

# CHRISTMAS

*offering 2018*

This Advent season, Messiah Church seeks to impact our community. Messiah's 2018 Christmas Offering will support purchasing **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Health Kit Supplies** for Disaster Relief and the **Bloom Early Learning & Child Care Shirley Robinson Scholarship** providing tuition assistance for children of low-income families at Bloom.



## **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Health Kit Supplies for Disaster Relief**

UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering, providing humanitarian relief and disaster response in the United States and internationally. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend care to suffering people throughout the world.

When disasters happen, local churches provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding — that disaster response is local — forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR works with the conference disaster response ministries to provide financial assistance, expertise and networking.

This year's Christmas Offering will support Messiah's on-going initiative to pack health kits for UMCOR, through the purchasing of supplies for these kits. Health kits provide basic hygiene necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. In 2019, all kits assembled will go to victims of disaster within the United States.

**Join us on Monday, January 21, 2019, 5-7 pm at the Medina Entertainment Center, 500 Highway 55, Medina** to pack these health kits and carry forward our tradition of honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy through serving our community.



## **Bloom Early Learning & Child Care Shirley Robinson Scholarship**

Established in 2000, Bloom Early Learning & Child Care is an accredited, award-winning, non-profit early learning center with a special mission to make the highest quality childcare, programs and curriculum accessible to the entire community. The Shirley Robinson Scholarship provides tuition assistance for children of low-income families to help them break the cycle of poverty through high-quality, affordable early learning and child care.

These scholarships enable many families to afford the type of child care they couldn't otherwise. "For there to be scholarships for our children to get the same curriculum as those who are more fortunate with income is an amazing opportunity," says one Bloom mom.

In May 2019, there will be More Room to Bloom, as Bloom opens a second location at Hwy 55 and Rockford Road in Plymouth. This new center will enable Bloom to reach more children and families with the same high-quality education and loving care that is provided in our Messiah Church location. To learn more about this new location and all programs offered through Bloom Early Learning & Child Care, visit [www.bloomearlylearning.org](http://www.bloomearlylearning.org).

