Water’s Edge – District Mission Center

Water’s Edge is located at 4852 Walnut Road, Buckeye Lake, Ohio.   We are a designated Rural Mission Site of Capital Area South located in Licking County.

Waters Edge is an outreach ministry of the Jacksontown United Church who works in partnership with the surrounding community groups and churches to provide services to the community.

Ministries provided include; an emergency food pantry open three days a week,   a weekly food pantry for kids and their families, a clothing store for kids, and a weekly meal and devotion for local kids on Wednesday evenings.

Kids and families gather on Wed evening for a time of fun and games to include bingo, basketball, dodge ball, foosball and a ga-ga pit.   After a time of devotion,   we provide simple, youth friendly, meal.   Churches and organizations such as   United Methodist Women, Bible Study Groups, an Emmaus Share group, an auxiliary group and area churches partner with us to bring the food, drinks and paper products as well as serve the meal they prepare.  These are youth from low income families, many living in the mobile home park located behind the Water’s Edge facility. Most are being raised by single parents, grandparents, Aunts and Uncles. Most walk to the Edge.

We have many other ministries at the facility which are offered to the youth and/or their parents or guardians such as holiday dinners, hats, coats, scarves and gloves. We provide school supplies along with backpacks to all area students from pre-school through senior high. We also have an annual

Community Thanksgiving Dinner on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving for all area families.  A Christmas party is thrown for the kids each year with gifts provided by the community and a holiday meal.

We provide space for other ministries such as One Body Ministries and Loving Hands Ministry in order for them to do their work in the community.

Buckeye Lake Civic Association, Licking County Food Pantry, Buckeye Lake Bikers Group, RCD Sales, Byron Sanders Foundation and Brownfield Sports as well as churches including Centenary, Smith Chapel, Peace, St Louisville, Jacksontown, White Chapel and Millersport are just a few of the organizations that assist the ministry.

We have several volunteers who come to supervise the youth each Wednesday along with Pastor Mark Raaker and the Director, Randy Swihart.  There are plenty of opportunities to be in ministry with us on Wednesday evingings and throughout the week.  If any group within your church is interested in serving, you may contact me at 740-404-0867.

Blessings in Christ,

Randy Swihart