

Dates in 2018	<b>Central UMC Missions 2018 Summary of Funds Given for Missions</b>	<b>Amount Given</b>
Jan	<b>Edward &amp; Marjorie Roe Endowment Funds</b> are used for special mission projects or in support of a missionary family. ( <b>We are supporting our missionary, Mdwizu Ndjungu</b> (pronounce bwy-zu nid-jung-you) in Belize.	Used \$1500 from Roe fund
Jan 14	<b>Human Relations Day</b> 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	<b>Valentines for Church World Service blankets</b> Each \$10 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	<b>Noisy Sunday</b> 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	<b>UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)</b> 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.	\$1435.00
Apr 15	<b>Camp Sunday</b> Allows funding for those who cannot otherwise attend camp. Your offering ensures 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 camp fees low 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	<b>Bolivia – Urban Santa Cruz Children's Ministry</b> 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.	\$700.50
Jun 10	<b>Native American Ministries Sunday</b> 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	<b>Noisy Sunday</b> – (Offering description – See Feb 18)	\$465.69

Jul 22 thru Aug 26	<b>Collection of School Supplies for Willow School</b>	Well done & well rec'd
Sept 23	<b>Peace with Justice Sunday</b> - focuses 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." Central has been celebrating this special Sunday in September to coincide with the Shalom Center International Day of Peace.	\$390.29
Oct 7	<b>World Wide Communion / CROP Walk</b> (+ Making Strides \$150) World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. It is divided 50% to General Board of Global Ministries and 50% to General Board of Higher Education & Ministry.	\$195.00
Oct 14	<b>CROP</b> Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.	CROP \$375.00
Nov11	<b>Christian Education Sunday</b> 50/50 split CUMC & UMC This offering calls the Church as the people of God to be open to growth and learning as disciples of Jesus Christ. Half of the offering stays at Central & half goes to the Conference to support first-time Christian Education projects or trainings in other congregations or districts.	\$201.00
Nov 25	<b>United Methodist Student Day</b> furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities. The goal is to educate students so they can make a difference in the world.	\$247.00
Dec	<b>Mitten Tree (1)</b> ( <i>170 items collected</i> ) and <b>Baby Box (2)</b> ( <i>\$575 collected from offerings + \$200 from Roe fund</i> ) <b>Soaring Unlimited</b> Mission ( <i>see Soaring total below</i> ) is to give the baby boxes to mothers in the <b>SOARING UNLIMITED (3)</b> Medical Clinic Birthing Center Program. They will have learned how to care for their new infants and the importance of a safe place for them to sleep as newborns.	+\$775.00 Baby Box  **** <b>(\$9,759.50)</b>
UMCOR Disaster Response		\$1,000.00
Mission Guatemala		\$ 500.00
Soaring Unlimited		\$ 500.00
MSU Wesley Foundation		\$ 500.00
Erika Fitzgerald – Missionary to Mexico		\$ 500.00
South Lansing Ministry (gifted from Memorial Funds)		\$ 80.00
Rural Life Sunday		\$ 300.00
Subtotal		\$3,380.00
		\$ 9,759.50
<b>Total missions to date in 2018</b>		<b>\$13,139.50</b>
<b>United Methodist Women's pledge to missions \$560</b>		