SALEM UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

GENEROSITY TEAM

FULFILLING OUR 5 FOR 5 COMMITMENTS

Thanks to all of our members and friends who have been consistent in their support of Salem over the past months. I would also like to offer a reminder that electronic funds transfer is an option for ongoing support of Salem's ministries.

As we have been absent from our regular services, we have also lost the opportunity to connect personally regarding our 5 for 5 commitments to the United Church of Christ. During this period, we have had regular commitments to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), but other special offerings have been overlooked.

They include Neighbors in Need and Strengthen the Church.

Neighbors in Need supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Local Church Ministries.

Strengthen the Church re-imagines and builds the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC does not have a strong presence. It also provides support for existing church's new initiatives.

In our annual budget we included goal amounts of $800 for Neighbors in Need and $400 for Strengthen the Church. In addition, we included a $750 goal for **One Great Hour of Sharing**, and to-date we have received $255 toward that goal.

One Great Hour of Sharing channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response, administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.

The Generosity Team would like to ask each of you to prayerfully consider making a special gift toward one or each of these funds over the next month. Simply note your giving/distribution preference with your offering when you send it in to the church.

Again, we have included the direct deposit form with this month's Chapel Chimes, and encourage you to consider regular donations through this giving channel.

As a church together while apart, it is important for us to remember that our commitments are not only to each other as a congregation, but to the wider church and the wider world, to help as we are able.

We continue to pray that you and your families remain safe and healthy as we live into our new normal. And again, we thank you for your generosity of spirit and the many gifts you share with Salem and each other.

Thank you!

On behalf of Salem Generosity Team
Mary Mullen

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