

Offering Talk: **UMCOR** **SUNDAY**



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In just a minute, we are going to take up a special offering in honor of UMCOR Sunday. This is the time we are going to financially support the mission and vision of UMCOR. When the plate comes around, you can drop in your donation. You can go ahead and prepare for that.

Before our volunteers pass the plate, I wanted to share a story about Jeff Bezos, the founder and CEO of Amazon. Did you know that a couple of years ago, Bezos built and sent a rocket into space — 62 miles into the atmosphere, to be exact?

Then, the rocket *and the rocket booster* came back. Now this is a *big deal*, because no one has ever had a rocket booster come back. It's always been expendable.

But Bezos has a vision. He wants to make space travel affordable for everyone — and he found out that to do that, there needs to be a way to make the rocket booster reusable.

And he has!

That was the first step for space travel to be accessible for millions of people instead of a few or just the elite of society in the future.

So, here's why I'm telling you this story today. Jeff Bezos isn't a rocket scientist. He's not even an engineer. He's a businessman.

BUT, he found an opportunity to use his talents and gifts toward something that is larger than himself and will benefit the greater good.

As we prepare to give today, I want to remind you that we can all be like Jeff Bezos. **We can all use our talents and gifts for something larger than each one of us. And something that will definitely benefit a greater need.**

I am particularly reminded of that opportunity on a day like today — UMCOR Sunday.

Because we have the chance right now to do something larger than ourselves. To do something that will benefit greater needs that are desperate.

What's beautiful is that UMCOR itself is full of people using their natural talents *every day* to provide relief efforts all over the world.

When you give today, your offering helps cover all of UMCOR's costs for one year. That means *all other donations in response to crises and disasters can be earmarked 100% for relief efforts.*

1 Peter 4:10 reminds us to "serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." **I want to encourage you to give your offering so that our UMCOR has everything it needs to be the hands and feet of Jesus when the need is greater than most can bear.**

Ushers, you may receive the offering now.