



THE BLESSING BUCKET LIST FOR 2018

The last Sunday of each month, we pass the Blessing Bucket (a beggar's bucket from India) and share a blessing and offering. Here are the Sundays and the ministries receiving that particular offering:

January 29: Human Relations Day (SSO) relates to Martin Luther King Jr. birthday observations by supporting community developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs

February 26: Appalachian Trail Chaplaincy (Holston Conference Missions)

March 26: One Great Hour of Sharing (SSO) provides major support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) aiding refugees, disaster response, and hunger ministries.

April 30: Appalachia Hunger and Poverty Providing resources for Appalachian church based ministries focusing on issues of hunger and poverty

May 28: Annual Conference Mission Appeal assisting with education in Yei, South Sudan.

June 25: Peace With Justice Sunday (SSO) equally shared grant-funding for the General Board Of Church & Society and annual conference Peace With Justice Ministries.

July 30: Maria Humbane/Zimbabwe Missions (International Missions)

August 28: Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Ky. (US) A mission to an impoverished Appalachian community.

September 24: Holston Home for Children, Greeneville, Tennessee providing home, hope, and healing for hundreds of children since 1895.

October 29: World Communion Sunday is the first Sunday in October, but we take up our World Communion Offering as part of the Blessing Bucket campaign. World Communion Sunday (SSO) grants advance studies scholarships for international and national ethnic students preparing for leadership in church and society.

November 26: United Methodist Student Day (SSO) provides loans and scholarships for UM college, university, and graduate students.

December 24: The Blessing Bucket is normally taken on the last Sunday of the month. However, our tradition has been to give our Christmas Eve offering as a "blessing" to Heifer International (UMCOR). Since WW II, the organization has provided livestock and sustainable living assistance nationally and around world.