

FUMC's 2024 Rail Offerings

January	Crafty Christians	The Crafty Christians are a group of ladies committed to helping babies and children by providing handmade items like Demise layettes, Diaper sets, Receiving blankets, blankets, sundresses, pillow cases, stuffed toys, and knitted hats. These items are distributed to Parkland Hospital in Dallas, the Child Advocacy Center in Winnsboro and the Rainbow Room in Quitman. They have also provided adult bibs for some of the residents at Heritage Nursing Facility in Quitman.
February	Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center	NETCAC offers a safe space to all children 2-17yrs who allegedly have been sexually/physically abused or witnessed a violent crime. Children come to NETCAC tell of their experiences to a trained forensic interviewer, in efforts of reducing their trauma.
March	Pastors Discretionary Fund	United Methodist churches commonly have a fund called the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, which is intended to give the pastor complete discretion and authority to provide confidential financial support to persons in need.
April	United Methodist Council on Relief	UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable.
May	TJC Wesley House	Wesley House, formally known as the Tyler Wesley Foundation, is the United Methodist student center on the campus of Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas. Wesley House serves as home to approximately 80 students each semester. Their mission is to provide a living, learning and play environment compatible with the ideals of Christian love, and to serve God and God’s people on our campus, in our community and our world.
June	CS Food Pantry	Working with other churches, the food pantry helps people by providing emergency food that they may not otherwise be able to purchase. It is a free resource for individuals and families in the Quitman area who are struggling financially.

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July	Wood County Child Protection Board	The Wood County Child Protection Board provides children placed in foster care an initial clothing allowance, a monthly allowance, back to school money to help with clothes and school supplies, Christmas gifts and money to help with summer activities. The Board also provides a Rainbow Room located in Quitman. When a caseworker from Child Protective Services has been ordered to remove a child from their home for any reason such as abuse or neglect, the child typically leaves with only the clothes on their back. The Caseworker is able to take the child to the Rainbow Room to get the things that he/she needs as immediate necessities. immediately.
August	Quitman ISD Backpack Program	Quitman FUMC has operated a weekend meal program for QISD children in need since the 2011-12 school year. With the current process, the Church raises funds and purchases food from the East Texas Food Bank while volunteers from the Quitman Rotary Club pack the meals and deliver them to QISD on Thursday morning. The meals are distributed to the designated children by QISD on Friday. The cost for food is currently over \$170 per child per year. During 2023-24, more than 80 meals were required each week. All funding is from volunteer or corporate contributions.
September	Operation Christmas Child	Operation Christmas Child fulfills one of our churches mission to hear the Good News and bring Great Joy to children around the world.
October	Missionary Ambilike Mwangomo	This communion rail offering is to support Missionary Ambilike Mwangomo who teaches at International Leadership University. His duties include teaching various courses in the School of Theology, discipling students in his mentoring group, organizing and conducting gospel outreach missions to various parts of Kenya. He also serves as the Dean of Students there. Along with those duties at ILU he organizes and conducts training conferences for pastors and other leaders of the church in Tanzania. Ambilike's only source of income is from churches or individuals.

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November	Christmas Sharing Plus	Quitman Christmas Sharing, Plus proudly provides dinner food boxes, clothing and Christmas toys to families during the Christmas season.
December	Methodist Children's Home	Methodist Children's Home (MCH) remains true to our mission to equip children, youth and families to flourish by offering hope through Christ-centered relationships, services and support.