

Builders Club Partners in Ministry,

On behalf of STUMC, please accept our deep appreciation for choosing our project to receive the spring grant award.

This past year has been a step of faith on our as we tried a new way of doing rural ministry in our community. We dared to step into the world of technology mixing pulpit supply and video sermons and calling on lay people to take a more active role in the worship service with the support of Rev. Jerry Bass and Rev. Rob Kemp. We felt the call to keep the faith as the last church in town.

This year we will celebrate our 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of doing ministry in St Thomas. Our church has had improvements through the years but needed a definite facelift in the basement Fellowship and Sunday School rooms/kitchen to support our community outreach. Receiving the grant not only supplemented the funds we had started gathering to replace asbestos flooring, but allowed us to invest in updating the kitchen. But receiving the award gave us even more. In a way, it validated our attempt to keep ministering in the community. It's great to have the Conference believe in you!

We thank you for the material blessing but also for the encouragement it provided.

St Thomas UMC Council