

UMC OF MACEDONIA REJOICINGS

December 2025

United Methodist Church of
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New Community Ministry Begins

The UMC of Macedonia partnered with eight other churches, the Nardonias Schools, and other community groups and businesses to create a new ministry in Nardonias Hills. This ministry was developed with collaboration from many people in the Nardonias Hills area over the course of 2025.



The program called **Community Christmas Connection** had its first event on December 6th.

The goal of this ministry is to: *“To provide a dignified, joyful Christmas shopping experience for families in need in our Nardonias Hills community. We want to unite hearts and hands through the collaboration of local churches and organizations to reflect the love of Christ by meeting tangible needs, fostering community, and reminding every family they are seen, valued, and always loved.”*



*Hundreds of
Stocking Stuffers*

Throughout the day, the program served 55 families and 118 children under the age of 18. Each child received five presents, 10 stocking stuffers and a chance to win a bike, a Christmas tree with decorations and other family gifts. Before the parents left the event, Pastor Josh greeted them, invited them to attend any of the nine churches participating and gave them a \$25 gift card to pick up any other items needed to celebrate the Christmas holiday.



Over 70 bikes donated

New Ministry (Continued)

Words cannot adequately describe what happened at our church throughout the day at this event. The excitement to help provide a Christmas celebration for families that may not have been able to do so on their own was overwhelming. Pastor Josh had begun discussing this program over two years ago and put things into action last January. Karen Komer and Cathy Miller led the event under the supervision of Pastor Josh. They were supported by a very dedicated committee of faith and community partners. There were over 93 volunteers representing all nine churches and community partners working throughout the day in many different roles. Many thanks to our UMC members which are too numerous to mention who volunteered and to Karen Komer, Cathy Miller, Ginger & Frank Posar, Kevin Smith. Dave Komer and Doug Wyer who stepped up throughout the year to manage logistics of this event to make it a huge success!

Community Christmas Connection Partners

Faith Partners

- ✚ Faith Fellowship Church
- ✚ Momentum Christian Church
- ✚ Northfield Presbyterian Church
- ✚ Oasis Family Worship Center
- ✚ Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
- ✚ St. Barnabas Catholic Parish
- ✚ St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
- ✚ United Methodist Church of Macedonia
- ✚ Victory Baptist Church

Community Partners

- ✚ American Legion Post 801
- ✚ Nordonia City School District
- ✚ Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills
- ✚ Northfield VFW Post 6768
- ✚ Spennato's Restaurant

