School is in full swing, the leaves on the trees are turning brilliant colors, and the weather is getting cooler. It is an important time for Lafayette Urban Ministry — a time when LUM programs give help and hope to our neighbors who have no food, no homes and no income. This season is when LUM programs are perfectly aligned with “tackling basic human needs and uplifting people.” The notable areas are the Winter Warming Station, Community Thanksgiving Feast, Food Pantries, and Jubilee Christmas. {Read more stories on page two.}

LUM Winter Warming Station complements the Emergency Shelter and is open midnight to 7 a.m. from November 15 to April 15, when outside weather conditions get very dangerous. The Winter Warming Station welcomes anyone in our community who needs a warm, safe place to rest. To volunteer, donate, or prepare meals, go to LUMserve.org/winter-warming-station.

LUM Jubilee Christmas is a special program for families with children (ages 12 & younger), serving more than 600 local families & 1,800 children on Saturday, December 10. In addition to the toys and clothes, each Jubilee Christmas family receives a food gift card and homemade cookies to make Christmas dinner special too. Most importantly, this program makes the parents the heroes on Christmas morning in the eyes of their children. It also relieves the financial burden of the holiday allowing families to stay on budget and pay their recurring bills and expenses.

To volunteer, make a monetary donation, or donate toys & other needed items, go to LUMserve.org/jubilee.

Ways to Help

Donate! Monetary donations are always welcome because they give LUM the ability to use the funds where they are needed the most.

Meals! Prepare and serve a meal at the Emergency Shelter. Purchase snacks for the After School Program. Prepare bag lunches for the Winter Warming Station.

Food Drive! Organize a collection drive for food, toilet paper, socks or other items — or for a specific program (the Emergency Shelter, Food Pantries or After School Program).

Needed Items! Check out the LUM Wish List to donate needed items (coffee, granola bars, bleach, personal hygiene products, diapers, and more).

Bake! Check out the food and supplies list for the Community Thanksgiving Feast and donate a pie, a can of corn, green bean casserole and more.

Volunteer! There are special volunteer opportunities in the Fall & Winter. Consider volunteering for a program (the Emergency Shelter), or at an event (Turkey Trot 5K Run and Jubilee Christmas).

To get started, go to LUMserve.org and click DONATE or VOLUNTEER.
Hunger Hike

Hunger Hike 2022 had a big turnout and a big impact. For 30 years, Hunger Hike has brought much needed attention and raised more than $2.2 million to overcome malnutrition, food insecurity & hunger locally, regionally & globally. So far this year, more than $110,000 has been raised, surpassing the goal of $100,000. You still may donate. All Hunger Hike proceeds benefit and support the good work of three local agencies — Lafayette Urban Ministry, Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. & St. Thomas Aquinas Haiti Ministry. Thank you to all of our passionate participants & generous sponsors for another lively outdoor event. To make a donation, go to HungerHike.org.

Thanksgiving Feast

LUM is currently planning a holiday feast for more than 800 guests on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24) from Noon to 2 p.m. The 36th annual LUM Community Thanksgiving Feast is FREE and includes a traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey, stuffing/dressing, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, and a variety of pies & desserts. This year will be a community event with music, food and good company. To-go meals will also be available. Monetary gifts are appreciated to help defray the $9,000 expense for the meal. Volunteers and donations of food & supplies are needed. To donate and/or volunteer, go to LUMserve.org/thanksgiving.

Food Pantries

LUM runs two Food Pantries — one in Downtown Lafayette and the other in West Lafayette. The LUM Food Pantries need your support this fall to continue to meet the growing demand for basic food, paper products and personal hygiene items, especially as the holidays approach and utility bills increase. Times are tough. Client needs are greater, food banks are impacted by the supply chain and unable to provide the food that is needed, and the cost to purchase additional items has increased. Monetary donations to the LUM Food Pantries are ideal because it allows LUM to use the money where it is needed the most. If you are looking for other ways to help — consider volunteering, donating needed items, hosting a collection drive. Consider including a donation to LUM at your holiday event in lieu of a gift exchange. To learn more and get started, go to LUMserve.org/food-pantry.

Turkey Trot 5K Run

Thursday Nov 24 | 8:30AM | $35/$10 | TurkeyTrot5kRun.org

THE SEED—October 2022
Leanna Giltmier is the new Finance Director of Lafayette Urban Ministry (reporting to the LUM executive director). She grew up in Decatur, Illinois and currently lives in West Lafayette with her husband, Brett. Leanna has two children, Megan & Nick, who are in college; and her stepson, Andrew, is in his first year of residency in a hospital emergency room. She earned a BS from the University of Illinois. She has served with West Lafayette Band Boosters, March-a-Thon (president & founder), and MOPS International.

When reflecting on her excitement and pride in joining the LUM team, Leanna stated that, “LUM puts hands and feet to one of my favorite verses (Micah 6:8) in the Bible, ‘Love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with your God.’ I love that LUM is known for bringing the faith community together to serve the vulnerable with dignity.”

Leanna is a lifelong learner. She enjoys working with passionate individuals who work as a team to make processes more efficient and make strategic and operational decisions with good data.

Leanna has volunteered with the LUM Immigration Clinic and the LUM Food Pantries. She worked in financial management for a large corporation earlier in her career. For the past several years, Leanna has focused on raising her family and volunteering in the community. For enjoyment, she loves reading, planning family vacations, exploring US national parks, and is an avid sports fan, especially college basketball and tennis. LUM is fortunate to have someone with Leanna’s experience and passion join the LUM staff.

Arconic Gift to Immigration Clinic

Moved by the work that the LUM Immigration Clinic has done recently to offer assistance to Ukrainian and Afghan refugees in protected status, Arconic recently presented Christian Gallo, LUM Immigration Clinic director, and Wes Tillett, LUM executive director, with a “big” check for $25,000!

LUM is grateful to Arconic for this significant gift and their continued support. For more information, go to LUMserve.org/immigration/clinic.

Overall Impact So Far in 2022

Each year at this time, LUM staff members are busy planning for the Fall & Winter programs, including the Community Thanksgiving Feast, Turkey Trot, 5K Run, Winter Warming Station, and Jubilee Christmas.

It’s a good time to reflect on the impact that LUM has had in our community. Through the faithful work carried on every day and night by LUM, 2,189 different individuals and low-income households have been served so far this year. Thanks to your support, LUM was able to nurture and educate children, feed the hungry, support legal immigrants and refugees, and help our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

LUM makes our community a better place for all. Please considering investing in LUM by participating in the upcoming events, volunteering, or by giving a financial gift!
In 1972, the seed was planted and has been growing and thriving for 50 years. Today LUM is a strong, dependable and sometimes taken-for-granted, living ministry serving the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors.

LUM has been honoring the 50th Anniversary since the celebration in April, but there will be a LUM 50th Anniversary Party on the actual anniversary of the incorporation of Lafayette Urban Ministry in October of 1972. Join us for cake, ice cream and a gathering honoring the past and looking with excitement for the future. Here are the details:

- **Wednesday, October 19 | 6 - 7 p.m.**
- **LUM Office, 420 N 4th Street, Lafayette, IN**

Join us to honor the leadership, shareholders, programs, services, and impact of Lafayette Urban Ministry for the last half-century.

“Tackling basic human needs & Uplifting the people of Great Lafayette.”