

Niles Discovery Church Special Offering Schedule for 2023

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Niles Discovery Church receives a special offering each month, 100% of which is used to specifically for that ministry. In all but two cases (the Pastor's Discretionary Fund offering and the Homelessness Ministries offering), those ministries are carried out by organizations beyond our doors. Partnering with other organizations is an important way our church has a wider impact than we could on our own.

The special offerings are promoted on the last Sunday of the preceding month and formally received on the first Sunday of the month. (Offerings may be given to any of these special offerings at any time.)

- January: [Tri-City Volunteers](#) (supports *the* food bank in our area)
- February: [Blankets+](#) (supports the development programs of [Church World Service](#))
- March: [One Great Hour of Sharing/Week of Compassion](#) (denominational development and disaster response; split 50/50)
- April: Educational offering, split between [Pacific School of Religion](#) (the local seminar for training pastors in both of our denominations) and the [Disciples Seminary Foundation](#) (the DOC organization supporting people seeking ordination).
- May: [SAVE](#) (includes an offering of ditty bags for women escaping violent environments)
- June: [Pentecost/Strengthen the Church](#) (denominational evangelism offerings; split 50/50)
- July: School Supplies (in addition to the special offering, supplies are gathered all month; distributed to those in need through the [Fremont Family Resource Center](#))
- August: Pastors' Discretionary Fund (use by our pastors to assist church members who are in financial crisis)
- September: [Heifer International](#) (kids in our church decide later in the year what animals to "buy")
- October: [Reconciliation/Neighbors In Need/Making Amends Fund](#)¹ (racial justice-related offerings of the Disciples of Christ, the United Church of Christ and Niles Discovery Church)
- November: The focus of this offering is chosen by the Ministry of Social Concern Team. Their current plan is for the offering to support the ministries of [Puente de la Costa Sur](#).
- December: Homelessness Ministries of Niles Discovery Church (used by the church's Homelessness Study Group for homelessness ministries they coordinate)

¹ Recognizing that our church is founded from the legacy European colonizers, Niles Discovery Church has established a "Making Amends Fund," dedicated to the church's wider work of making amends to the Indigenous People of the area now called "Fremont" and "the Tri-Cities." This is new work and more will be published on the website about this effort as it develops.