

OGHS Sharing Calendar—MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE!

The purpose of the calendar is to help us focus on ways that God has blessed each of us, and to give thanks for those abundant blessings. The calendar also highlights some of the challenging situations in the world. Each day suggests a donation of coins or bills. Your household can decide what unit works best for you. It is easiest if you select one unit and use it throughout the days on the calendar. Your gift will be a blessing to others! The sharing calendar works well with the OGHS coin box. To order additional coin boxes, call 1-800-325-7061.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DISASTER RELIEF	<p>God provides for us more than we can imagine. Ephesians 3:20</p> <p>With a thankful heart, share three units for all the ways God has provided more in your life than you expected.</p>	<p>Support disaster survivors by becoming an UCC Disaster Recovery Volunteer. Help communities rebuild: ucc.org/disaster</p> <p>Share one unit if you have ever volunteered at a disaster site, or two units if you have not.</p>	<p>Severe thunderstorms account for 60% of the \$23.8 billion dollars in damages caused by natural disaster in 2016. That number could double or triple in 2017</p> <p>Share one unit if you have an umbrella and another if you have a raincoat.</p>	<p>The Caribbean was repeatedly impacted by disasters in 2017. Learn more about their resiliency through the Caribbean Initiative at: www.globalministries.org</p> <p>Give one unit for each country you can name in the Caribbean.</p>	<p>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2</p> <p>Give one unit for each time in the past week someone has helped you, or you have helped someone else.</p>	<p>Almost everyone in the fire zone in Northern California had some level of damage from toxic ash, power outages and smoke to linens and bedding.</p> <p>Give one unit for each blanket in your home.</p>	<p>"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Philippians 4:4</p> <p>Share one unit for each person or experience that brought you joy today.</p>
CHILDREN	<p>"Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Luke 18:16</p> <p>Share one unit for every child in your family and extended family.</p>	<p>Children remain the poorest age group in America. Some progress has been made in reducing poverty, but too many children are still hungry.</p> <p>Give one unit for each meal you've eaten today.</p>	<p>Children of a mother with 5 years of primary school education have a 40% higher survival rate than those from mothers with no education.</p> <p>Give one unit for each female in your family who has at least a 5th grade education.</p>	<p>Nearly half of all deaths in children under 5 are from undernutrition. This means that about 3 million young lives are lost each year unnecessarily.</p> <p>Give three units in honor of the children in your congregation.</p>	<p>Over the last decade child mortality rates have improved. Rising prosperity, education and the spread of health care are key factors.</p> <p>Give one unit for each job, degree and doctor associated with your household.</p>	<p>Children who have experienced a disaster in a year, are less likely to get vaccinated or to be on track with vaccines the following year.</p> <p>Share a unit for each check-up you had in the last year.</p>	<p>Girls are often excluded from educational systems, yet educating girls is the key to reaching many other development goals.</p> <p>Share a unit for each female teacher you have/had.</p>
FOOD AND WATER	<p>"...I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." Matthew 25:35</p> <p>Give a unit in thanksgiving for each day this week you were not thirsty.</p>	<p>In the United States, 40-50% of all food ready for harvest never gets eaten.</p> <p>Give three units for each meal you ate today where you did not finish what was on your plate.</p>	<p>Due to hurricanes in 2017, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands sustained damage to their water systems.</p> <p>Give one unit for every glass or bottle of water you drank today.</p>	<p>The proportion of people living in extreme poverty is half of what it was in 1990. Yet 1.4 billion people live on less than \$1.25 per day.</p> <p>Share a unit for each meal you have eaten in a restaurant in the past week.</p>	<p>In 2014-15, 19 million people were reached with clean water and 3 million people with sanitation.</p> <p>Give one unit for each time you washed your hands today.</p>	<p>For every \$1 invested in water and sanitation, an average of \$4 is returned in increased productivity.</p> <p>Give one unit for each toilet and sink in your home.</p>	<p>In the first 2 years of a child's life, optimal nutrition fosters healthy growth and improves cognition while decreasing risks of obesity later in life.</p> <p>Share one unit for every scale in your home.</p>
DISPLACED REFUGEES AND THE	<p>"The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself..." Leviticus 19:34</p> <p>Give three units to support refugee resettlement in the US.</p>	<p>In 2016, there were 17.2 million people displaced from their homes due to conflict or persecution across international borders. 50% more since 2013.</p> <p>Give three units if you were never displaced from your home.</p>	<p>About 45% of the world's refugees reside in countries with per capita incomes below \$3,000—countries least able to afford them.</p> <p>Give three units if you or your household receives more than \$3,000 per month.</p>	<p>\$10 can provide a thermal blanket for a refugee, of 1 mat to prevent them from sleeping on the cold ground.</p> <p>Give two units for every thermal blanket in your home.</p>	<p>Over one thousand Puerto Ricans who self-evacuated after the 2017 hurricanes to Pennsylvania were looking for a "safe space."</p> <p>Share one unit for each bed in your home.</p>	<p>Adequate shelter is a basic human right, a human necessity that every human being requires.</p> <p>Give two units if you live in a comfortable home.</p>	<p>Feel God's presence and joy through helping others.</p> <p>God loves a cheerful giver, so give whatever units you think would please God.</p>

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