

FedUp Ministries – 2026 Synod Assembly Report

2025 was a year of bold moves — literally and spiritually. FedUp Ministries relocated to a new home alongside our partners at First Presbyterian Church in the heart of downtown Ypsilanti. And before we had even finished unpacking, Pastor Anna was on a plane to New York City, where she appeared on *The Kelly Clarkson Show* and secured **\$100,000** to launch FedUp's capital campaign toward owning a permanent building of our own. It was the kind of moment that reminds you: when you're doing the work, God opens doors.

Throughout 2025, we set our sights on something we haven't fully known in five years of constant growth — **stability**. We maintained four free community meals per week across multiple locations in Washtenaw County, and during our busy summer season, we expanded to **eight meal sites per week from June through August**, partnering with local community centers and the Ypsilanti District Library to make sure no one in our community went hungry.

Our **WashUp** program offered shower and laundry services three days per week from June through November, restoring dignity alongside nourishment. And through four community partnerships, our **Mini Chef Camp** reached hundreds of young people across Washtenaw County — planting seeds of food knowledge, creativity, and joy.

In the fall, as Michigan families faced the devastating effects of the SNAP crisis, FedUp responded by launching **BuddyUp** — a new program pairing community allies with neighbors in need. BuddyUp is built on a simple but powerful belief: that equitable resource access grows best through real relationships, across class lines, rooted in solidarity and mutual care. In just a short time, more than **30 community members** have joined the program, and we are excited to watch this network of care continue to grow.

We closed 2025 with deep gratitude — for the partners, volunteers, donors, and neighbors who make this work possible every single day. Through careful stewardship, prayerful discernment, and a whole lot of faith, FedUp is well-positioned to continue serving God's beloved people in 2026 and beyond. And Lord willing, we'll ring in the new year with a permanent place to call home.

- Respectfully submitted on March 21, 2026 by Pastor Anna Taylor-McCants
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