CPC Financial Donations to our Local and Global Communities
October through December 2023, Total = $18,535.95

Avery Housing Coalition- WAMY- $500: WAMY's housing program provides minor repairs and rehabilitation to homes owned by low-income families in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties. This program can fix a leaking roof, repair plumbing or electrical hazards and other health and safety hazards. WAMY also has a weatherization program that works to make homes more energy efficient, usually through the installation of insulation, air sealing and duct sealing. After receiving weatherization, families typically save 30%-35% on their heating/cooling costs. In addition, the Heating and Air Replacement program allows WAMY to evaluate and clean the heating system and even replace it if necessary. Eligibility for these programs is based on the families' income. To qualify for the program, applicants must be below 200% of poverty. www.wamycommunityaction.org

CPC Christmas Eve Offering: Reaching Avery Ministry- $13,000: Our annual Christmas Eve Offering provides funds for emergency heating assistance to those in financial need in our community. Janet Milsaps, the Executive Director of Reaching Avery Ministry, writes, "Thank you so much for the generous donation to Reaching Avery Ministry (RAM) for heating assistance. Winters are harsh in Avery County and with the temperatures dropping into single digits or below it can even become life threatening. So many of our clients, especially the elderly, live on such a meager fixed income and do not have the means to purchase heating fuel for the winter. Government assistance is so limited that our agency is depended upon to help many of these individuals and families from going without heat. Last year our agency spent over $38,000 to ensure that our clients are safe and warm during the cold winter months. With the help of generous donors, like you, we can make a huge difference in the lives of many less fortunate citizens in our county. Thanks again for helping RAM help others in need!" www.ramrack.com

CPC Knitting and Crocheting Group- 76 hand knitted winter hats and scarves given to Hospitality House in Boone (Gift in Kind of $1,520): Several of our members meet every Wednesday afternoon and knit winter items for the homeless. In October these items were delivered to the Hospitality House, the only homeless shelter in the High Country, so that they can be given to those staying at the shelter in the winter months. www.hophouse.org

Daily Change- $515.95: The plan for "Daily Change" is very simple. Each person puts change in a special bank for each meal he/she eats (coin boxes are available in the church fellowship hall). On the last Sunday of every month, Daily Change is a part of our church's offering collection. The money is then sent to the Presbytery. The funds are allocated in the following ways: International projects: 55%; Regional projects: 40%; Education and Administrative costs: 5%. $92,000 was donated in 2022. https://www.presbyterywnc.org/mission/hunger-program/nickel-a-meal

Minneapolis Food Pantry- $300: On the fourth Sunday of each month, we collect food for people and pets for our hungry neighbors on the other side of Avery County. Many recipients are elderly or have no transportation to get to the food pantries in Newland. In addition to groceries, financial donations are also given which helps the Minneapolis food pantry purchase food for 18 cents a pound from MANNA Food Bank. Reaching Avery Ministry is a partnering with this food pantry.

CPC Thanksgiving Bags for 27 Households- $2,700
This annual mission project involved collecting donations, preparing Thanksgiving bags, and delivering them to those who are in financial need. We went beyond our goal and raised $2,700, which meant 27 families enjoyed a special Thanksgiving. The bags included a $100 Ingles grocery card, socks, a lap blanket, holiday decorations, toiletries, goodies, and a devotional. The names of the recipients were chosen through Volunteer Avery County.