

2012 One Great Hour of Sharing Calendar

Westwood United Methodist Church invites you to take on a new Lenten practice. Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in this special offering that supports the vital work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to seek justice and mercy for suffering people everywhere. Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That helps UMCOR keep the promise that 100% of every other gift made to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project. Follow the calendar below during Westwood's One Great Hour of Sharing period, from Ash Wednesday through the 4th Sunday in Lent, March 18. Each entry suggests an offering -- your family can decide what "coin" is best for your situation each day -- pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half- or whole dollars.



Monday LENT WITH A TWIST	Tuesday	Wednesday February 22	Thursday February 23	Friday February 24	Saturday February 25	Sunday February 26
<p>Many of the images in this calendar are provided by PATHPartners Images www.pathpartners.org.</p> <p><i>Isaiah 58: 10 "If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday."</i></p> <p>During this season of Lent, the Mission Team invites you to enhance your Lenten discipline through hunger awareness. There are service opportunities, as well as personal discipleship opportunities during Lent and we hope that you will reflect on your own areas of plenty and want, as you seek out ways to help others. We hope this One Great Hour of Sharing opportunity, along with the other service opportunities will help you make decisions at your own crossroad.</p>	 <p>One of the many challenges the homeless are faced with is limited access to resources. PATH has many resources at the same location.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each trip you took in a car this week.</i></p>	 <p>The Personal Care Services at the PATH Mall is often the only personal contact the homeless receive for an extended period.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for hug you gave or received today.</i></p>	 <p>PATHFinders is a employment service at PATH. Clients learn to write resumes and have access to email and voicemail tools.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each email and voicemail received this week.</i></p>	 <p>Service Opportunity</p> <p>Join the WUMC Ministry at PATH from 7 AM - 9 AM cooking a hot breakfast of eggs & bacon for the 100 residents at PATH's Regional Homeless Center.</p>	 <p>Most homeless do not have access to health services. PATH Health offers doctor and dental access.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each doctor appointment in 2011.</i></p>	
						
<p>February 27</p> <p>The population of LA County is about 9.5 million. More than 20% live below the poverty line – 73,000 are homeless. Of those seeking food assistance, 25% are children.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for every child in your family.</i></p>	<p>February 28</p> <p>Since 2008, there has been an increase in demand for food services in our LA District. The need has risen by >50% while supplies have grown by less than 35%.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each bag of groceries you buy in a week.</i></p>	<p>February 29</p> <p>Westwood has joined the Urban Ministries Team to support 15 food pantries in our district by collecting food donations. The pantries distribute nearly 7,000 meals per month.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for every meal you eat in a week.</i></p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>The Mission Team has provided a reusable Food Bag Ministry sack to each household as a reminder to serve others in our community.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for every reusable bag you have in your home or car.</i></p>	<p>March 2</p> <p>One way to participate in the Food Bag ministry is to volunteer to deliver the food to the distribution center at Holman UMC in the West Adams District.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each trip you make to the grocery store in a week.</i></p>	<p>March 3</p> <p>In a world with unparalleled wealth and food production more than 800 million people go hungry every day.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each snack you pack for your family in a week.</i></p>	<p>March 4</p> <p>As a church that follows the teachings of Wesley and Christ, we have a responsibility to share the blessings that God has bestowed upon us.</p> <p><i>Give a coin for every dish in your home.</i></p>

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Monday March 5	Tuesday March 6	Wednesday March 7	Thursday March 8	Friday March 9	Saturday March 10	Sunday March 11
<p>do JUSTICE</p> <p>love KINDNESS</p> <p>walk HUMBLY with God</p> <p>A shopping list of seven items of canned goods and staples will be distributed to the congregation to purchase each week and bring to worship in the "do Justice...." shopping bags.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each can in your household.</i></p>	 <p>Personal Growth Opportunity The purpose of this class is to learn some effective techniques to enhance your personal meditation practice through group meditation.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each time you took a deep breath today.</i></p>	 <p>Often, the hot breakfast served by Westwood Volunteers at PATH is the only hot breakfast residents receive all month.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each hot meal you had this month.</i></p>	 <p>The Breakfast Ministry serves the residents with more than just a meal - the funds saved by PATH are used to provide essential housing and support services.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for every bed in your home.</i></p>	 <p>The enthusiasm and energy that Westwood brings to PATH shows the residents that they are valued and that someone really cares for them!</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each cooking utensil in your kitchen.</i></p>	 <p>Residents at PATH are working towards the goal of permanent housing by saving 90% of earnings while staying at PATH.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each time you bought something frivolous this week.</i></p>	 <p>The task before us is not too great. God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance, so that by recognizing that what we have is enough, we may share abundantly in every good work.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each member of this faith community.</i></p>
 <p>In Los Angeles, there are 8,000 homeless families with over 18,000 children.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each person in your household and each room in your home.</i></p>	 <p>Pray for the Louisiana Mission Trip to Gulfport Mississippi. Camp Love has been about the work of rebuilding homes and lives after hurricane Katrina.</p> <p><i>Give a coin for each room in your home.</i></p>	 <p>Lycoming College Choir in worship Lycoming College is a United Methodist affiliated college in Pennsylvania.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for every song on your favorite CD.</i></p>	 <p>UMCOR. Be There. Be Hope. UMCOR's mission is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster—with open minds and hearts to all people.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for every news program you watch.</i></p>	 <p>UMCOR provides long-term solutions to bring hope to hungry people and empower them to self-sufficiency.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for every meal you cook in a week.</i></p>	 <p>The Shopping List of 7 includes tuna, soup, pasta sauce, fruit, vegetables, beans and rice/pasta.</p> <p><i>Give a coin for each of these items in your pantry.</i></p>	 <p>Restoration. Healing. Hope.</p> <p>UMCOR • One Great Hour of Sharing</p> <p>Thank God for your many blessings and that your gifts, added with so many others through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, can make a remarkable difference.</p> <p>TOTAL: \$ _____</p>

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTION: Act justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly.

Matthew 25: 37, 40

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?"

... And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

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