SPECIAL SUNDAY



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
UMCOR SUNDAY

These children's worship resources are part of the UMCOR Sunday pastor and leader kit, based on Philippians 4:10, 13-14 (CEB). It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service with the other material in the kit.

DESCRIBE UMCOR:

UMCOR - the United Methodist Committee On Relief – is a United Methodist organization that helps communities impacted by floods, hurricanes, war, fire or other events. They – being us, the people of The United Methodist Church – work together to reduce the hurt and sadness, help meet basic needs and offer hope to all.

If your area has recently had experience with UMCOR, or if there was a large weather-related news story, tell a little of that story here. Try to strike a balance that conveys the seriousness without causing fear or distress in the children.

Even if your local area has not experienced a disaster, your congregation has been a part of the relief efforts because of our connectional system and our apportionments.

UMCOR is an organization that helps, and we are part of that organization not only because we are part of The United Methodist Church but because we follow Jesus, loving God and loving others.

Paul was one of Jesus' disciples. Paul wrote letters to other church members and friends when he wasn't able to be with them. Paul was writing to the people in the town of Philippi, where the first church started, reminding them how to love God and love others. Paul was thanking the people for showing concern for the problems he was having. Paul's friends didn't forget about him, they just had the opportunity to show their love. Paul knows that it is God who gives him strength and it's also his friends who support him and give him encouragement too.

Do you have friends that may need to know you care? Have you had friends care for you?

What are some ways you can be of help to others when they are sad or hurting?

SUGGESTED IDEAS:

hugs, send a card, offer a favorite treat, ask how to help

Those are great ideas! I hope you are able to find more ways to help others in the days ahead.

Will you pray with me? Repeat after me so we can pray together.

Dear God,
Thank you for our church
and for our friends
Thank you for the strength
to do all things.
Help those who need help
and use us to help them too.
We love you, God.
Amen.