

OFFSITE MISSION SPACE

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Why do we need an offsite mission space?

A: Our vision for an offsite mission space is driven by our desire to expand our reach and magnify our efforts in sharing the boundless love of Jesus throughout the community. This dedicated space will serve as a centralized hub for a diverse range of partner missions, enabling us to provide effective support and assistance to those facing homelessness and food insecurity. By embarking on this expansion, our goal is to create a more profound and lasting impact, offering genuine help to those in need and facilitating their encounter with the transformative power of God's love.

Furthermore, it is worth noting that a few missions currently operating from our East parking lot and main campus storage rooms will find a new home within the offsite mission space. This relocation will not only free up additional parking spaces for our congregants but also allow these missions to expand their operations and impact in the community. Thus, the establishment of this offsite space serves a dual purpose, benefiting both the missions' operational needs and the practical requirements of our church community.

Q: How is the offsite mission space being paid for?

A: 10% of the gross sales price from the 17 acres property sale were voted on and approved to be allocated for Mission Ministry activities of Custer Road UMC. These funds include but are not limited to: Custer Road UMC's local mission field for mission related expenses including capital, off-premise leased space (up to ten years) and start-up expenses (up to three years). The specific Mission Ministry project(s) shall be defined and recommended by the Missions Advisory Committee (MAC) and submitted for approval by the Church Council and Board of Trustees before any funds are distributed.

Q: What missions will be located at the offsite mission space?

A: The offsite mission space will serve as the operational base for several impactful missions, including:

- Bed Start: A mission dedicated to assisting households in poverty, crisis, or need by supplying essential household furnishings.
- Plain-O Helpers (POH): A faith-based handyman program of seniors helping other seniors with minor home maintenance and repairs.
- Summer Lunch Program: This program aims to offer free, nutritious lunches to children and adults during the summer months. It also provides opportunities for fellowship, sports activities, and support to neighbors in need.
- Future Opportunities (To Be Determined): We are continuing to evaluate future missions and initiatives that align with our vision and commitment to serving the community.

Q: When will the offsite mission space be fully functional?

A: The cleanup and renovation process for the offsite mission space is currently in progress. Our dedicated team is working diligently to transform the space into a fully functional and welcoming facility. We do not have an exact date but anticipate that the space will be in operation this fall. As we gather more information and finalize details, we will ensure everyone is well-informed and prepared for the exciting launch of this new mission space.

Q: Where is the offsite mission space located?

A: The offsite mission space is located just down the street from Custer Road UMC on the northwest corner of Custer Road and Parker Road.

Q: Are you collecting money (or funds) for this?

A: No. Funds for this effort are coming from the sale of the 17 acres. Please refer to the FAQs on the 17 Acres Property Sale at crumc.org/somethingbigger.

