

Monthly Update from the Special Offerings Staff

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

-Corinthians 9:8

This weekend, Presbyterians from all across the PC(USA) will be investing in the faith and future of our children at risk, youth, and young adults by giving to the Pentecost Offering. If your congregation does not yet support this important Offering, we hope you will be standing with us in the future.

The Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people, and address the needs of children at risk. Forty percent of the Pentecost Offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community.

Your congregation could use retained Pentecost Offering gifts to:

- sponsor a local youth sports league/team
- host a summer day camp for neighborhood kids
- provide healthy snacks to children passing by your church on their way to school
- provide scholarships to cover youth-event registration fees

Pentecost Offering Video Contest

The winners have been announced, and you can view and download the top three videos here: http://presbyterianmission.org/pentecost/#videos

Impact 365

If you're an iPhone or iPad user and you haven't downloaded our **free** app yet, why not? Here's the link: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/impact-365/id589993917? mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4

Alternative Giving Catalog

New this fall, the Special Offerings Alternative Giving Catalog provides Presbyterians an easy way to give a new kind of gift—tangible gifts of practical and lasting benefit, such as chicks, goats, cows, or a well. Order online here.

Share Your Story: We would love to hear how your church is either promoting the special offerings or utilizing Special Offerings funds to make an impact locally. Please email us at specialofferings@pcusa.org, because we would love to include your story in a future newsletter!

Offering Seasons

<u>Pentecost Offering</u>: Season leading into the Day of Pentecost, 5/19/2013 <u>Peacemaking Offering</u>: Season of Peace leading up to World Communion Sunday, 10/6/13

Christmas Joy Offering: Throughout Advent

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