

Neighbors in Need 2024

In 2015, the United Church of Christ made a resolution to become Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged (WISE) to be more accepting of mental health initiatives.

This year, we are trying to remind everyone that “Mental Health is a Universal Human Right”. Many people in our country and around the world do not seek help with their mental health because of stigma as well as lack of funds. The Neighbors in Need offering will go toward benefiting those people and promoting awareness that there is no shame in seeking help with any health disorder.

According to the National Alliance of Mental Illness, 1 in 5 adults are affected by mental illness every year. 1 in 6 youth are affected every year. 50% of all mental illness begins at age 14 and 75% by age 24. Suicide is the SECOND leading cause of death among people aged 10-14.

Perhaps you think your \$5 cannot help all that much, however, if we all give \$5 (there’s almost a million of us in the UCC), we will raise \$5 million dollars to help combat the stigma and money concerns of people experiencing mental illness.

That sounds like you CAN make a difference with your offering! Please prayerfully consider donating toward this fund. If you are unable to make a cash donation, please remember there are other ways of helping by giving your time to a suicide prevention hotline or asking to help with the projects the UCC and your church put together.

Thank you for all you do to bring the Kingdom of God to the people that need Jesus’s love and acceptance.

Blessings and Peace,

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