



Fall 2016

Call to Serve



*Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good!*

Upon receiving a present, we ordinarily thank the giver. This should be true of divine gifts as well. God tells us that all good gifts are from Him (James 1:17). What's more, He instructs us to "always give thanks for all things" (Ephesians 5:20). But how can we adequately express our gratitude to the Lord?

Give thanks with sound. We can speak of our gratitude to the Lord in private or in public. Thanksgiving can also be conveyed through music—Jonah 2:9 says, "But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you". God delights in heartfelt gratitude expressed musically, whether through informal singing or in choirs and orchestras.

Give thanks by living holy lives. As a response to God's goodness and faithfulness, we should honor Him with our obedience. Paul expressed it this way: "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." (Romans 12:1).

Give thanks through generosity. If we're truly grateful for what we receive, we'll gladly share our time, money, gifts, and resources. It is easy to become possessive of what we deem ours, forgetting that it is actually from God; then, with an attitude of selfishness, we might hold His blessings tightly. What we should do, however, is give back to the Lord joyfully.

How do you express your gratitude to God? Take time today to identify some of His countless blessings in your life, and offer Him heartfelt thanks.

Dr. Charles Stanley, www.intouch.org.

Thank You

It's likely you will never know the names of the people in our community who were helped by your generosity, so on their behalf, let me express their thanks to you. Every day we hear clients say, "Thank you so much for all you do – God bless you". There are so many people and organizations that are involved in supporting the work of United Ministries, that we need to stop to reflect on your generosity and then thank you for all you do!

For financial donations and grants that fund our work:

- All of our wonderful donors
- Presbytery of Greater Cincinnati
- R.C. Durr Foundation
- Kentucky Colonels
- BB&T
- The Butler Foundation
- St. Timothy Church

For donations of food:

- Walmart of Florence
- Target of Florence
- Remke
- Cosco in Florence
- Kroger in Erlanger
- Kroger of Burlington
- Meijer of Florence
- Sams Club
- The Giving Fields
- Master Provisions
- The FreeStore Foodbank
- The folks who donated to the Postal Workers food drive
- The folks who donated to food drives in their church or school



Stats

In the last year:

5320 families received food for at least 3 days

331 families given clothing

118 families given help with utilities, rent or transportation

Thrift Store

Sale Hours:

Wed-Fri 9-Noon
Sat. 9-1 PM

Donations Received:
Mon-Fri 9-3PM

Donations needed:

Food for holiday baskets:
Funds for Turkeys
Canned sweet potatoes
Boxed potatoes
Boxed dressing
Canned gravy
Boxed dessert
Canned beans

Lightly used adult and children's clothing, household items, books, toys, furniture

Shampoo, detergent, dish soap, bar soap, toothpaste, toilet paper

Contact Us

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For donations of items for our clients and the thrift store:

- All the families who donated clothing, household items, books, toys, and other items
- Babies-R-Us
- Cato's
- The Dollar Store
- Target of Florence



For volunteers who make our work possible by:



- Keeping the books
- Sorting donations
- Working in the Thrift Store
- Organizing the food
- Picking up donations
- Answering the phone
- Maintaining our building
- Doing office work
- Holding food drives



For our Incredibly dedicated staff!



or current resident

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**United Way
of Greater Cincinnati**

Holiday Afternoon Tea and Thrift Shop Sale



Thursday December 1 and Friday December 2, 3PM - 8PM

Christmas decorations, gifts, clothing, house wares

At great prices!

Sharing Your Blessings

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”
Matt.25:35

I can help by donating \$_____ to provide food or utility services to my neighbors in need.

I can help by donating \$_____ to help United Ministries pay its utility costs.

I would like to talk about volunteering at United Ministries:

Name: _____ Phone or Email: _____

_____ I will pray for clients needing spiritual and physical healing
Return form to: United Ministries, PO Box 18430, Erlanger, KY 41018-0430

