



Share how you celebrate HOPE

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is in the Lord. For they shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes: but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.

-Jeremiah 17:7-8

Learn more about 3 Great Loves, a United Church of Christ mission initiative, at 3greatloves.org

Here are ways you can embody HOPE during the first week of the Season of Advent:



Monday: SERVE – The season is always a great time for you to gather your family and friends to volunteer at a local soup kitchen, warming shelter or your local church. You will give hope to those you meet. [#loveofneighbor](#)

Tuesday: UNPLUG – It's time to celebrate a new season. Unplug yourself from the digital world and go on an outdoor adventure with the children in your life – for they are the hope of tomorrow. [#loveofchildren](#)

Wednesday: UPCYCLE – Magazines and books often get tossed in the trash, or recycle bin. By donating your old magazines and books to prisoners, you will encourage them to learn and grow. At the same time, you are reducing waste in our landfills, and the energy used to transport and dispose of them. [#loveofcreation](#)

Thursday: GIVE – It's the season of giving gifts; your gift of hope can make a wonderful difference in someone's life. Send a card to a deployed soldier, giving thanks for their service. [#loveofneighbor](#)

Friday: FEED – Earth, God's wonderful creation, is full of beauty. Set up a birdfeeder, then watch the colors of God's glorious winged animals unfold before your eyes. [#loveofcreation](#)

Saturday: ARRANGE – Get together with other congregations, families and churches of different denominations to take children Christmas Caroling. [#loveofchildren](#)

~Gary M. Barraco, 3 Great Loves Ambassador, Penn Northeast Conference

What image depicts the promise of hope, awaiting fulfillment in your life? Share it on Social Media with [#3greatloves](#)