

URBAN MINISTRY

A United Methodist Ministry of Compassion and Wholeness

February Newsletter

YOU ARE HOUSING YOUR NEIGHBOR

**YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE BECOMING
HOMEOWNERS BECAUSE OF YOU**

Mr. Boyd is a long time resident of West End. He is known as the neighborhood chaplain. If anyone gets sick, needs an ear, or needs a prayer, he is there. If you've ever visited Urban Ministry's WE Cafe, you have probably seen him picking up trash on McMillon Avenue.

He loves his neighborhood.

In early March, Mr. Boyd's apartment complex caught fire down the street from Urban Ministry. While the fire department arrived promptly and quickly extinguished the fire, the building is no longer livable. Mr. Boyd lamented leaving his community that he loves - and that loves him.

***Because of you, Mr. Boyd is
becoming a home owner in the
neighborhood he loves.***



Mr. Boyd's at WE Cafe

Mr. Boyd is now a part of Urban Ministry's WE Build program, which buys neglected houses from the Land Bank and allows West End residents to pay rent based on their income. When rent covers the cost of the house, Urban Ministry will deed the house into their name.

***"It will be so nice to have
something to leave for my grandson."***



Mr. Boyd's Home Renovations

*WE Build needs your help!
To renovate houses to
become homes, we are in need of
these used tools in good condition:*

*Table Saws
Circular Saws
Jig Saws
Miter Saw
Drills
Impact Driver
Hammers
Tape Measurers
Levels
Etc.*

*If you have any of these tools you are
willing to donate, please contact*

**WE Build is looking for a work truck
to use on site for renovating homes.
Do you have a truck you can donate?
Get in touch!**

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Welcome new Urban Ministry Staff



Stacey Fluker: WE Work Director

"Life's gifts are a combination of both bliss and challenge, each of which I have no problem sharing, to those who are willing to learn and grow, as I too love to learn and grow from others."

Urban Ministry is excited to introduce Stacey as new Urban Ministry staff! Stacey is our New WE Work Director. **WE Work is a two-year apprenticeship. Urban will hire young adults who live, work, or attend church in the West End community. Our apprentices will work as interns in all of our ministry areas while participating in life skills and leadership development opportunities including learning about financial literacy, saving and investing, resume building, social networking, home ownership responsibilities, and job training.**

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Asbury UMC's Seekers Sunday School Class volunteered to paint houses

Did you know Urban Ministry has COVID-19 Safe volunteer opportunities for you and your Sunday School or Youth Group?

*Get involved!
Contact Danny at
Danny@urban-ministry.org*

Lets look at all the incredible work you did at Urban during the pandemic:

- *Over 10,000 meals delivered*
- *Over 28,331 pounds of food distributed*
- *Over \$201,000 in financial assistance*

Want email updates from Urban Ministry? Let us know and we'll put you on our email list!