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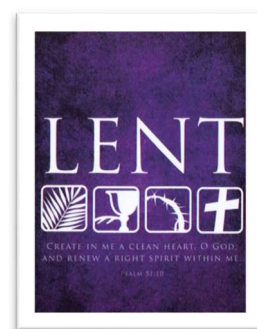
Rev. John A. Thomason, Pastor



Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

March 17
Second Sunday in Lent



Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is a time of preparation for celebrating Easter, often marked by the renewed practice of spiritual disciplines. The liturgical color is purple, which represents both penitence and royalty.

Pastor's Sermon: *A Lament of Love*

Lectionary readings:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13:31-35

An Order of Farewell to a Church Member:

Janna Boettcher

(rescheduled from last Sunday)

During this Sunday's service, our church family will bid a loving, appreciative farewell to long-time member *Janna Boettcher*, who is moving back to her home state of North Carolina.



Confirmation Class
Lenten Soup Drive
Ends this Sunday, March 17

Our Confirmation class is sponsoring a **Soup Drive** which will conclude this Sunday, March 17. Worshipers are asked to bring cans of soup and place them in specially marked containers outside the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall. On Saturday, March 23, class members will deliver the donated soup and help stock the shelves at the Woodbury Food Bank. Your donations will assist the Confirmands in their community service project and will also be a blessing to the recipients of the soup.

Prayer Vigil

Monday, March 18, 2019

7-8 PM



On Monday evening, March 18, The WUMC Prayer Ministry will sponsor a Prayer Vigil in our sanctuary from 7-8 pm. We have become aware of so many prayer concerns and requests and would like to open the church to our members and the community for a time of mediation and prayer. There will be a few meditative readings, but for the most part, it will be a quiet time of prayer and being in God's presence. We hope that especially during this reflective season of Lent, you will be able to come and pray and experience God's comfort, grace and love!

WUMC Prayer Ministry,

Barbara Etcheto, Paul Hatch, Diane Hibbard, RaeAnn Hockenberry, Pastor John, Jessie Lynch, Martha Varnum, Rynn Naylor, Carolyn Shay, and Sherry Swanhall

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Lent is an important season in the life of the church; but just as importantly, it is a season in the life of each Christian. Lent is a time of preparation...preparing our hearts and our spirits for the celebration that is the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

From the convicting reality of Ash Wednesday's somber tone, to the affirming reality of Easter Sunday's joyous celebration...we journey as individuals and we journey as a congregation. Therefore, WUMC's Adult Christian Education Ministry is offering opportunities for both personal and corporate study, faith practice, worship, and fellowship.

STUDY/FELLOWSHIP:

On Tuesdays (6:30 PM – 8:00 PM) and Wednesdays (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM); WUMC is hosting a Lenten Study series entitled, "LENT: The Gift of New Creation." The book is based on the lectionary readings for each Sunday in Lent. The books are available through the church office for \$8. Both groups will allow a time of sharing and learning from each other.

INDIVIDUAL FAITH PRACTICE:

This year, we are especially pleased to offer a Lenten Devotional booklet, which is available throughout the church building. This daily devotional offers scriptures, reflections, and prayers from members of our own congregation. This resource can be used individually, with family, or with a fellowship group. Please consider sharing this meaningful, free, resource with others you come in contact with.

CORPORATE WORSHIP:

The Maundy Thursday service will be on April 18 at 7:00 PM; and an ecumenical Good Friday service will be held on April 19 at 7:00 PM at the First Congregational Church in Woodbury. Finally and triumphantly, Easter will be celebrated at both the Ecumenical Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM at Hollow Park in Woodbury and Sunday Worship (10:30 AM) in our sanctuary.

Peace and Grace,

Bud Behlman – WUMC Adult Christian Education



IRON SHARPENS IRON

1 Day Christian Men's Conference – This Saturday!

You Still Have Time to Sign-Up

Attending this high-energy, informative, inspiring, and faith-based men's conference has become something of a tradition for our WUMC's Men's Fellowship.

If you have attended in the past...continue the tradition...***PLAN TO ATTEND AGAIN THIS YEAR!***

If you have never attended in the past...join the tradition...***PLAN TO ATTEND THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR!***

- ❖ **DATE: Saturday, March 16**
- ❖ **TIME: 8:30 AM – 4:55 PM**
- ❖ **LOCATION: The First Cathedral – Bloomfield, CT**
- ❖ **COST: \$69 or, \$59/early registration and \$29/students**
- ❖ **TRANSPORTATION: On your own...or carpooling...your choice!**

What You Can Expect:

- Starting & Stopping On Time....
 - Great Music...
 - Great Speakers...
 - Topics of Interest For Young Men (13-19), Pioneering Men (20-29), Full Throttle Men (30-55), Seasoned Men (55+)...
 - Breakout Seminars...
 - A Wide Variety of Vendors....
 - Tailgate Lunch With WUMC Men

Seminar Topics Will Include:

- Courageous Manhood In Hostile Times
 - From Mafia to Ministry...Prison to Praise
 - Fireproof Your Marriage
 - Biblical Manhood
 - Winning The Battle Within
 - Loving and Leading Your Family Tribe

Please see Rod Carnes or Bud Behlman to sign-up or for additional information.

Brochures available throughout the church....or go to the Iron Sharpens Iron website:

www.ironsharpensiron.net

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another"- Proverbs 27:17

An Update from the Financial Team at WUMC

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

February 2019: Income totaled \$18,536 and expenses totaled \$18,132. Income and expenses were in-line with budget. Year-To-Date (YTD) 2019 Summary: YTD net income is approximately -\$5,800 due to unplanned "one-off" expenses and low non-pledged support.

Pledged support is right on track with budget.

Thank you!
Jessie Lynch, Treasurer

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

WUMC SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Classes are held for children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade after the Children's sermon during Sunday worship service.

WUMC YOUTH GROUP:

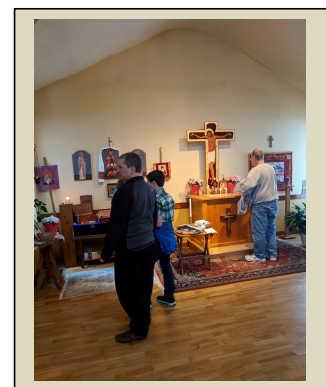
We're preparing for the Youth-Led Worship on March 31. Thanks to all that signed up to participate. We will prepare

Sunday, March 17: During Sunday School

Sunday, March 17: Youth Group Meeting 6:15 PM – 8 PM

Friday, March 29: Evening Rehearsal (time- TBA); Sunday, March 31: Final rehearsal prior to worship service; Sunday, March 31 @ 10:30 AM Youth-Led Worship

Our Confirmation Class along with parents and mentors had a field trip to Christ the Savior Orthodox Church last Sunday. Photos courtesy of *Paul Hatch*.



Kudo Korner

Julia Bower Richardson is one of two Region 15 recipients of the Litchfield County Superintendent's Association and Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (LCSA/CAPSS) Student Award for the 2018-19 school year. Students are selected for their demonstration of outstanding leadership, citizenship, academic performance, participation in community service, and extra-curricular activities. Julia will receive the award at a ceremony at Pomperaug High School on Thursday, March 14. CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Prayer Corner:

Goodbye and godspeed to *Gillian Griswold*, who left on March 8 for a two-month sojourn with her son and his family in London, England.

Please pray for our eight Confirmands: *Caroline Cloud, Brady Cordova, Orson Lin, Anna Shupenis, Mary Grace Styblo, Lydia Temple, John Thomas, Rebecca Varnum.*

In the hospital: *Bobby Drown*, cousin of *Bud Behlman* (St. Mary's, Waterbury)

Recovering at home: *Jon Osseworde* (recent eye surgery); *Antonio Stillitano*, great grandson of *Paul Hatch*; *Kathy Kahn*; *Nancy Clark*; *Jack Fairty*, brother of *Lynne Brencher*; *Dave Davison*, father-in law of *Gary McClendon*; *Amanda Cloud*, *Anne Spry*; *Paul Hennessey*; *Lois Bliss*, mother of *Barbara Rego* (Fall River, MA)

Inpatient rehabilitation: *LeRoy Hibbard*, father of *Rev. Paul Hibbard* (Bishop Wicke Rehab, Shelton); *Irene Lambert*, mother of *Kathleen Roche* (Plainview, NY); *Marian Solomon*, aunt of *Jackie Fleming* (Elmira, NY); *Gene Guerrero*, father of *Alicia Boisseau* (Falmouth, MA); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury)

Outpatient rehabilitation: *Kathy Craig*

Outpatient treatments: *Linda Cornish* (Melbourne, Florida); *Betsy Love*; *John Fleming*; *Will Styblo*, infant son of *David* and *Katie Styblo* and nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, Tennessee)

Homebound member: *Linda Bailey, Florence Brown*

Please continue to remember: *Pete and Sue Vindigni, Nancy Clark, Jean Lilly, mother of Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Paul Hatch, the Keith family, Manny Gesh, Beth, Jillian & Alex Buzzannco, Kelly Etcheto, Vernessa Kingsbury, Jim Congdon, Jane True, Blair Feller, Marilyn Bender, Eddie Lenox* (son of *Grace Bell*), *Ethan Murphy*, (great grandson of *Grace Bell*), *Brigitte Weimann, Ryan DeRidder and family, Ernest Corrado, Laura & Stuart Brush, Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*), and *The Thomson family of Ferndale, WA* (family of *Kathy Craig*).



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing.

Fellowship Hosts And Altar Flower Opportunities:

The new 2019 flower & fellowship host charts will be posted in Fellowship Hall shortly. Sign up early to get the date of your choice! Each ministry team will be asked to volunteer for Fellowship in 2019.

If you want your flowers dedicated in the bulletin for a special occasion, please be sure to make us aware of that when ordering. ***If you don't have an occasion but would like to donate a floral tribute to one of our shut in members, please do so and Pastor John will deliver the arrangement during the following week.***

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES FROM THE OFFICE. . .

When attending worship on Sundays, parking is available in the C.L. Adams lot; however, please do not block the entrance towards the back of the lot as that inhibits the tenant's access in and out of the lot. Thank you.

HANDICAPPED PARKING - - these are the three spaces outside the office doors (Church Street Entrance). Please do NOT park there unless you have a handicapped parking tag. If you do park there, please be sure to leave enough room for the people using the handicapped ramp.

❖ **Office Hours - Tuesday thru Friday 9 am – 3 pm.** The answering machine will be checked daily; however, if you have a pastoral emergency, you can call Pastor John Thomason @ (203) 263-7575. Thank you!

Messenger deadline – 10 AM on Wednesday for Wednesday afternoon publication! Please see information for article submission. To keep the formatting to a unified look and also save on time of reformatting articles to fit, please use **Full Justification, Arial font 9.5 size with font 10 size for headings.** Thank you!

MINISTRY MEETING DATES for 2019 – need to be emailed to the office to be placed on the web calendar. Please remember to submit your ministry meeting dates to the office (by email) so they can be added to the wall calendar as well as the web calendar at our website or feel free to enter them on the calendar for next month's date when you are leaving your meeting. This will let everyone in the community know how active a church body we are at WUMC.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES???

Please continue to send any changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. please send them to wumc@woodburyumc.net.

Calendar of Events at WUMC for next week:

All Ministry Chairs – please submit any ministry meeting times to the office so they can be put onto the calendars each week (Messenger, Office & Web). Thank you!

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| Sun., March 17 | 8:45 a.m. | Confirmation Class | (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 8:45 a.m. | Men's Ministry | (Wesley Room) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Women's Fellowship | (downstairs classroom) |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Adult Voice Choir Rehearsal | (Sanctuary) |
| 2nd Sunday in Lent | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service | (Sanctuary) |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School | (downstairs classrooms) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hour | (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Youth Group Meeting | (Fellowship Hall) |
| Mon., March 18 | 5:00 p.m. | New Start Ministry Meeting | (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Community Prayer Vigil | (Sanctuary) |
| Tues., March 19 | 6:30 p.m. | Adult Study: "Lent: The Gift of New Creation" | (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wed., March 20 | 11:30 a.m. | Adult Study: "Lent, The Gift of New Creation" | (Assembly Room) |
| | 5:45 p.m. | Bell Choir Practice | (Assembly Room) |
| | 6:45 p.m. | Voice Choir Practice | (Assembly Room) |
| Sat., March 23 | 4:30 p.m. | Pasta Dinner | (Fellowship Hall) |
| Sun., March 24 | 8:45 a.m. | Confirmation Class | (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 8:45 a.m. | Men's Ministry | (Wesley Room) |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Women's Fellowship | (downstairs classroom) |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Adult Voice Choir Rehearsal | (Sanctuary) |
| 3rd Sunday in Lent | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service | (Sanctuary) |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School | (downstairs classrooms) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hour | (Fellowship Hall) |

Reminder - our worship services will be streamed live on our website. To view the service, simply go to our wumc@woodburyumc.net website, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the Facebook icon.

Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone.

We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world.

Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

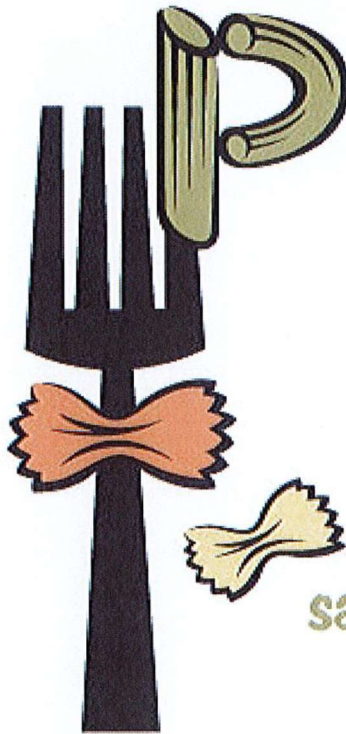
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COME JOIN US! SATURDAY

March 23, 2019

4:30-6:30PM



PASTA

for our
Pasta Supper

Freshly made marinara
sauce, pasta w/meatballs, bread
salad, dessert and beverages



Adults \$11 • Seniors \$9 • Kids \$5

Family (of 4) \$32

Tickets Sold at the Door



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Altar Easter Flowers 2019

Every Easter, our sanctuary is decorated with the flowers of the season. If you would like to place a plant on the Altar, we are now taking orders for:

_____ Easter Lily (10.00)

_____ Daffodils (\$8.00)

_____ Hyacinth (\$8.00)

_____ Tulip (\$8.00)

(white only)

(red only)

*Please include below your acknowledgement; in honor of, in celebration of, or in loving memory of one or more loved ones. A list will be printed in the church bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 21.

All flower orders must be paid in advance. Simply fill out the form below, and place it in the collection plate, or return it to the church office (a folder is located on the mail station credenza in the church office), accompanied by a check or cash for the total amount or mail it to: 4 Church Street, Attn: Kathy Craig, Easter Flowers. All checks should be made payable to Woodbury United Methodist Church. This year for your convenience, you may also order your flowers on our website at www.woodburyumc.net.

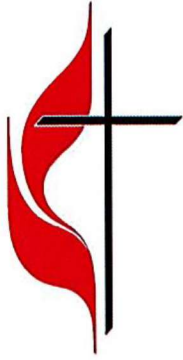
Please return all orders by Sunday, April 10th

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

In honor/celebration/loving memory of: (please circle one):

*If you would rather give a monetary donation to the church in lieu of flowers, you can also use one of the memorial cards located in the Narthex. Simply fill it out and return it in the same fashion as the floral order form.





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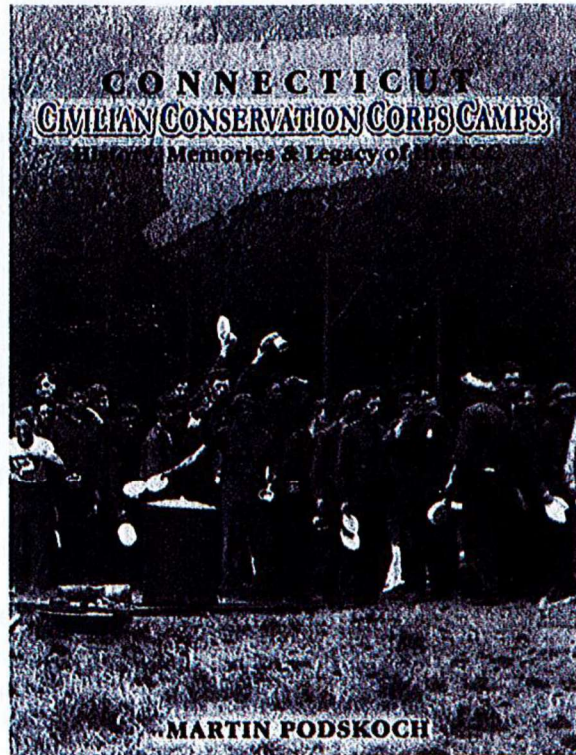
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

The United Methodist Church of Danbury, 5 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on **Saturday, March 16**. Dinner will be served continuously from 5:00pm until 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church.

The entire community is invited and welcome to attend this fun event. Dinner includes Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Irish Soda Bread. Prices are \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors; \$8 for children 7-15 and \$4 for children age 6 and under. Dinners are available to-go for an additional \$1.

For more information, contact the United Methodist Church of Danbury - 203-743-1503 or danburyumc@sbcglobal.net





C.C.C. CAMPS

A power point presentation of the C.C.C. camps by author and historian

Marty Podskoch

The C.C.C. camps were founded March 31, 1933 with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" program, to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. Men ages 18-25 (with families on relief) enrolled for 6 months and worked 40 hours a week for those 6 months. It was disbanded in 1942 due to the need of men in WWII.

Sunday, March 24, 2019 – 2:00 PM

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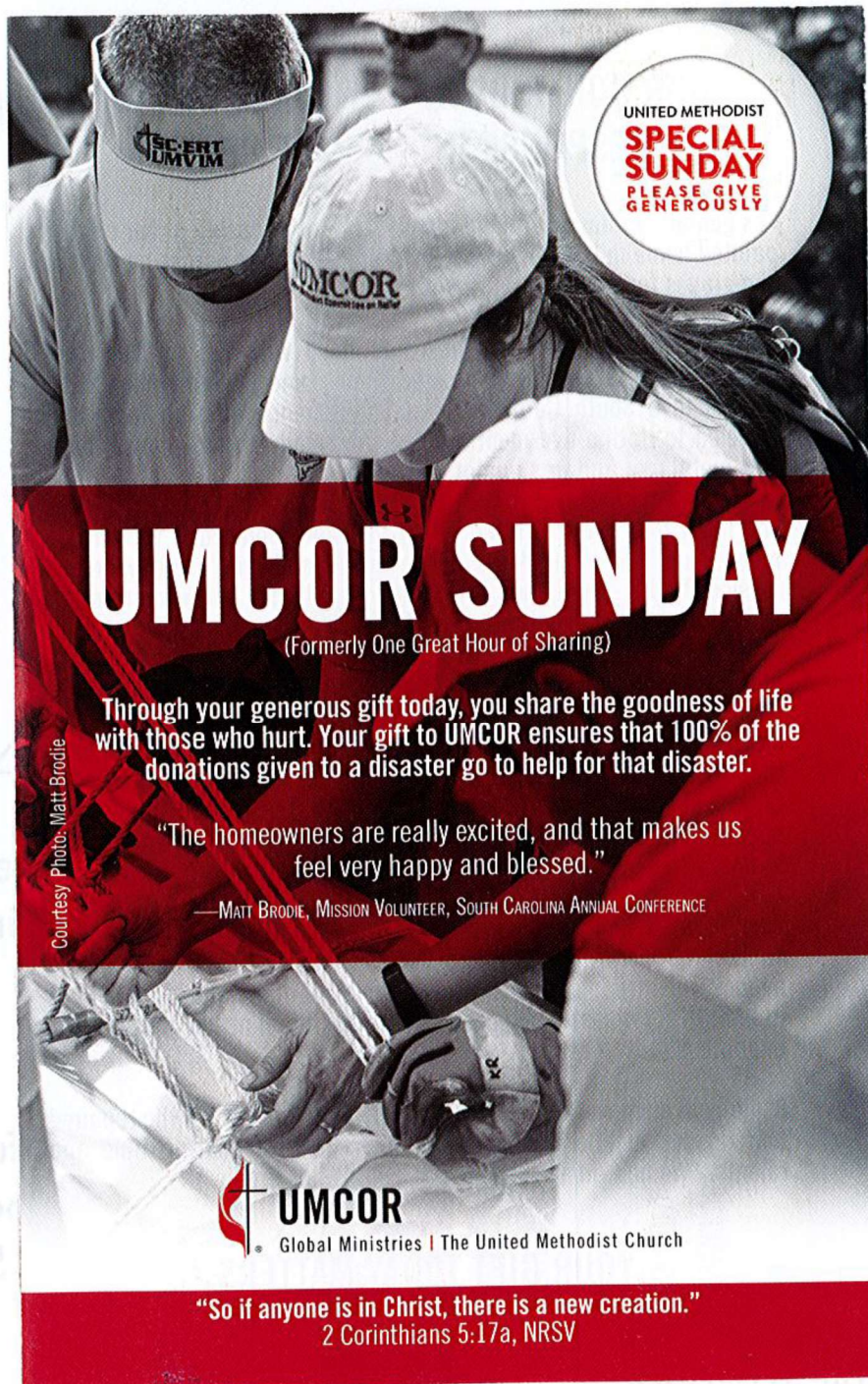
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FREE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Handicap accessible – Elevator – Plenty of free parking in rear of church

Refreshments – Sponsored by the United Methodist Women

Sunday, March 31, 2019



UNITED METHODIST
**SPECIAL
SUNDAY**
PLEASE GIVE
GENEROUSLY

UMCOR SUNDAY


(Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

Through your generous gift today, you share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your gift to UMCOR ensures that 100% of the donations given to a disaster go to help for that disaster.

“The homeowners are really excited, and that makes us feel very happy and blessed.”

—MATT BRODIE, MISSION VOLUNTEER, SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Courtesy Photo: Matt Brodie



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“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.”
2 Corinthians 5:17a, NRSV

A Special Offering Envelope will be in your Sunday bulletin.