

Lent 2018: Pray and Care~CLUMC

			Ash Wednesday February 14 <i>Create a prayer list today and use it the rest of the week.</i>	Thursday February 15 <i>Read Matthew 25:37-40</i>	Friday February 16	Saturday February 17 <i>Clean a closet, drawer or toy-box and donate something useful.</i>
Pray for WAVI families All sizes-diapers; baby Wipes; Clorox disinfectant wipes; Dish Soap; Trash bags-13 & 33 gallon; new food storage containers with lids.						
First Sunday February 18	Monday February 19 <i>Tell someone what you are grateful for</i>	Tuesday February 20	Wednesday February 21 <i>Pay for someone at a driveup window or give a little gift anonymously</i>	Thursday February 22 <i>Read John 13:34-35</i>	Friday February 23 No shopping day	Saturday February 24
Pray for Cornerstone clients Shopping List: laundry & dish soap; men's socks; oatmeal; cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soup; feminine hygiene products.						
Second Sunday February 25 <i>Pray for our pastors and their families today.</i>	Monday February 26	Tuesday February 27 <i>Open a door or hold a door for as many people as you can today.</i>	Wednesday February 28 <i>Read Psalm 51 and copy a verse for the frig, a book or dashboard.</i>	Thursday March 1 <i>No sugar day-give thanks for sweetness in your life.</i>	Friday March 2	Saturday March 3 <i>Call grandma, grandpa, aunt or uncle and say hi.</i>
Pray for Love, INC clients Shopping list: instant mashed potatoes, canned tuna or chicken, pasta, diapers, copy paper—and of course, peanut butter and jelly!						
Third Sunday March 4	Monday March 5 <i>Read Psalm 25 and pick a favorite verse.</i>	Tuesday March 6 <i>Drink water instead of soda; think of those with no safe water.</i>	Wednesday March 7 <i>Encourage someone who seems stressed.</i>	Thursday March 8 <i>Play with a pet or ask a pet owner about their pet.</i>	Friday March 9	Saturday March 10 <i>Read Luke 24:13-35</i>
Pray for Mommy's Closet kids Shopping List: diapers, all sizes especially sizes 4 & 5; baby wipes; personal hygiene products for moms and children						
Fourth Sunday March 11 <i>Count faucets in your home. Write total here. Pray for all who don't have safe water.</i>	Monday March 12 <i>Read Psalm 107</i>	Tuesday March 13 <i>Count the windows in your house. Write total here. Pray for those who have no windows to close in a storm.</i>	Wednesday March 14 <i>Count the door-knobs in your house. Write total here.</i>	Thursday March 15 <i>Count electric outlets in your home. Write total here. Pray for those who have no heat and light today.</i>	Friday March 16 <i>Read Ephesians 2:6-10</i>	Saturday March 17 <i>Add the numbers you've written, multiply by a penny, a dime, a quarter or a dollar and give to UMCOR this weekend.</i>
Pray for work of UMCOR						
Fifth Sunday March 18 <i>Send a card or call someone on the CLUMC prayer list.</i>	Monday March 19	Tuesday March 20 <i>Read Psalm 22</i>	Wednesday March 21 <i>Thank someone who helped you become a better person.</i>	Thursday March 22	Friday March 23 <i>Fast from Twitter, Facebook or video games today.</i>	Saturday March 24 <i>Pray for peace-with justice</i>
Pray for Church Response clients Shopping List: Toilet paper; feminine hygiene products; shampoo; laundry soap; dish soap; pasta; canned meats.						
Palm Sunday March 25	Monday March 26	Tuesday March 27	Wednesday March 28 <i>Read John 12:20-26</i>	Maunday Thursday March 29 <i>Remember Jesus-Participate in the Lord's Supper tonight</i>	Good Friday March 30 <i>Read Jesus' Death and Burial John 19:17-42</i>	Holy Saturday March 31
Pray for HOPE clients Shopping list: Garbage bags (13 & 55 gallon); toilet paper; facial tissue; Depends (men's & women's); #10 plain envelopes						

EASTER SUNDAY

I Corinthians 1:25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Explore Lent



Lent's 40-day countdown begins on Ash Wednesday. Our Pray-and-Give journey ends on the day we celebrate God's ultimate expression of love—Easter!

We created this calendar to invite you to pray for six local non-profits as they deliver loving care to vulnerable families in our community. Each week features an agency with one week for UMCOR.

Being practical United Methodists, we've included shopping lists! Please bring some items each week-end for the agency of the week. If you would rather give cash or check, just mark a CLUMC envelope.

Each week there's a prayer for the clients served by the agency plus fun or maybe challenging daily suggestions for prayers "in actions" for family, friends, God's creation—and YOU yourself.

Please put this calendar where everyone in the household can use it daily as a family or for individual reflection—with a bit of scripture to "salt or sweeten" your thoughts and prayers.

We are blessed to be blessings.

February 14-17 Pray for WAVI

Dear Protector and Sustainer, when physical and mental violence breaks hearts and families, comfort victims of abuse with safe space, steady counsel, practical care and avenues of hope. Give strength to caregivers and protectors. In Jesus name—

Established in 1978, Working Against Violence Inc. is a secure facility where women, children and men may go for emergency shelter from abusive situations. In 2017 WAVI sheltered 10,500 clients.

Shopping List: All sizes-diapers; baby Wipes; Clorox disinfectant wipes; Dish Soap; Trash bags-13 & 33 gallon; new food storage containers with lids.

February 18-24 Pray for Cornerstone

Dear God, watch over the guests at Cornerstone Mission. Shelter them from cold, hunger and despair. Surround them with love, reassurance and hope for a brighter future. Instill compassion and a willingness to serve in us. In your Loving Name—

Began in the 1980s, Cornerstone Mission is a privately-funded 501(c)3, nondenominational 24/7 rescue mission, often the "last stop" for people with nowhere else to go. In 2017 Cornerstone provided 35,000 bed nights, and served more than 182,000 meals.

Shopping List: laundry & dish soap; men's socks; oatmeal; cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soup; feminine hygiene products.

February 25-March 3 Pray for Love, INC

Dear Lord, thank you for Love,INC. Help us show warm hospitality to families we encounter through Life,INC, Clothe-a-Kid and other Love,INC ministries. May we offer encouragement to all involved in the programs. In Jesus name—

Founded in 2001 and working with over 60 churches, Love, INC coordinates church resources and volunteers through various programs designed to help those in need in our community.

Shopping list: instant mashed potatoes, canned tuna or chicken, pasta, diapers, copy paper—and of course, peanut butter and jelly!

March 4-10 Pray for Mommy's Closet

Dear Jesus, keep the light on in our hearts so that people alone in the dark can find their way home to God. In our Loving Father's name—

Mommy's Closet is a free crisis resource provider that lends a helping hand to moms, dads, and families with children under 5.

Shopping List: diapers, all sizes especially sizes 4 & 5; baby wipes, personal hygiene products for mothers and babies.

March 11-17 Pray for UMCOR

Dear God, When war or natural disasters create pain, loss and fear, soften our hearts. With our gifts of money, bring rescue, comfort, healing and recovery to your children across the world. In Jesus name—

March 18-24 Pray for Church Response

Heavenly Father, you nourish us all. Please bless those who need the services of Church Response. May your love nourish their bodies, hearts and souls.

Founded in 1972. Church Response does not receive funding from Feeding South Dakota or Cornerstone. CLUMC's participation in the food cards program makes an enormous difference in their revenue. Church Response assists about 700 families a month (8,400 a year) including assistance to individuals who have 30 day past due power bills.

Shopping List: Toilet paper; feminine hygiene products; shampoo; laundry soap; dish soap; pasta; canned meats.

March 25-31 Pray for HOPE Center

Dear Jesus, in this Holy Week, may we claim new life you offer. Please comfort the clients of HOPE Center with dignity, communication, safety and bridges out of homelessness and poverty. Please grant them and us hope and strength to deal with losses in our lives. In your Loving Name—

HOPE Center is a non-profit faith-based drop-in day center where people can get mail, make phone calls, do laundry, store belongings, receive hygiene products.

Shopping list: Garbage bags (13 & 55 gallon); toilet paper; facial tissue; Depend (men's & women's); #10 plain envelopes; postage stamps.



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