

Neighbors in Need
A community Outreach Ministry of Dickinson Presbyterian Church

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...I was sick and you looked after me.....Matthew 25:35

Whether through financial appeals to the congregation, food drives, clothing drives or other forms of outreach, Dickinson Presbyterian Church has always strived to give witness to Christ's love by responding to those in crisis. In 2005, DPC's Mission and Outreach committee decide to formalize the church's crisis response ministry through the establishment of Neighbors in Need. The aim of DPC's Neighbors in Need program is to provide a centralized network where people within the congregation and throughout the local community can receive financial support for unexpected concerns.

- ❖ The Neighbors in Need crisis relief fund is supported by money raised through designated church sponsored programs and personal donations from the congregation at-large.
- ❖ The Mission and Outreach committee will promote other financial resources for this fund within the Mission and Outreach committee.
- ❖ Anyone who has been an active member of Dickinson Presbyterian Church for at least one year can request funding either for themselves, their family, or other persons in need.
- ❖ Anyone requesting funds must complete an application. Applications will be located in the church office. Once the request for assistance is completed it should be returned to the church office.
 - Each case will be reviewed by Mission and Outreach to determine the need and research the request.
 - The Mission and Outreach committee will review each request and determine the appropriate way to distribute the funds.
- ❖ Requests are held in strict confidence. Funding decisions are made by the Elder Chair, Pastor, and at least two members or 2/3 of the committee which ever is larger.
- ❖ The funds will be awarded on a majority vote.
- ❖ Total amount of funds per request will not exceed \$500.00. These funds will be an off-budget item.