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Dear Friends,

“I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.”
Philippians 1:3-6

Giving Tuesday will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, encouraging churches and individuals to share through the Advance of the United Methodist Church. Giving Tuesday has become a day of giving for many different not-for-profit organizations, and I hope you will consider sharing through the Advance.

What will your gifts do? A gift to my Advance Special number (982953) will support missionaries around the world through Global Ministries. Global Ministries just consecrated 7 new adult missionaries and a class of 18 Global Justice Fellows, all of whom will be serving in the international track. We celebrate the goal of “From everywhere to everywhere” and rejoice that adults of all ages are willing to serve God through Global Ministries.

Your gift can support the recovery efforts from the recent natural disasters through UMCOR. Because of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering taken by churches, 100% of the money that goes to UMCOR actually goes through UMCOR to places where it is most needed. Here in VA that has been the VA Beach area, where UMCOR and UMVIM teams are helping to rebuild after Hurricane Matthew. Although many agencies respond when disasters occur, the United Methodist Church is known to be one of the last groups to leave after the recovery phase of the response. To find and fund specific projects go to www.umcmmission.org, click the Give Now button at the bottom of the page, then click either UMCOR or missionaries.

Your gift can be your time and talents. Henry Fork Center uses individual and teams to work with our students and keep the campus beautiful and functional. Ferrum College and Blue Ridge Bible College students come to get credit for class, but also to get to know our students and spend one-on-one time together. Ms. Linda comes and helps our older students with homework and reading skills. Teams from PA come during the summer and are our “miracle workers” on the campus and in the community. Where can you use your gifts and talents?

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents through the Advance and assisting Henry Fork Service Center in “making God’s love visible in our community.” I greatly appreciate your prayers, cards, and support, and thank God that we are in partnership together in mission. May God continue to bless and grow your outreach ministers in your community, your state, and around the globe.

Grace to you, and peace,

Lisa Nichols,
Church and Community Worker
Deaconess

