

Prairie View Elementary School

(De Soto Area Schools)

Retreat UMC

Throughout the year, the people of the Retreat United Methodist Church try to take note of the needs of area youth and the local elementary school, Prairie View Elementary.

In recent times, they have worked closely with the administrative staff at the school to fund a special Milk Money Fund to ensure that every kid would be able to have milk to drink with their school meals. The church has donated these funds not only directly from their treasury, but from money raised each year operating kid's games at the annual Retreat World's Fair – a community celebration held each autumn. The games provide the kids a chance to have fun at the fair and win a small prize while supporting other kids in need. It also gives the church a chance to connect with area youth!

Most recently, the church reached out to the administrative staff at the school to ask them if the school had any needs that the people of the church could help fulfill. After some discussion between the administrators and our pastor, it was revealed that the school was in desperate need of library books for each classroom. Once the item was brought up to the church administrative board, it was immediately approved without hesitation. Now as students head back for the 2017-2018 school year, they will find new library books available for them to enjoy reading in their own classrooms!

The Retreat UMC is always looking for ways to help the area youth grow up to be healthy and well educated adults. If you have ideas on how we can help, feel free to reach out to us! We'd love to hear your ideas!

