



## **Fun Ways for Youth and Adults to Raise \$150.00 for a Complete Solar Oven Package**

Hold a Book sale, a Bake sale, a Bread/Muffin sale, a Cookie sale (15 trays of cookies at \$10 each...pretty fast), Car Wash, or an Art Sale (collect nice used art OR get prints from local artists who want to donate!)

Put on an event where people participate and leave with a final product: Pumpkin carving; Christmas cookie baking/decorating; build Christmas stockings; Easter baskets; Halloween costumes; endless ideas!

Teach a seminar on a topic you know: solar cooking, knitting, organic gardening, canning, gourmet cooking, dog grooming, webpage design, drawing, etc. Charge enough to cover your costs and your goal of \$150.

With 4 or 5 friends have a pizza party, spaghetti dinner, taco party, hamburger party, etc. Get 15 people to attend for \$10. Add a movie...hold it at someone's house that has a large TV or movie room.

Hold a "screening" for a new movie at your house (like the "God's Not Dead" film), an environmental movie or something that is relevant to Solar Ovens. Provide popcorn. Make it a sleepover for kids!

Get 3 friends to help you do a progressive dinner: Start with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, progress to the next place for soup or salad, then the main course and the last person's for dessert. Include music.

Have a house party: don't charge admission, invite as many as you know, give a short talk (Or invite SOP UMC staff to come and give one). Pass out envelopes and ask for a specific amount, ie \$10 or \$15.

Do a gourmet meal or have someone that likes to show off their talents do the meal and charge accordingly.

Have a Garage sale (if you're working with a neighborhood or building of people, offer to sit with their stuff all day to sell it, if they will donate the proceeds).

Ask 10 people to save all their change for 3 to 6 months... very painless, easy and successful!

Hold a birthday party and ask that in lieu of gifts they give money towards your Oven-a-Month Challenge.

Lead or get someone to lead a nature walk, an architectural tour, a historic tour, sailing trip, rafting trip, horseback ride, etc . Provide lunch. Charge accordingly. Advertise in the newspaper to draw new people in.

Organize a "service raffle": get 4 people to donate a simple but valuable service that many people could use and sell raffle tickets for it. Examples: babysitting, one day of housecleaning; yard work; house painting, etc. Hold a small event at the church and draw for winners. Do a good job following through so you can repeat!

Ask other church denominations that you might be closely related to if SOP UMC can be a "second collection". Works great if someone familiar with SOP UMC in that congregation gives a short talk ahead of it.

"Round Up" Campaigns: Ask to "round up" ticket sales for an upcoming Church Dinner or event (\$8.50 to \$9) for your commitment. Works well at a locally owned business in town that have good local clientele, too.

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Offer to gift wrap Christmas gifts at a store for a small fee or donation.

Work with a local restaurant to donate 1-2% of every sale over a certain period. Promote the restaurant .

Hold a "chili cook-off" or a "grilled pizza cook-off" competition. Charge enough money to help competitors offset some of their expenses, as well as you making your money. Participants do the voting.

"Give it up" Campaign: during Lent, encourage people to "give up" certain foods or activities and donate the amount of money they would normally have spent to your cause.

If you can create enough buzz....do "Crowdfunding" on GoFundMe or Indiegogo. These sites are becoming so popular for fundraising. But creating a campaign that alerts people to go to your site is important FIRST.

Do you have an Xbox or Wii ? Host a competitive event. Each entrant pays a fee and they compete for bragging rights or small prizes.

Hold a Doggie Fashion Show. These are actually very successful and fun! Turn it into an annual event.

Know a large law firm or call center? Pitch a " Jean's Day" where employees pay \$5 to wear jeans.

Hold a carnival of yard games for little children with small prizes. Examples of games: kneel on the seat of a chair, facing the back with forearm on the top edge of the back of the chair and try to drop clothespins into a jar on the ground below; horseshoes; beanbag toss; duck pond...

Sell garden produce or, if you have acreage, garden plots.

"Trick-or-Treat" for solar ovens. When kids go trick-or-treating, in addition to their candy receptacle, have them also carry a small container for collection of financial donations to SOP UMC. Publicize it in your community so that people know to expect it and know it is legitimate.

Have a farm? Consider connecting with a city church and invite the youth group to camp on your land and learn about farm work, have some interaction with animals, cookout with a bonfire...in exchange for a donation from the church to SOP UMC.

In a big city? Consider hosting a youth group from a rural community to sleep over at your church and plan an itinerary of "city" experiences for them: ethnic restaurants, museums, theater shows... in exchange for a donation from the church to SOP UMC.

Borrow a solar oven from SOP UMC and circulate it among your membership. Many people want to try cooking with a solar oven. Ask for a donation in exchange for a week with the oven. Return the oven to SOP UMC when done!

Events are so much fun. They have the advantage of asking people to do something towards reaching your goal without actually having to ask them for money! And they get people involved and aware of your project. They are time consuming, though. Of all the ways to raise money, they take the most energy and time. Sometimes it's just easier to ask for a check!!