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Claremont United Methodist Church invites you to share in a Lenten offering. 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 Claremont's One Great Hour of Sharing period, from Ash Wednesday through the 4th Sunday in Lent, March 18th. 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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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PRAYER		February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26
<p>Generous and loving God, thank you for your love and care. You have blessed us with [your blessings and gifts]. You call us to do good and to share what we have. Today we offer a gift to UMCOR's One Great Hour of Sharing, and pray especially for [today's entry]. Strengthen, bless, and provide needed assistance. Help us to see the needs around us and to show through our actions what happens "if we act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God." Amen</p>		 <p>A child receives care at Yei Civil Hospital in Sudan.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each doctor appointment during 2010.</i></p>	 <p>An UMCOR community worker lifts young groundnuts to show how bountiful the crops would become November's harvest.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each fresh fruit or vegetable consumed in your home this week.</i></p>	 <p>A displaced boy in Rihad, where UMCOR is helping displaced families survive.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each child in your neighborhood.</i></p>	 <p>A refugee child at a UNICEF water point at Hassa Hisa Internally displaced persons (IDP) camp in Zalingei, West Darfur, Sudan.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each glass of water you drink today.</i></p>	 <p>Curious children from the Dar es Salaam School peer into the Yei United Methodist Church in Yei, Sudan.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each day you attended a function at church last month.</i></p>
PAKISTAN						
February 27	February 28	February 29	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4
 <p>Lucie Harrison Girls High School, Diocese of Raiwind, Church of Pakistan.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each teacher you have/had.</i></p>	 <p>Naheeda, 3, has just had her vaccinations, like all the youngest Afghan refugees. She became a refugee at the age of two when her father, Kabir, took his family from Jalalabad to Pakistan in search of work.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each vaccination your family has received.</i></p>	 <p>A sewing center in the village of Pateka, Pakistan.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each new outfit you purchased this year.</i></p>	 <p>Grade four students at Lucie Harrison School, Diocese of Raiwind, Church of Pakistan</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each grade of school your family members have completed.</i></p>	 <p>Floods during monsoon season in Pakistan leave destruction and sometimes death in their wakes.</p> <p><i>Give a donation for the security of your home in times of severe weather.</i></p>	 <p>Deeba Rana of the Potohar Org. for Development Advocacy in Potohar, decorates a papier mache egg. The project works to empower rural women.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each year you have been gainfully employed.</i></p>	 <p>Bishop John Malik leads the Diocese of Lahore in the Church of Pakistan.</p> <p><i>Give one coin for each Sunday you have worshipped freely this year.</i></p>

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March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11
						
Members of an UMVIM Team work with a Haitian construction worker to clear debris and rubble from the back courtyard and inside of a home in the Carrefour District <i>Give one coin for each house on your block.</i>	Cooking food in a solar oven has both economic and health advantages; pasteurizing drinking water can lower infant/childhood mortality rates. <i>Give one coin for each hot meal prepared in your home last week.</i>	Many Methodist Church-related buildings, like the rest of the area, were totally destroyed in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. <i>Give one coin for each building on our church campus.</i>	Haitian children show off the bead necklaces they made with the team from Virginia. <i>Give one coin for each piece of jewelry each person in your family is currently wearing.</i>	Rubble needs clearing; hearts and souls need mending. <i>Give a donation for earthquake safety regulations in our country.</i>	The children were a blessing to the VIM team members working at Fond Doux. <i>Give one coin for each baby that you know born in the last 2 years.</i>	The Rev. Edgar Avitia Legarda helps distribute food packages in Mellier, Haiti. <i>Give one coin for each meal you eat this week.</i>

UMCOR PROJECTS

March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18
						
A new well brings better health by providing safe drinking water and clean hands in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. <i>Give one coin for each faucet that provides safe, clean water in your home.</i>	At the El Ferdous IDP camp, workers constructed a reception center for new displaced families. UMCOR hospitality now speeds the integration of new arrivals into the support structures of the camp. <i>Give one coin for each night your family will spend in a hotel this year.</i>	As the rainy season got under way in South Darfur, UMCOR helped keep hope in the future alive by providing seeds and agricultural tools to displaced families. Here Adel Dut planted sorghum on land outside the camp. <i>Give a donation for the accessibility of fresh produce in your community.</i>	UMCOR has distributed woven mats to families in the El Ferdous camp, including this woman, Adut Malek Wul, and her children. The mats are critically important as the rainy season gets under way. <i>Give a donation for the roof that secures your home.</i>	A woman cooking in front of her hut. The tarp was provided by UMCOR. <i>Give one coin for each cooking appliance in your home.</i>	Mattresses and tents awaiting distribution, Hazarboogh and Qanchoga, Afghanistan. <i>Give one coin for each blanket in your house.</i>	Thank God for your many blessings and that your gifts, added with those of many others, through One Great Hour of Sharing offering, can make a remarkable difference. TOTAL: \$ _____

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTION: God's steadfast LOVE

- Read the day's entry in the Sharing Calendar. Discuss the situation described and its relationship to your household.
- Read the theme passage for UMCOR's One Great Hour of Sharing 2012, Psalm 107:8, NRSV
"Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind."
- Invite each member of the household to describe an experience of "sharing" since the last devotion.
- Consider your household's Sharing Calendar for the day, and calculate your family's gift.
- Offer a prayer for the people and situations highlighted in the Sharing Calendar.

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