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First United Methodist Church recently completed the rice/soy packing event called Project 216. In the fall of 2012, our church packed approximately 4,000 meals as part of the program named *Kids Against Hunger*. We packed those meals in the basement of the church with the help of 50 church members and volunteers. That achievement has evolved into a packing event housed in the gymnasium of the Goedde Building with closer to 100 FUMC members and volunteers from local schools and businesses packing 28,512 meals in 2022! There was a total of \$10,184.00 raised for Project 216 by First Church. These meals will be sent to Mission of Hope. Cost of the meals was \$8,703.60. The remainder of the funds will go toward shipping the meals.

The ingredients of rice, soy, vitamins, and flavorings are mixed in plastic bags by the volunteers in an assembly-line model. Those bags are then packed into cardboard boxes, placed on pallets and shipped to areas of the world where there are food shortages. The Project 216 meals which First Church packs have for the past several years gone to Haiti.

Our church is able to purchase the ingredients, which cost several thousand dollars, with the generous donations from our congregation (see dollar amount above). Those donations range from meal money that families and Sunday School classes collect all the way to large gifts from individual parishioners. The Missions Team at First Church is grateful and proud of the Project 216 outreach. We praise God for this opportunity to serve and to aid people in need.





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