



**UNITED THANK OFFERING**

*Ofrenda Unida de Accion de Gracia*

**"OUR CHANGE CHANGES LIVES"**

## **WIDER CHURCH OUTREACH**

### **Operation Understanding**

Saint Paul participates in and supports Operation Understanding (OU). OU is a program of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania that provides grants to parishes in the diocese to support outreach ministry. This includes food banks, clothing banks, emergency heat / rent assistance, vacations bible schools, after school programs, etc. Each year members of the parish are asked to support this program during the Easter Season through the Alleluia Campaign.

This Alleluia Campaign raises money to support many projects around the diocese. Over the years, Saint Paul has been a recipient of Operation Understanding funds that have helped in ongoing ministry as well as "start-up" outreach ministries.

### **United Thank Offering**

The United Thank Offering is a program of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) throughout the Episcopal Church. Twice a year members of the parish are asked to support this organization through direct donations (blue boxes and blue envelopes). The national ECW then makes grants to parishes for a wide variety of things. This can include social outreach programs, seed money for start-up programs, building code compliance, etc.