

This week:

Sunday, March 31, 2019
Week 4: Generous Treasure

Pray that you will recognize God's calling for you to effect good in the world with the resources you have.

Fast from self-indulgence, so that you may see the blessings in your own life and share them with others.

Give from your heart, knowing that all we have comes first from God.

Feeling called to be more generous with your talents this Lent? Contact Coordinator of Congregational Connections Linda Nordmann (lindanordmann@laumc.org) to find out what opportunities are available at LAUMC.

This Lenten devotional will be offered as a bulletin insert each week leading up to Easter. The devotionals are saved as PDFs at www.laumc.org/curriculum in case you miss a week and want to go back.

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By Giving to God's Work, Lives Around the World Are Transformed

Read Hebrews 13:16

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased (Hebrews 13:16, NIV).

Because of our United Methodist connection, there are many life-changing ways for each of us to share God's blessings with our community, around the country, and globally. When we support LAUMC with our financial gifts, we do much more than pay the church's electric bill or offer snacks at Java Joy. We are providing a safe space for our children to learn about Jesus' love in Sunday school each week. We are helping to combat the deprivation faced by families experiencing poverty and homelessness here in the Bay Area. Together, we are sending comfort to those affected by disasters, whether their lives have been impacted by wildfires in California, flooding in the American Midwest, or armed conflict in Africa. And we are empowering the work of United Methodist missionaries such as Katherine Parker from Mill Valley, CA, who brings her deep knowledge of community health programs and water, sanitation, and hygiene to an ecumenical ministry in Nepal.

Countless lives have been impacted by the work of this church: whether by an education from Africa University that lifts students and their families out of poverty, access to clean water that saves lives from infectious disease, receiving one of the more than 4 million mosquito nets that have been distributed to prevent malaria, or a hot meal and a smile offered at Hope's Corner. It's hard to overstate the incredible good in the world that results from sharing our blessings with others through our church.

Through our global United Methodist Church, we are connected to communities near and far. By sharing with others, we are rewarded with strengthened faith. Isn't it amazing what God can do when we join together to share His resources?