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Mission Opportunities

Westside Food Bank
Food is collected every Sunday to benefit the Westside Food Bank. Food bins can be found outside the Sanctuary and in the Preschool. For the month of February we are collecting canned tuna.

UMCOR
The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church (UMC), a non-profit 501(c)3 organization operated under the auspices of the General Board of Global Ministries. When UMCOR donors designate their contribution for a particular program or disaster response, UMCOR uses 100 percent of it on that program—none of it gets funneled back into fundraising or operating costs. To learn more, go to: www.umcor.org

Open Invitations

Prayer Quilt Ministry
The Prayer Quilt Ministry is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. There are a number of ways to be involved. When a prayer quilt is hanging in the Sanctuary come tie a knot and say a prayer. Remember the recipients in your prayers in the following days. And join the ministry for work and fellowship on the third Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to noon. You don’t have to know how to sew to help.

Next meeting: Saturday, February 16, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Room 300

Health Ministry Council
Through God’s love, the Health Ministry Council works to promote wellness in individuals, the church, and the community. The council supports the mission of First UMC, plans and implements programs and activities that promote physical, mental and spiritual well-being and healing, and serves as an advocate for health and safety concerns. For more information about the Council, or to volunteer, call the church office (310) 393-8258.

Pennies for Haiti
February 10, 2019

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In collaboration with Haitian Methodist partners, our efforts thus far have made tangible progress in rebuilding churches, clinics, schools and homes. We believe that our biggest impact in the rebuilding effort in Haiti, however, is in giving hope and building relationships with our fellow Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ.

This year’s team: Grace Cho, Heidi Crooks, Janet Searfoss, Maddy Ing, Nathan Oney, Sam Johnson, Conner Kilpatrick, and team leaders Todd & Sherry Erdlandson. The team will be commissioned during worship Sunday, March 3, and the trip is from March 7 - 17.

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- 6:30 p.m. Lay Leadership Team Meeting, FR

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