyer along with the watermelon and young people she brought from First Presbyterian Church; to Luke Taylor and Zach Wilding for their musical talent; to our 295 riders; as well as to our generous corporate sponsors: Triangle Heating and Cooling, Rachael Houser Photography, Bikeworld, Signet Federal Credit Union, Gold Capital, Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Marcum Engineering, Continue Care Hospital, Linwood Motors Metropolis, Paducah Power System, Website Design Works, First Presbyterian Church, Paducah Printing, WKMS 91.3 fm, Compass Counseling, Banterra, Crowdus Maintenance & Cleaning, Paducah Beer Werks, Mark Ashburn Attorney, Baptist Health, Woodman Life, Strickland's Seafood, Blythe CPAs & Advisors, Bethel Tabernacle, Housman Partners Real Estate, Futrell Racking, and Beltline Electric.

Together you helped us raise \$16,242 to support our programs.

The 10th annual Moonlight Ride will be on August 5, 2023.

