

Dates in 2018	Mission	Amount Given
Jan	Edward & Marjorie Roe Endowment Funds are used for special mission projects or in support of a missionary family. (We are supporting our missionary, Mdwizu Ndjungu (pronounce bwy-zu nid-jung-you)	Used \$1500 from Roe fund
Jan 14	Human Relations Day Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers. For example, one project is working with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.	\$210.06
Feb 4 & 11	Valentines for Church World Service blankets For each \$10 given, it buys one blanket. The Blankets and Tools program make available financial support for a variety of projects that provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. The key to solving hunger is to address the root causes of hunger with dramatic changes that give not a hand-out, but a hand-up to our brothers and sisters in need.	\$700.00
Feb 18	Noisy Sunday Offering goes to Central's Ministry of Kindness Fund. This fund is used at the pastor's discretion for needs of those in the congregation and others in the community. It may be for a one-time utility payment, food, or a prescription for someone in need. Many times there are needs around us that we do not see but may come to the attention of the pastor. This fund allows him to respond as he feels appropriate.	\$1106.21
Mar11	UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is prepared to act. Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, it has continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.	\$1235.00 Updated total of \$1435.00
Apr 15	Camp Sunday Allows funding for those who cannot otherwise attend camp. Your offering will ensure the future of affordable camping programs for our children and youth. Every effort is being made to provide meaningful and exciting Christian camping experiences at the six West Michigan United Methodist camps. At the same time they need to keep the fee as low as possible to enable our churches to send as many people to camp as possible. Current registration fees cover basic operating costs for each camper (food services, program materials, utilities, etc.), but do not include funds for much needed capital improvements	\$ 851.75
May 20	Bolivia – Urban Santa Cruz Children's Ministry United Methodists can make gifts to support the work of more than 850 projects and 300 missionaries at sites around the globe. We chose Urban Santa Cruz Children's Ministry. The primary goal of the project is to identify and meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the children of poor neighborhoods in Santa Cruz. With better education and spiritual guidance, they hope to improve the lives of these children and break the cycle of poverty.	\$200.50
Jun 10	Native American Ministries Sunday When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries.	\$607.00
Jul 15	Noisy Sunday – (Offering description – See Feb 18)	\$465.69 \$7,076.21 total to date
Jul 22 – Aug 26	Collection of School Supplies for Willow School	Outstanding amount of supplies!
Sept 23	Peace with Justice Sunday - focus our attention on our call to be peacemakers in the world. Seeking a peace that is beyond a freedom from conflict, rather we seek to join in God's work of bringing about Shalom, or the wholeness that God intended in creation. Peace with Justice Sunday is on the first Sunday after Pentecost as "Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of God's Spirit, calling for God's Shalom." Note: The Conference suggests the offering the first Sunday after Pentecost, which is the end of May this year. We have been moving that to Sept. to celebrate it with the Shalom Center Intl. Day of Peach, which is Sept. 21. Hence we have it for Sept. 23 on our calendar.	

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Central UMC gives generously to many projects, as you can see! Giving \$7,076.21 is great and makes such a difference to others. But, wait. There should be more. What difference is our missions work making in your life? Jesus's ministry was about *doing* and so we are called. Missional work is about transformation – our transformation as we help others transform their own lives. If you are interested in doing missions, of being in relationship with others in a new way, contact Susan Grettenberger (517.896.0318) or grettenbergerse@gmail.com to talk about ways to connect.