

WOMEN OF THE WORLD (WOW)

The women's group of Kenwood Community Church meets monthly and has recently helped local fire victim families by providing donations of household and clothing items; by making and delivering prepared dinners; and by the Adopt-a-Family-for-Christmas program, which provides meals, gift cards, clothing, and gifts to fire victim families at the Kenwood School and in our community. They have given donations to, and often feature speakers from, various local services and programs including the Living Room, the Redwood Empire Food Bank, the Assistance League Thrift Shop, and others.

THE FIRE FUND

Started and administered by the Deacons after the 2017 fires, this fund provides food, money, and visits to families who lost their homes, including members and friends of Kenwood Community Church and their extended families, families of Kenwood School students and staff, and families outside of Kenwood known to KCC members, including fire victim families in Lake County and other nearby areas. A recently-formed support group for fire victims meets twice a month in the sanctuary.

National ministries

NEIGHBORS IN NEED/DISASTER RELIEF

A special mission offering of the UCC, NIN supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S.; one third of funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry; two thirds support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants from the UCC's Justice and

Witness Ministries. Kenwood Church has also supported UCC Disaster Relief efforts benefiting victims of Hurricane Harvey and other disasters.

Global giving

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The UCC's One Great Hour of Sharing Endowment Fund provides emergency relief, disaster preparedness and response, sustainable development, social service, and refugee advocacy and resettlement. It provides resources for the self-empowerment of communities and individuals victimized by hunger, poverty, and injustice.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND

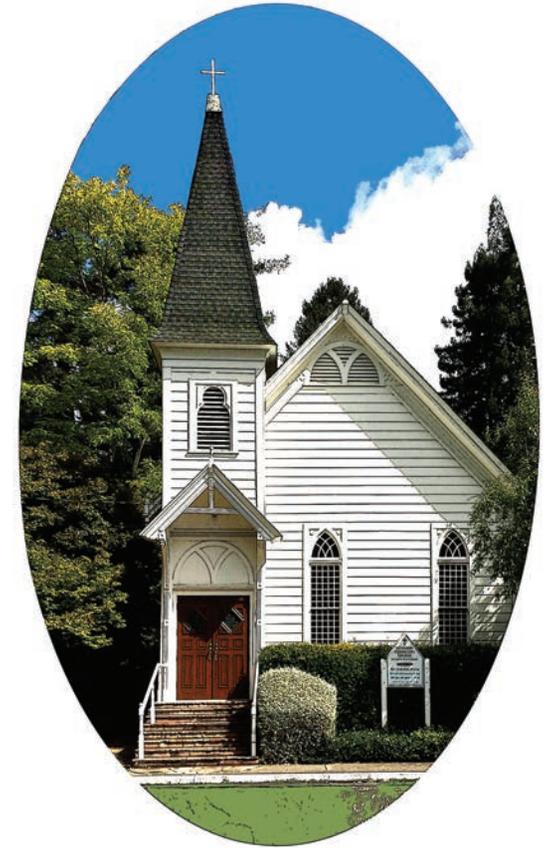
The Christmas Fund (formerly known as "Veterans of the Cross") is an initiative of the UCC Pension Board that benefits low-income retired UCC workers by supplementing pension and health insurance premium monies.

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Ministries & Giving

Introduction



Ministries and giving go hand-in-hand: both are ways in which we can live out our Christian faith in the modern world, by giving of our time, our talents, and our gifts. We care about the world around us. Mission work supported by this congregation—and its friends—begins right here in the

Sonoma Valley, and, with the support of the United Church of Christ (www.ucc.org) with which we are affiliated, extends nationally and globally as well. Here are some of the missions which we support with our monetary donations, gently-used clothing, and/or volunteer service:

Local benevolences

FRIENDS IN SONOMA HELPING

F.I.S.H. provides immediate emergency help at no charge to residents in Sonoma Valley experiencing unexpected financial hardships, keeping families from becoming homeless or going hungry. They provide food and clothing, help with rent and utilities, and transportation to medical and social services appointments.

REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK

Sonoma County's largest hunger-relief organization, REFB belongs to the Feeding America network; its mission is to end hunger locally. It serves 133 charitable organizations, including emergency food pantries, shelters and dining rooms, childcare centers/youth programs, group homes, and disaster relief agencies. REFB acquires locally grown or donated food and distributes it through a network of charitable agencies and its own local food assistance programs to seniors, children, and working families. REFB also provides food to Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties through smaller food banks. In addition, REFB advocates for legislation to provide long-term solutions to hunger in its community.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa serves the most vulnerable by challenging poverty, counseling immigrants, and caring for seniors. They spearhead local services to the homeless population in Sonoma County.

LA LUZ CENTER

La Luz Center is the primary resource in Sonoma Valley aiding and empowering disadvantaged immigrant families by providing enhanced programs of education, leadership and self-advocacy, in order to improve their circumstances and become economically self sufficient.

SOCIAL ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH

SAY provides support, opportunities and hope to former foster children and youth ages 5–24 and their families by providing affordable hous-

ing, job training and employment education, counseling services, health and wellness support in the context of a caring community.

THE LIVING ROOM

The only day center in Sonoma County specifically serving homeless and at-risk women and their children, the Living Room eases adversity and promotes stability, dignity and self-reliance for women and children who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. Women receive guidance, counseling, and referrals to many other community agencies, as well as job search skills and parenting training and health care information. The Living Room provides a warm and safe place to be during the day when other shelters are closed, a nutritious breakfast and a hot lunch, a place for children to play and learn, and essential hygiene items for women and children.



No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!