



Behold!

*"God saw everything God made
and behold, it was very good."* Genesis 1:31

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Age: 15

Congregation: Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Louis MO

Thank You for supporting **Neighbors in Need!**

Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

THE NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING IS SUGGESTED FOR OCTOBER 1, 2023

(but may be received on any Sunday of your choice).

YOUR 2023 NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING DOWNLOADABLE MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- **Main Poster • 3 Bonus Alternate Posters • Leader's Guide • 2 Bulletin Inserts**
- **2 Coloring Pages • Social Media Page Banners for FB, IG, and TW**
- **Offering Envelopes** (can be ordered through UCC Resources)

SAMPLE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 1, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through our national Justice and Local Church Ministries office, <https://tinyurl.com/2bftyatb>, you can find resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Behold! With your assistance, we together can help our **Neighbors in Need**
Please give generously. And remember, contributions to **Neighbors in Need** can be made online
at anytime:

ucc.org/nin

Promotion Calendar

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Choose your offering date. Neighbors in Need is traditionally received on the first Sunday of October, which falls on October 1 this year. This is also World Communion Sunday. You can also receive the offering on any Sunday of your choice. Some churches choose Thanksgiving.

Gifts to Neighbors in Need can be made year-round at ucc.org/nin

HERE IS A SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES LEADING UP TO THE OFFERING:

6 weeks Before

Check your supply of offering materials. Order poster and offering envelopes from UCC resources online at [Special Offerings | UCC Resources](#) or email your request to store@ucc.org.

4 weeks Before

Display Neighbors in Need poster(s).

3 weeks Before

Make copies of 2 downloadable bulletin inserts.

2 weeks Before

Make sure offering envelopes are in pews.

1 week Before

Place 1st insert in today's bulletin (with Offering Envelope, if desired).
Run an announcement in today's bulletin.

Neighbors in Need Offering Sunday

Shape your worship to celebrate the offering.

Short video options to share are online at ucc.org/nin.

Place 2nd insert offering envelope in today's bulletin.

1 week After

Announce your church's total gifts to Neighbors in Need.

Thank all who contributed, including special thanks for the promotion committee.

Remind those who have not yet contributed that they may do so today or next Sunday or online at ucc.org/nin

Please remit your offering receipts through your Conference office.

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