

What's Going On Now

Ten years after beginning, their food pantry is going strong. As of May 20, 2025, they have served 197 families this year, the majority of whom are returning clients.

Their garden has begun producing for the year and so far it is doing better than all the years past, a blessing since they were hit hard by the drought last year.

Their thrift store continues to be busy. They offer clothing and home goods at extremely low prices and the proceeds help them to cover their operating expenses.

For back to school, they hope to be able to offer school supplies to area children. Their goal this year is to offer 150 backpacks full of supplies.



Join Us For a Mission Weekend at Elk Garden.

We're heading to Elk Garden for a meaningful weekend of service and community connection - and we'd love for you to join us!



COME JOIN US ... YOU'LL BE
GLAD YOU DID!



Opportunity to Serve

Elk Garden Mini Mission Trip 2025



Thursday, July 24
thru
Saturday, July 26
COME JOIN US!



About Elk Garden

Since it's beginning in 2015 when a 100 year old school was transformed into a ministry center, it's become widely known in northern Russell County that people can go to there to get some of their basic needs met.

However, the ministry center is more than just a place to get food, clothes, furniture, utility assistance or education. They really get to know the folks.

They reach a segment of the population that's hidden and forgotten. One of the things they battle there is isolation, so they do anything they can to connect people.

Elk Garden is totally supported by church and individual donations (75%) and grants (25%).

What We'll Do

What We'll Be Doing:

Our teams will be working on a variety of projects, including:

- Making repairs to the Elk Garden School building
- Helping in the community gardens and pantry
- Organizing and cleaning

Trip Details:

Departure: Thursday, July 24 at 8:30 AM from the church

Return: Saturday, July 26 at 4:30 PM

Transportation is provided or you can choose to drive yourself.

Who Can Join:

Individual adults, families, and children **ages 5 and up**. Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Whether you're handy with tools or just eager to lend a helping hand, there's a place for you on this trip. Let's serve together and make a difference!



Concord United Missions helps stock the shelves at the Elk Garden Food Pantry.

Cost of the Trip

We will be spending the night at a local Holiday Inn Express. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel and we'll prepare lunch and dinner at Elk Garden. Missions wants to make this trip affordable for families and individuals, so they will help offset the cost with missions fundraising. Each person is asked to pay the following:

- Before June 16th - \$100 (early bird special!)
- After June 16th - \$125

**Bring your swimsuit
The hotel has a pool!**

Register by July 16

at concordunited.org/events

Questions? Email Missions Assistant,
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