

Special Offerings and Events
Presbyterian Church, Bound Brook

Special Offerings:

- One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering is presented during the weeks of Lent and both adults and the children of the church school participate. The offering is collected on Palm Sunday. Through this offering, we support the efforts of our denomination to provide assistance through three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Presbyterian Hunger Program; and The Self Development of People program. Through these three programs, our offering goes to provide help in times of disaster, development of sustainable agriculture programs, including the Presbyterian Coffee Program (we participate in Equal Exchange), and support for persons seeking to become self supportive in a variety of ways, one of which is the Women's Development Network of Central America, the purpose of which is to help women help themselves and each other, in spite of the geographic and cultural differences, to improve their productive projects and micro enterprises in order to have greater possibilities of improving the quality of life for themselves, their families and their communities.;
- Networkers Malaria Prevention Program through the sale of Mother's day cards (with Presbyterian Women). This spring, more than 32,000 women in 47 states were honored on Mother's Day with NetWorkers Mother's Day cards, "a gift that sends a gift" from Presbyterians in the United States to a woman and her family in Africa. Each NetWorkers Mother's Day card represents a donation made to the NetWorkers Malaria Prevention Program, which provides mosquito nets and malaria prevention education for mothers and children in Africa.
(see <http://www.pcusa.org/health/international/networkers.htm>);
- Peacemaking Offering. On World Communion Sunday, the first weekend in October, we participate in our denomination's Peacemaking Offering. The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. Of this offering, 25 percent is retained by our church for local peacemaking efforts.
- CROP walk, Church World Service. The CROP walk takes place in Bound Brook, South Bound Brook on the second Sunday in October. For the past three years the Mission Outreach Commission has worked with the youth fellowship groups to support this effort which takes place nationwide and is the source of a great deal of the money raised by Church World Service, one of the groups that responds very quickly to any area of the world in which a disaster has taken place. Our walkers and the support of them by members

of our congregation have provided the major share of support generated in Bound Brook and South Bound Brook for CROP.

- Operation St. Nick. In late November and the first weekend in December, we offer a list of 100 requests for gifts to be purchased by members of the congregation, which are delivered by staff of Division of Youth and Family Services to foster children in time for Christmas.
- Special emergencies, like the Haiti earthquake, Katrina, and the Indonesian Tsunami. Our church members respond generously to special offerings to assist in these kinds of disasters, sometimes sending the offering to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and sometimes to Church World Service.