

United Church of Fayetteville

February 15, 2023



KELYN SAYS

"Happy Valentines Day!"

IN OUR HOUSE

***One Great Hour of Sharing – Our Lenten Reflection on Gratitude**

Along with thirteen other denominations, we receive the OGHS offering, which we dedicate on Palm Sunday. OGHS began during the Dwight D. Eisenhower presidential administration. In the first year, on the Saturday before Easter, the President himself delivered a national message encouraging people to participate. (Can you imagine?) UCF has a more personal connection to this offering. Our own Lois Spitzer's father was instrumental in organizing and starting this enduring national ecumenical offering.

We divide this offering between the PCUSA and the American Baptist Convention. Receipts are committed to three areas of service and ministry: Disaster Assistance (We may consider some of our contribution to be "money in the bank" for response to disasters in the US and around the world); Hunger Programs and the Self-Development of people.

In Lent, the faithful focus on gratitude, reflecting on all Christ has done for us. The OGHS program developed a calendar to invite reflection throughout the season. It was initially intended to help children engage in these reflections in age-appropriate concrete ways. The Outreach Committee identified food insecurity as the theme for this year's calendar.

For children, this is an exercise in mission. It can remind adults of those things we might take for granted. To help every generation move faithfully through Lent, we are providing this additional resource.

Attached to this email, printed in the February 19 bulletin and available in print is a calendar focused on the issue of hunger. Please consider using it: to calculate your OGHS gift to be dedicated on Palm Sunday; to prompt us to make regular contributions to the food pantry barrel; or simply, but also to serve as a reminder of all that we have; that which we might take for granted; and all that these we seek to serve may not have.

Game Night



*Which was the quiet focused group and which one scared the horses?
Either way, fun was had by all.*

Thanks for the pics, Beth

THIS WEEK'S THANKS

- *Penny for filing our denominationally requested statistics on-line in timely fashion.
- *Penny, Marti and Jean for the lovely fellowship welcome for Betsy and her husband Kevin.

THIS WEEK'S CONCERNS

The people of Syria and Turkey