

CHURCH ACTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 2024 [C.H.A.O.!]

ALL engagements in ALL areas of ministry here at Our Lord's for February.

Please:

*READ ~ PRAY ~ and then CHOOSE what God calls you to
in addition to your ongoing presence and support.*

Use designated envelope/memo line on checks/website through VANCO.

METHODIST RESPONSE TO WAR IN GAZA

When war breaks out around the world, how are we to respond? What action steps do we take beyond our responsibility to pray for peace?

Ponder this statement:

“The Church regards the institution of slavery, the practice and commission of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and aggression as infamous and atrocious evils. Such evils are destructive of humanity, promote impunity, and therefore must be unconditionally prohibited by all governments and shall never be tolerated by the Church.”

“Social Principles, The Political Community” found in *The Book of Discipline*

Plan to view the Zoom session entitled, “Methodists in Palestine in a Time of War” once the recording is released. (We will let you know this date.) Follow this link <https://www.umcjustice.org/what-we-care-about/peace-with-justice/conflicts> to help you learn more about the Methodist position regarding Israeli Occupation. Be sure to check out the Fact Cards link or look at the printed copies located on the Welcome Table.

CHURCH & SOCIETY IS HOLDING UP:



~ Black History Month - Pastor Kelly will have her tub of children's books in the Kid's Korner for ALL to view.



~ February New Berlin Food Pantry collection. *We are supporting the clients being served by the New Berlin Food Pantry during the month of February by supplying **toilet paper**. Look for sales! Let's help stock the pantry with this much-needed household staple. Bring your donations to the bins in the **Mission Corner** (found behind the Welcome Table).

ONGOING



~ Join us for the next Church & Society Team meeting on Tuesday, February 6th.



~ Borrow books from the Church library often (located in Fellowship Hall).

OVER



~ Ongoing collection of plastic bags/packaging in TREF bins in the Narthex.



~ The next date for dinner drop-off for The Cathedral Center is March 11th. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.



~ Please hold The Gathering in prayer and watch for dates to serve!



~ Thanks to Carol H., Debbie H., Kathy D., and Margo H., who served 196 unhoused and hungry at The Gathering on 1/22/24!



~ Storypath box update – They're here!! Donations continue to help move this project forward by providing funds for box payments, color background purchase, posthole digging, and landscaping. Watch for an ALL hands 'assembly party' date in the Spring!



~ Check out the General Board of Church and Society website to receive information on how to contact legislators concerning pressing issues of peace with justice. Go to <https://www.umcjustice.org/>.



~ (Reuse) B.Y.O.C.C. – Bring Your Own Coffee Cup on Sundays for fellowship. Fill it, enjoy it, use it as an ice breaker in getting acquainted, take it home, wash it, reuse it, or change it up!

Our Lord's Mission and Vision Statements

*To actively love our neighbors and proclaim God's unchanging love and mercy in everything we do.
As a community, Our Lord's UMC seeks to transform ourselves and the world by following Christ, welcoming ALL,
serving others, and promoting social justice.*