### Lent 2018

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<td><strong>Florida</strong>&lt;br&gt;# of homes that have been flooded</td>
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In my UTO Blue Box.
**2018 United Thank Offering (UTO) Lenten Devotional Calendar**

**Welcome!**

Over the past year, I’ve received several requests for a Lenten Calendar that people remember using and enjoying during Lent. It asked you to count items in your home and make a thank offering for those items. After a lot of research, and help from Social Media, I was able to find a reference to a Lenten Calendar from the 1980s that was created by the Presiding Bishop’s Fund that shared the story of an emergency grant they made and asked you to make a donation for an item similar to what was needed. This short description inspired the creation of our 2018 Lenten Devotional Calendar.

Before you begin, we invite you to prayerfully consider how much you will donate for each item you have in your house. It is like making a pledge for each mile walked in a fundraiser. Consider giving a dime or dollar for each item and write this amount at the top of the calendar. Beginning on the day after Ash Wednesday, you are invited to read about one of the 2017 UTO grant sites and maybe go explore their webpage to learn more. Then, look around your house to count items that are related to the reason why the grant was requested. (In 2017, we gave more grants than days in Lent, so, unfortunately, we are not able to feature all of the grant sites.) After you’ve counted, you can write the number on the calendar so you can make one thank offering at the end of Lent, or simply place the number of coins (or dollars) you committed to into your Blue Box. On Ash Wednesday and on Sundays, we invite simply to consider an area of your life and how it blesses you. We hope you see this as a weekly reminder of the blessing of hope found when our community gathers together to celebrate the Eucharist to remember the promises of our faith.

I hope you enjoy this Lenten Devotional opportunity. Please let me know that you’ve used it and feel free to share ideas you might have to help deepen our spiritual discipline of gratitude during Lent.

Wishing you all the best for a Holy and Sacred Lent,
The Rev. Canon Heather L. Melton
Staff Officer, the United Thank Offering of The Episcopal Church

**Helpful Links:**
If you need to order UTO Materials, please visit: [https://shima-of-navajoland.myshopify.com/collections/united-thank-offering](https://shima-of-navajoland.myshopify.com/collections/united-thank-offering)

To learn more about the United Thank Offering, please visit: [www.episcopalchurch.org/uto](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto)
## 2018 UTO Lenten Devotional
### Grant Sites by Date with Website Links

**Thursday, February 15**

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<th>Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition</th>
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<td>To support and participate in the work of the start-up program Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition with grassroots advocacy to facilitate climate and environmental protection efforts and action by Interior Natives and residents.</td>
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<td>Companion with Diocese of Navajoland</td>
<td>To renovate and equip a LEED-certified space at the San Juan Mission for the Navajo coders that is specific to their needs and will allow them to launch their business, meet with clients, demonstrate their abilities, and help train additional young adults in coding and expand this important ministry.</td>
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<td>Companion with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry</td>
<td>To create a contemporary translation of the Book of Common Prayer in modern Gwich’in (Takudh), the language of one of the largest Alaska Native populations, which honors the integrity of a truly indigenous understanding of the Gospel and the meaning and expression of corporate worship.</td>
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<td>St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Bloomville, NY</td>
<td>To build a community and ministry center in Bloomville, a rural, poverty-stricken community in eastern Delaware County, New York. The grant will offer the community new ministries: a food pantry; a free clothing shop; a veteran’s information center; and space for a Nar-Anon Support group, Scouting, Red Cross, free health screenings and classes, and when needed, a disaster relief center.</td>
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<td>Companion Diocese of Jerusalem, Zarka, Jordan</td>
<td>To renovate the school building to improve the quality of curricular and extracurricular education for students to insure that the children receive a quality education.</td>
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**Wednesday, February 21**

**Diocese of Arkansas**  
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Hot Springs, AR  
Wash Day Ministry  
$21,250.00

To provide the homeless and marginalized in the Hot Springs area with a sheltered place to shower and do laundry with safety and dignity, in a town renowned for its bath houses.


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**Thursday, February 22**

**Diocese of Colorado**  
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Denver, CO  
St. Andrew’s Tiny House Village  
$30,000.00

To build a temporary Tiny House Village of eight houses to provide housing for eight women in transition from homelessness to low-income housing. The intent is to provide the women with a safe, secure community where they can restore their dignity and be empowered on their journey toward rejoining society.

[http://www.standrewdenver.org/tinyhouses](http://www.standrewdenver.org/tinyhouses)

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**Friday, February 23**

**Diocese of Connecticut**  
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Southington, CT  
St. Paul’s Common Good Garden  
$10,500.00

To provide organic, locally grown vegetables to two local feeding programs that currently use mostly canned vegetables. The garden will also provide education to people young and old about where our food comes from and how to grow food in a way that is environmentally friendly.


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**Saturday, February 24**

**Diocese of Georgia**  
Church of the Epiphany, Savannah, GA  
Epiphany Community Organizing and New Evangelism in the Diocese of Georgia  
$37,500.00

To develop Epiphany, a new worshipping community in Savannah that collaborates with grassroots organizers as a means of community-building, mission development, and development of new evangelistic methods. This new ministry will benefit the broader Episcopal Church and local grassroots organizing partners who do nonpartisan Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD).

[https://www.epiphany.savannah.org](https://www.epiphany.savannah.org)

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**Monday, February 26**

**Diocese of Kansas**  
Trinity Episcopal Church, Lawrence, KS  
Sending Out the 70: Equipping Lay Evangelists  
$20,450.00

To develop, test, and evaluate curricula, materials, and a website to provide high-quality, congregation-based training of prospective licensed lay evangelists. A part-time coordinator will be hired, as well as an individual knowledgeable in website development and distance learning.

[http://trinitylawrence.org](http://trinitylawrence.org)
Tuesday, February 27
Diocese of Northern Indiana
EDNIN Community Engagement Project
South Bend, IN
$50,000.00
To fund a Community Engagement Missioner who will provide Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) promotion and training throughout the Diocese of Northern Indiana.
http://ednin.org

Wednesday, February 28
Diocese of Navajoland
Rides for Navajoland
To purchase two sturdy vehicles – one for St. Christopher’s Episcopal Mission in Utah and one for San Juan Mission in New Mexico. They will be used to gather the missions’ far-flung people for new ministry work both in their communities and throughout the region.
http://www.ecofnavajoland.org

Thursday, March 1
Diocese of Newark
Parent Education Workshops
$27,029.00
All Saints Episcopal Church/All Saints Community Service and Development Corporation,
Hoboken, NJ
To fund a portion of the salary of the program director, accountant, and teachers who will present parent-education workshops to low-income families at three locations in Hoboken and Union City. The workshops will cover topics that include parenting techniques, budgeting and finance, and health-related issues.
http://ascsdc.org

Friday, March 2
Diocese of New York
New York Haiti Project
$59,038.00
Companion with Diocese of Haiti, Mantel, Haiti
To build a grain mill, school, and church for the small village of 3,000 people. Mattel has donated the land to the diocese. The mill will support the school and will be the sanctuary on Sundays. The new parish will be called St. Luke’s.
https://www.facebook.com/TheNewYorkHaitiProject/

Saturday, March 3
Diocese of New Hampshire
Establish an Eco-Curacy at Church of the Woods
$24,221.00
Church of the Woods Episcopal Church, Canterbury, NH
To establish an eco-curacy at Church of the Woods and to hire a new half-time eco-curate to create new programs and offer retreats. An “eco-curate” will help members of Church of the Woods connect with people who love nature but are not at home in church, as well as to support the “wild Jesus” movement nationwide.
http://kairosearth.org/church-of-the-woods/
Monday, March 5

Diocese of Ohio  
Bellwether Farm, Equipping Leaders for a Sustainable Future  
$53,667.00

Bellwether Farm Camp, Retreat and Education Center, Wakeman, OH
To fund two staff positions: one for program curriculum development and one for farm management. The Center offers a model for sustainable living that promotes physical and spiritual wellness, fidelity to the environment, and social justice by incorporating farming, food production, and environmental stewardship into land-based educational programs for people of all ages and backgrounds.

http://www.dohio.org/bellwether-farm

Tuesday, March 6

Diocese of Olympia  
Edible Hope Kitchen  
$21,864.19

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA
To expand an existing soup kitchen to begin serving breakfast. The funds will be used to purchase additional dishes, a refrigerator, and small appliances, as well as a portion of the salary of a volunteer coordinator.

http://www.stlukesseattle.org

Wednesday, March 7

Diocese of Pittsburgh  
St. Andrew’s Secondary School Physical Plant Development  
$72,920.00

Companion with Diocese of Uganda, Buwologoma, Uganda
To provide a permanent classroom building and administrative offices at St. Andrew’s Secondary School, which provides education for blind, disabled, and non-disabled students. A latrine and a borehole to spare the students walking miles each day for water will also be built.

http://www.episcopalpgh.org

Thursday, March 8

Diocese of San Diego  
MAKE Garden Cafe Project  
$35,000.00

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, San Diego, CA
To partially fund the kitchen, which is providing job skills for 40 refugees each year through innovative urban food and farming activities in the kitchen and on the adjacent vacant lot owned by St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

https://www.facebook.com/saintlukesnorthpark/

Friday, March 9

Diocese of San Diego  
Indigenous Ministry Project  
$17,783.00

Companion with Diocese of Western Mexico, San Luis Potosi, Mexico
To purchase a truck with cargo space, and to build a worship and community center, which will include clergy living space, a medical office, and a pharmacy. The Indigenous Pame people live in a very poor, politically marginalized, rural area in the mountains of central Mexico. This grant will provide transportation to and from the communal space for worship and medical care for this forgotten and neglected community.

https://www.edsd.org
Saturday, March 10
Diocese of San Joaquin
Food Ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin
Stockton, Fresno, Bakersfield, Taft, and Ridgecrest, CA
$6,048.00
To support the development of food pantries and meal ministries in six congregations to aid those who are the most vulnerable in their communities. Each congregation is located in a community that has experienced division due to schism and is working to rebuild relationships in their communities.
https://diosanjoaquin.org

Monday, March 12
Diocese of Southern Ohio
CRIS Refugee Speakers Bureau
Columbus, OH
$1,525.00
To provide materials that expand the autonomy and flexibility of the team of refugee speakers so they are able to respond to speaking requests from the community groups and targeted audiences. CRIS is a member of Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM).
http://www.crisohio.org

Tuesday, March 13
Diocese of Southern Virginia
Inner City Improvement
Newport News, VA
$23,400.00
To provide housing for AmeriCorps interns in Newport News, VA, and for homeless men from the inner-city area. AmeriCorps members save lives and improve health through education and outreach, prevention training, and connecting families to services.
http://www.diosova.org

Wednesday, March 14
Diocese of Upper South Carolina
Jasmine Road
Greenville, SC
$40,500.00
To adapt the nationally recognized Thistle Farms model to the Greenville community. Through a three-month process, Upstate South Carolina will be provided with an intensive, voluntary, and transformative program that assists women who have been the victims of sexual exploitation and addiction to achieve economic independence.
https://www.jasmineroad.org

Thursday, March 15
Diocese of Utah
New Gas Stoves to Improve the Family Promise Experience
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, West Valley City, UT
$1,500.00
To purchase two gas stoves for families to use to prepare meals in a safe and welcoming temporary home for families with children. These families have recently become homeless.
https://ststephensut.com
Friday, March 16
Diocese of Virginia
St. Peter’s, the Warm and Welcoming Church: A New Ministry, a New Reality
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA
To install an elevator, accessible bathroom, and walkway between the worship space and the parish hall in historic St. Peter’s Church, which is located in an area with a high concentration of poverty. Many in this aging church community can no longer navigate the many steps necessary to enter the sanctuary. With a majority of the church community facing mobility challenges, participation in church and related activities is no longer possible without accessibility improvements.
http://www.stpeterschurchhill.org

Saturday, March 17
Diocese of West Missouri
St. Luke’s Nursing Center Quality of Life Initiative
Carthage, MO
To add a beauty salon to a nursing home facility that will serve the residents as well as homeless people in the area. The project will provide salon services to approximately 100 residents of the St. Luke’s nursing home, as well as the occupants of a nearby homeless shelter.
http://www.stlukesnursingcenter.com

Monday, March 19
Diocese of Western Michigan
Albion Community Gardens Inc.
St. James’ Episcopal Church, Albion, MI
To develop community gardens to supply produce for low-income families and to provide information on the preparation and importance of healthy eating. The grant also will fund a small tractor with attachments.
http://www.stjamesalbion.org

Tuesday, March 20
Berkeley Divinity School at Yale
Emily J. Garcia
A Good and Joyful Thing: Meaningful Eucharistic Liturgies for Children and Families
Diocese of Massachusetts
The goal of A Good and Joyful Thing is to facilitate young children’s involvement in Episcopal Church worship in a way that also teaches them about God. This project aims to:
1. Produce two full liturgies for Holy Eucharist with musical selections and new Eucharistic prayers.
2. Produce complementary practical suggestions/visual aids. These will each have adaptations so that they could be fitted to different spaces, skill-sets, and sensibilities.
3. Create a guide for priests with theological reflection on word and song choices.
4. Create materials for parents to enrich their experience of the liturgy, with simple suggestions for how to “go deeper” in a family setting through reflection, Bible reading, prayer for parents, and developmentally appropriate plans for children.
**Wednesday, March 21**

**Berkeley Divinity School at Yale**

Cheryl McFaddin

This grant funds the creation a virtual Episcopal Church Resource Center for the popular online world Second Life. Second Life is a vast, evolving community in which users connect and interact with people and organizations unique to Second Life, as well as with avatars of real-world entities. Many companies, brands, and other real-world organizations have an established presence in Second Life. The community currently features a virtual Anglican Cathedral but lacks many other resources for learning about The Episcopal Church and Anglicanism. This project would create a virtual welcome center/library of resources for people to discover and explore topics related to The Episcopal Church.

**Diocese of East Carolina**

$2,500

**Thursday, March 22**

**Episcopal Divinity School**

Lisa Devine

JT@theAT will be a farm-based community for children of all ages at the Abundant Table Farm in Camarillo, California. It is meant to reach out to those without a church affiliation and to meet the need of small churches needing a “critical mass” of young people for their youth groups and Sunday schools. Through joyful connection on the farm with land, food, neighbor, and God, young people will be supported in becoming grateful, compassionate, and justice-oriented. A typical session will be structured in the following way: Youth arrive and begin weeding a row together. They then glean their snack from the field and come together in gratitude for the food they are eating, which started as a tiny seed. The community then divides into age groups for presentation, reflection, and activities based on a foundational scripture story. Each person harvests produce for his or her family dinner and then returns to the large group for a harvest blessing.

http://theabundanttable.org

**Diocese of Los Angeles**

$2,500

**Friday, March 23**

**The School of Theology at the University of the South**

Kevin-Antonio Smallwood

This pilgrimage for seminarians with Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the Palestine-Israel Network will provide a first-hand experience of understanding the pursuit of peace between Israelis and Palestinians, and the reconciliation that is vital to the process. We are not striving to bring radical change to this area in the 10 days we journey about; rather, we hope to gain a holistic understanding of the history, current state, and future of a peaceful Holy Land. This knowledge will not only affect our future work for peace with Israelis and Palestinians, but will also be extended to opportunities for peace and reconciliation within our current communities and nation. Educational offerings on what we learned will be shared when we return.

**Diocese of Western Massachusetts**

$1,997.97
**Saturday, March 24**

**Seminary of the Southwest**  
**Equipping Episcopal Seminarians to Nourish Children Spiritually through Godly Play**  
Reagan Gonzalez  
Diocese of Montana  
$2,400

Godly Play is a Montessori-based children’s theological program developed over four decades by the Rev. Dr. Jerome Berryman. Godly Play uses an imaginative and creative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance. While modeling the Christian worship life, it provides the language for participants to make deep personal theological understandings. Godly Play focuses on the use of sacred story, silence, wonder, and play as means for worship and spiritual reflection. This project would include the purchase of a variety of Godly Play stories, the organizing of a dedicated space, and the training of seminarians in the curriculum. Seminarians will be invited to participate, and after being trained, they will be put on a children’s chaplain rotation to facilitate sessions during our weekly Thursday community Eucharist. This project will both equip future clergy with tools to engage the young Christians in their congregations and provide quality Christian formation to the children and families of the seminary community.

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**Monday, March 26**

**Virginia Theological Seminary**  
**Capturing the Beauty Way, Hozho**  
Leon Sampson  
Navajoland Area Mission  
$2,500

The grant will provide for the necessary documentation equipment to take high-quality photos and video footage of environmental programs that currently impact both Virginia Theological Seminary and the Navajoland Area Mission. Our goal is to create videos to support seminarians as they take what they have learned from our garden/farm project here at VTS into their communities once they graduate. I also plan to take the equipment home to start creating photo and video footage of programs like the Blue Corn Program, the sustainable Bee Programs, and the Shima’ Navajo Land Soap Programs in order to better share those stories, inspire participation, and encourage others to work on self-sustainability and environmental stewardship opportunities in their communities.

[http://www.ecofnavajoland.org](http://www.ecofnavajoland.org)

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**Tuesday, March 27**

**Virginia Theological Seminary**  
**If You Really Knew Me: A Series of Conversations Tilted Towards Reconciliation**  
Kathleen Walker  
Diocese of Southeast Florida  
$2,500

For the last several months, the administration and students of VTS have been exploring opportunities for racial reconciliation after concerns were raised during the prior academic year. After many meetings and much discussion, there is now a commitment on all sides to move towards peace and reconciliation. This grant will keep the momentum going and will permit the newly organized Seminarians of Color Union to sponsor a series of conversations with leaders from the presiding bishop’s staff and other organizations who could be formidable and informative sources about race and race relations to the VTS community. There is an urgent need to add diverse voices to the conversation on campus, where there are a few minority faculty members and even fewer minorities in the administration. A series of conversations would permit the community to participate in dialogues repeatedly, which will prove beneficial. As a follow-up, a social media vehicle would be established to keep the lines of communication open.

[http://www.vts.edu](http://www.vts.edu)
Wednesday, March 28
Evangelism Intern to the University of Arkansas
Samantha Haycock
Diocese of Arkansas
$2,500
This grant will allow St. Martin’s Episcopal University Center at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville to hire a student intern to improve evangelism to the university population. This intern would be able to expand our reach, offerings, and impact. As we raise our visibility on campus, our hope is to be able to draw more students, faculty, and alumni into community, with an increased presence on campus, in Fayetteville, and online. As we grow our ministry, we will also be able to expand the social justice initiatives that the ministry is able to sponsor and partner with.
http://www.stmartinsuark.org

Thursday, March 29
Cheii’s Web Development
Ryan Sam
Navajoland Area Mission
$2,330.07
Cheii’s Web Development seeks to provide a valuable resource to The Episcopal Church as well as the Navajo people in several ways. The word Cheii comes from the Navajo word meaning grandfather. Through the teaching and storytelling of our Navajo grandfathers, we learn how to be respectful toward others as well as toward nature. This grant will allow us to start a website design business to help tell the story of local Navajo businesses and congregations in The Episcopal Church. Cheii’s Web Development consists of four highly motivated and trained web developers; we are all Navajo and want to bring additional jobs to our community. The unemployment rate on the Navajo Nation is 44%. We intend to help bring unemployment down by teaching web development to Navajo individuals who otherwise have no chance of learning web-based skills on the reservation. The demand for individuals who know how to read, write, and develop code is high, and opportunities abound.
http://www.cheiiswebdev.com

Friday, March 30
The Episcopal Church Stands with Standing Rock
Patrick Kelly
Diocese of North Dakota
$2,500
The project is to create and sell shirts that will show support for the Standing Rock Reservation from The Episcopal Church in order to provide long-term financial support for the Tiny House Community at St. James’ Episcopal Church in Cannon Ball, North Dakota. These shirts will show The Episcopal Church’s support of Standing Rock, demonstrate that social justice movements also belong in the Church, and assist in the young adult formation for several college-age men. The money raised will go toward providing the finances for creating and strengthening the fellowship within the Tiny House Community (2015 UTO Grant), which houses young men from the Standing Rock Reservation while they attend college. These funds will be used for intentional mentoring of the young men who will be living in the Tiny Houses, and will include meals cooked and eaten together, educational visits to historic sights that underscore the importance of the history of the young men’s ancestors, meetings with influential people in the students’ fields of study to learn what their futures could hold, and other aspects of fellowship building and mentoring during the young men’s time in the Tiny House Community.
https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCannonBall/
The goal of this program is to host a leadership retreat to nourish and enhance the faith of young adults of color as well as to magnify the young adult voice in The Episcopal Church during this digital age. We believe this is done in many ways, but most importantly through activism and faith. The individual development of our voices is critical. Having the ability to draw from resources presented in a retreat setting and geared toward current issues in the Church and society will allow us that growth. Part of the vision is to raise awareness within young adults of African descent about the discernment process for ordination; to be a community of vigilance and action regarding matters of injustice, especially the effects of racism in the Church and society; and to create a systematic approach of ensuring that Black congregations are sustainable and viable within their communities.

http://ube.org/Young%20Adults%20Youth%20Ministry/ube-young-adults.html

Happy Easter!