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GOD'S PROMISE OF RESTORATION



Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

—Psalm 23:6, NRSVUE

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Irina and her two children in the playground at the shelter in Batiovo, Ukraine.
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On UMCOR Sunday, we join with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support The United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. This allows for 100% of gifts given in response to disasters to assist with the disaster.

UMCOR can do this because the funds given today join with those of millions of other United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly when disaster strikes.



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For example, since the February 2022 invasion of Ukraine by Russia, UMCOR has provided support to those who've remained in Ukraine and those who've fled to surrounding countries, working with United Methodist churches in the region as well as local and governmental partners. Because UMCOR Sunday covers the overhead costs, 100% of the gifts made to the International Disaster Response and Recovery Advance can support direct relief efforts, quickly and effectively.

UMCOR works through Methodist churches in Ukraine's neighboring nations—Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Estonia, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic. It is awarding grants to trusted partners like ACT Alliance, International Orthodox Christian Charities and Human Rights League. Grants provide transportation assistance, humanitarian supplies such as food, water, clothing, shelter and medication and legal services and safe spaces for families, women, children and those with disabilities.

In addition, UMCOR has funded the transport of more than $2 million in medical supplies to hospitals in Kyiv, with more supplies scheduled to be delivered in the coming months. UMCOR is in continual dialogue with our UMC bishops and other partners throughout Europe to identify needs as the war drags on. The situation in Eastern and Central Europe is constantly evolving and recovery efforts will take years. UMCOR will be there continuing to assist.

HOW TO GIVE:
Write a check to your local church and write "UMCOR Sunday offering" in the memo line. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to **UMC.org/SSGive**.

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