

Helpful Hints

-CWS WINTER BLANKETS 2026-



Share the Warmth. Spread the Love.

When the world feels cold, your congregation can help families feel the warmth of God's love. Help your Blanket Sunday shine with these creative, winter-themed ideas that will inspire your congregation and community to share warmth and love with even more families in 2026.



"Why I Give" Sunday Moments: Invite one or two members — youth, adults or seniors— to share a short reflection on why they support CWS Blankets. Keep it short and heartfelt (about 1-2 minutes). A personal story shared during worship or fellowship time can spark generosity and inspire others to give.


Share the Warmth— Virtually: Expand your Blanket Sunday beyond the sanctuary! Create a CWS Blankets Virtual Offering Page so anyone —near or far— can give online. Post the link in your church e-newsletter, or on social media, and encourage members to share it with friends and family. Scan the QR code or visit cwsblankets.org to get started and help your congregation blanket the world in love.



Share Cards with Others: Spread warmth right where you live! Have children decorate CWS Blanket Valentine's Day cards (download at cwsblankets.org) and share them with seniors in your congregation— or anyone who could use an extra dose of joy this winter. It's a simple, heartfelt way to spread kindness and show how your congregation helps blanket the world in love. Every card becomes a small reminder that love— and warmth— are meant to be shared.

"Blankets of Blessing" Prayer Circle: Gather youth or small groups and form a circle with CWS Blankets laid out in the center. Invite each person to place a hand on a blanket and offer a short prayer or blessing— then fold them together as a sign of shared care. Take a group photo and share on social media with the caption: "We prayed over these blankets— and over every neighbor who will feel their warmth. #CWSBlankets"





Valentines for the World: Celebrate Valentine's Day by sharing love in action! Invite your congregation to decorate paper hearts with messages of hope and attach them to a CWS Blanket displayed in your sanctuary or fellowship hall. During worship, invite members to give a blanket "in honor of someone they love." Post photos on your church's social media with the caption: "This Valentine's, we're wrapping the world in love—one blanket at a time."



"Warm-Up Sunday" Fellowship Event: Turn a chilly winter morning into a mission moment! Host a Cocoa-and-Cookies Fellowship after worship and invite everyone to bring a scarf, hat or mittens to place on a "Table of Warmth" alongside your CWS Blankets display. Donate the items locally and share how each CWS Blanket brings warmth and comfort to families facing winter storms or rebuilding after crisis. Together, your congregation can blanket the world in love—near and far.

"Snowed In with Compassion" Social Media Weekend: If bad weather cancels church plans, it's still the perfect time to care for neighbors—right from home! Share a simple post like: "Snowed in? Stay cozy—and make a difference from home. Your online gift to CWS Blankets helps families find warmth tonight." Include your Virtual Blanket offering link and one cozy winter photo from a church member's home.

