



Sermon Offertory Invitation

Your offering last week empowered ministry within our congregation and responded to the needs of our community.

Our congregation is coming together through online worship, our members are volunteering, our ministries are offering crucial spiritual support, and our leadership councils are finding ways to continue funding mission and ministry while managing budgets.

Ministries like these happen, thanks to the way the people of the United Methodist Church live and give connectionally.

At this moment we have the opportunity to support a mission larger than each of us. Two years ago, United Methodists of Greater New Jersey embarked on the Miracles Everywhere campaign to make new disciples and transform the world.

As a result of this campaign, we have exponentially grown our youth ministries, established Hope Centers that partner our churches with community needs, ministered to the clergy and people of Tanzania, and assisted those affected by hurricanes in Puerto Rico. Your generosity to this campaign has transformed lives around the world.

Now, GNJ is expanding Miracles Everywhere to assist our churches, Hope Centers, and members affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This crisis has hurt our communities economically, medically, and spiritually. As a united church, we aim to raise \$1 million to support our fellow members who have fallen on hard times, our churches and ministries who are working on the front lines of this crisis, and innovative non-profits who are rising to meet the urgent short term and long term needs. Your generosity will be Christ's hands and feet through food pantries, utility bill payments, senior care, and other mission outreach to our neighbors and friends.

If taking a 2nd Mile Offering, include:

Our first gifts are to our church so that we can enrich and sustain the ministries here in our communities. In Matthew 5: 41, Jesus asks us to go the second mile. Our second gifts this week – our second mile giving - is to the Miracles Everywhere Campaign for the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

If not taking a 2nd Mile Offering:

Please consider giving to Miracles Everywhere today, and through Tuesday, May 5, a nationwide Giving Tuesday event for COVID-19 Relief. Donate to Miracles Everywhere for the COVID-19 Relief Fund by sending a check to United Methodists of Greater New Jersey, online through the Greater New Jersey website, or by texting the words Miracles Everywhere to 77977. **Every donation made May 3-5 will be matched 100% by a generous leader of GNJ.** This is a wonderful opportunity to double your impact for those affected by this terrible crisis.

I invite you to give generously, as we worship God through sharing our gifts, tithes, and offerings.



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