



Dear Union Families and Friends,

We are asking our Union Family & Friends to take time during this 2023 Lenten Season to:

- pray and meditate daily
- fast one day a week (if you are physically able) or
- give up something during the 40 days of lent and

✝ **give a little above your regular tithes and offering to the Lent Mission Giving during these 40 days.**

The Lent Mission Giving this year will support the following global and local community programs:

Pierre Laclède Junior Academy - Union Memorial's adopted Elementary Public School, located at 5821 Kennerly Ave at Goodfellow Blvd. To address the reading achievement gap in the city schools of our church neighborhood we want to provide culturally relevant reading material that will begin to impact this academic achievement gap. We will help the students build their own home libraries by giving each student at least three (3) books. There are 258 students from pre-school to K-8 attending this school year. Dr. Roslyn Kelley-Sykes is the coordinator. Chester Deanes is over Union's Outreach to the community.

Rides N School Supplies (RNSS) was founded in 2019 by Derrick Walker as a way to give back to the city of St. Louis. Through his and VP Nic Collins passion for cars and giving back to the community the first RNSS charity car & bike show was born. This would not be possible without the helping hands of our amazing community. Over the past 4 years, RNSS has awarded over \$18,000 in scholarships and handed out over 3,500 backpacks. Mrs. Taylor Walker is Treasurer.

Haiti – A missional program of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. "UMCOR"

There is tremendous need in Haiti. Our contribution will be given to one of the following: Grace Hospital Clinic for Children, Haitian Immigrants at the border, Earthquake from August 20, 2021, or to the Continued response to COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you!

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