

UTO Ingathering on Sunday, May 14th

On Sunday May 14h our youth once again have graciously agreed to take up a second collection for UTO. The United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church is a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God's mission throughout the world; through daily prayer and tangible offerings, lives are changed in very real ways. You are never too young or too old to count your blessings and share your thankful spirit with others.

How it works: Give thanks for the good things that happen every day. For little things like a good parking spot on a busy day, sunshine for your family picnic, for rain, or a birthday card from a friend. For the big things like recovery from serious illness, a new job, or forgiveness and reconciliation after a long dispute.

As you give thanks, put some coins or dollars into a United Thank Offering Blue Box, or set aside an offering reminder for later. When your box is full or you put a check in a United Thank Offering envelope, your thanksgivings unite with others' prayers and thankful quarters, dimes, and dollars from across the Episcopal Church to support God's mission around the world.

Visit [www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank offering](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering) for information about resources and grants. A 2016 listing booklet on grant awards is posted in the parish hall and see that the diocese of Georgia was awarded a grant for 35,580.00 for our Honey Creek. Look and see where all of the domestic and overseas grants were awarded. Every coin and bill transforms lives in the United States and around the world and has a wider impact than you can imagine.

UTO envelops are in the pews and will also be placed in next weeks' bulletin. Thank you for your support of this powerful ministry.

Helen Tucker (UTO chair)