



share the gift

An Alternative Christmas Gift Guide

At West End UMC, we believe that Advent is a time to celebrate how we are set apart. Advent is not about the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping and overbooked calendars. It's about preparing for and celebrating the greatest gift the world has ever known - the birth of Jesus Christ! We celebrate this world-changing gift by giving differently, living differently, and spending differently.

The focus of this alternative giving catalog is to invite you to spend and give differently by making a donation to a local, regional, or global ministry in honor of a loved one. We will give you special giving cards so you can send them to the person you're honoring. Turn the page and take a look at the various ways you can support our local, regional, and global neighbors in need.

Additional Advent Outreach Opportunities

Share the Gift Missions Markets

Share the gift of Christmas by shopping the Alternative Giving Catalog and by visiting our Missions Market during Advent. Rethink the typical Christmas gift by purchasing fair trade and handmade gifts in Reed Hall on Sundays, December 6, 13, and 20. You will be able to purchase locally made products from Thistle Farms, Justice for Our Neighbors, Humphrey Street Coffee, WOW Soap, Project Transformation, and Henderson Settlement. You can also purchase items handmade from Guatemala. Additionally, you can pick up your alternative giving cards with your order from the Alternative Giving Catalog.

Reconciliation Dinner

An annual special event for the families of incarcerated individuals will be held on Saturday evening, December 12 from 6-8 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. You can participate by purchasing gifts for the families, donating funds for the dinner and gifts, and helping at the dinner as a table host. Table hosts will be paired with one of our guest families and will escort them around to the craft tables and photo booth and sit with them during the meal and program. If you would like to participate, please contact Lisa Gwock at lgwock@westendumc.org or 615.321.8500.

Advent Special Offering

This year's special offering will benefit Edgehill Neighborhood Partnership (ENP). ENP works with their neighbors to improve the quality of life in their community. It was started by Edgehill United Methodist Church and its programs were born from the ministries of the church. Their mission is to work for justice and equality with their neighbors in the Edgehill community of Nashville, Tennessee, through building relationships, community action, service, and empowerment.

ENP has developed two programs addressing pressing neighborhood needs. The Spot, a twice-a-week afterschool program for high school girls, focuses on the girls becoming their best selves. ENP also offers the FreeStore, a twice-a-month welcoming place for all in the neighborhood to share a meal and "shop" for needed household and personal items.

You can contribute to the Special Advent Offering for Edgehill Neighborhood Partnership anytime throughout the month of December. Just designate your gift for Edgehill Neighborhood Partnership (ENP).

Global Opportunities To Give

Amos Health & Hope

A non-profit Christian organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of people who suffer from the unjust conditions of poverty. AMOS serves people who lack access to basic health services by partnering with rural communities to train health promoters to provide quality health care and foster holistic development.

- 1. Anemia Testing for 10 Individuals, \$50**
- 2. Basic Training for New Health Promoters and Volunteer Mothers, \$100**
- 3. Essential Medical Kit for Health Promoters, \$250**

E-Reader Project for Theological Education

The United Methodist Church in Africa is rapidly growing in size and influence, yet access to current theological resources for pastoral development remains woefully inadequate. United Methodists are joining hands to provide e-readers to faculty and students of African seminaries so all have personal access to desperately needed educational materials.

- 1. Provide 1 year of theological content for one student, \$75**
- 2. Provide an e-reader and three years of content, \$300**

The Heifer Project

A program that reaches hundreds of communities, bringing hope to families through the possibility of raising their own animals, receiving benefits from them, and passing on the gift of the first offspring to another family. Working with Tim & Gloria Wheeler who are serving in Honduras with Heifer International, we support their programs of food security, environmental improvement, and gender equity.

- 1. Flock of chicks, \$20**
- 2. Honeybees, \$30**
- 3. Stove, \$50**
- 4. Tree seedlings, \$60**
- 5. Goat, \$120**

ODIM (Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya)

A small group of volunteers, paid local staff, and United Methodist ordained elder and Executive Director Jeff Hassel working at the grassroots level in the Guatemalan villages of San Juan La Laguna, San Pablo La Laguna, and surrounding rural areas on the shores of Lake Atitlan. This year ODIM's alternative gifts are focused on their "Healthy Mommy and Me" Program which seeks to break the cycle of poverty by improving nutrition and care for mothers and children in the 1,000 days from a woman's pregnancy through to her child's 2nd birthday.

- 1. Buy one Safe Birth Kit – everything a woman needs for a safe, hygienic birthing experience, \$25**
- 2. Provide fortified food provisions for 20 mothers & babies with limited resources, \$50**
- 3. Provide a class to share vital child health & nutrition curriculum with all women, \$75**
- 4. Provide six months of formula to a baby who is not receiving adequate nutrition from breast milk, \$100**

Project Tariro

Helps people in Zimbabwe live positively with HIV/AIDS through medical, emotional and spiritual support; nutritional guidance and gardening; and income-generating projects.

- 1. Supply a first aid kit for community healthcare workers, \$30**
- 2. Purchase one bolt of cloth, thread and needles for sewing class participants, \$75**

Promise For Haiti

A Christian organization dedicated to healthcare, education, clean water, agriculture and economic development.

- 1. Help buy critically needed medicines for a hospital in Haiti, \$25**

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Provides humanitarian relief and disaster response in the United States and internationally. Their efforts are targeted in places where natural disasters, war, or conflict have done so much damage that communities are unable to recover on their own. Relief-supply kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. They provide vital support for UMCOR's global development work and make a tangible difference in people's lives.

- 1. Support the UMCOR's distribution of disaster relief kits, \$20**

2015 West End Guatemala Mission Trip

A team from West End UMC will travel to San Juan la Laguna in Guatemala on a medical mission to support the work of ODIM (Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya) by helping to promote health and education in two medical clinics on Lake Atitlan.

- 1. Provide medical supplies, \$25**

Regional Opportunity To Give

Henderson Settlement

United Methodist mission institution of the Red Bird Missionary Conference located in Frakes,KY. Their mission is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ through service to the community by meeting basic needs in Appalachia.

- 1. Sponsor one child for Jr. Pro basketball , \$20**
- 2. Senior adult recreation, \$25**
- 3. Food box for one family, \$35**
- 4. Provide transportation for youth ministries, \$25.**
- 5. Sponsor a mother and provide baby supplies for a family, \$25**
- 6. Sponsor a meal for Faith and Finances class and other workshops, \$50**
- 7. Scholarships for higher education, \$50.**

Local Opportunities To Give

Bethlehem Centers

A Tennessee Conference United Methodist Church agency that promotes self-reliance and positive life choices for children, youth and adults by delivering and advocating quality programs and services.

- 1. Provide for a middle schooler to attend one day in the afterschool program, \$10**
- 2. Provide a hot lunch for a senior client for one month, \$40**

Edgehill Neighborhood Partnership (ENP)

Works with their neighbors to improve the quality of life in their community through two programs: The Spot, a twice-a-week afterschool program for high school girls, and the FreeStore, a twice-a-month welcoming place for all in the neighborhood to share a meal and "shop" for needed household and personal items.

- 1. Household items for the FreeStore, \$20**
- 2. ACT or College Application Fees, \$30**
- 3. Emergency Items (winter coats, shoes, etc.), \$50**
- 4. One meal for The Spot afterschool program, \$60**
- 5. One breakfast for the FreeStore (40-50 persons), \$75**

Faith Family Medical Clinic

Seeks to follow the commitment of people of faith to provide hope and medical care for the working uninsured by meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

- 1. Provide a medical exam for a patient, \$20**

in TIME

A stipend based youth development organization whose mission is to provide leadership and service learning opportunities to high school youth from the Nations (an at risk neighborhood) through internships and weekly life skills classes.

- 1. Sponsor a training day lunch, \$50**
- 2. Sponsor an intern for one week, \$100**

Interfaith Dental Clinic

Restores, protects, and improves the oral health of uninsured, low-income, working people, children and the elderly in the greater Nashville area through affordable quality dental care, oral disease prevention services, and oral health education.

- 1. Give a child or adult a dental check-up, \$10**
- 2. Provide a hurting patient relief through exam and extraction, \$50**
- 3. Help provide dentures for a senior adult in need, \$100**

Luke 14:12

A non-profit soup kitchen which provides over 20,000 meals annually to the hungry and homeless of Nashville.

- 1. Provide 24 meals to the hungry, homeless, and working poor, \$20**

Miriam's Promise

Full-service non-profit agency serving families and children in Middle Tennessee by providing pregnancy counseling, mentoring, child and family counseling, and adoption services to ensure the well-being of children—before, during, and after birth.

- 1. Give a grocery store gift card to an expectant mother for groceries and household items, \$20**
- 2. Give a scholarship for a child to attend 6 therapy sessions, \$75**

Nashville Food Project

An organization that provides increased access to healthy foods in homeless and working poor communities across Davidson County.

- 1. Help provide healthy meals and fresh produce to the poorest communities in Nashville, \$25**

Open Table Nashville

Non-profit, interfaith community that disrupts cycles of poverty, journeys with the marginalized, and provides education about issues of homelessness.

- 1. Tarp (variety of uses: ground barrier, shield against wind, or reinforce a tent), \$20**
- 2. Birth Certificate (This is the first step towards housing!), \$25**
- 3. Sleeping Bag (life saving warmth in winter), \$50**

Project Transformation

Engages young adults in purposeful leadership ministry, supports underserved children and families, and connects churches to communities in need.

- 1. Provide one book for a child in the summer program, \$5**
- 2. Sponsor an educational field trip for two children in the program, \$20**
- 3. Provide one week of summer programming for a child, \$64**

Rooftop Foundation

Provides rental assistance to individuals and families in Davidson County with the goal of preventing homelessness and providing hope.

- 1. Provide rental or mortgage payment assistance to help a family stay in their home, \$50**

Safe Haven Family Shelter

Provides shelter and transitional services that empower Middle Tennessee homeless families with children to achieve lasting self-sufficiency.

- 1. Help widen the welcome to new families by providing pillows and bedding, \$10**
- 2. Provide household items for a family to set up their new home after graduating the shelter program, \$30**

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee

Relies on a network of growers, manufacturers, wholesalers, grocery stores, and individuals to donate food that is distributed to the community through more than 400 not-for-profit agencies in 46 counties in Middle Tennessee.

- 1. Provide 100 meals to families in need, \$25**

Siloam Family Health Center

Cares for the uninsured in Middle Tennessee by providing high-quality, affordable health care designed to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients.

- 1. Give a child or adult a visit to the doctor, \$25**

Sixty-First Avenue UMC

A small but vital congregation in an economically disadvantaged community of Nashville which offers distinctive ministries with children and homeless.

- 1. Give 10 people a meal at a Monthly Neighborhood Banquet, \$20**
- 2. After-school Ministry (week of non-perishable snacks), \$25**

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON)

Rooted in the United Methodist Committee on Relief, Justice for Our Neighbors is a local, faith driven ministry, welcoming immigrants into our communities by providing free, high quality, immigration legal services, education, and advocacy.

- 1. Provide one hour of interpretation services, \$25**
- 2. Provide meals for volunteers and clients, \$50**
- 3. Provide legal resources for a student applying for a work permit, \$100**

West End UMC Preschool Scholarship Fund

Provides financial support for Preschool families who are experiencing a financial hardship

- 1. Provide one day of preschool for a family in need, \$25**
- 2. Provide one week of preschool for a family in need, \$125**

West End UMC 2016 Youth Mission Trips

Both our Senior High and Junior High youth will participate in a local mission trip this summer. They will spend a week in June serving in the Nashville area.

- 1. Provide participant support, \$20**

2015 Share The Gift Of Christmas Order Form

Review the alternative gift selections in this brochure and indicate your choices below. Mail or bring your completed order form and payment to the church.
Checks should be made out to West End UMC. Please put "Alternative Christmas Gift" in the memo line.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

When you purchase a gift in someone's honor, we will provide a giving card so that you can tell that person of the gift.

How many giving cards would you like to receive? _____

I'll pick up the cards at the church Please mail the cards to me at my address listed above No cards necessary, this is just a donation

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ODIM - Development of the Indigenous Maya		
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2. Food provisions for 20 mothers & babies..	\$50	_____
3. Women's Child Health & nutrition class....	\$75	_____
4. Six months of baby formula	\$100	_____

Project Tariro		
1. First aid kit for healthcare workers.....	\$30	_____
2. Supplies for sewing class participants	\$75	_____

Promise For Haiti		
1. Medicines for a hospital in Haiti.....	\$25	_____

United Methodist Committee On Relief, UMCOR		
1. Support for disaster relief kits	\$20	_____

West End UMC Guatemala Mission Trip 2016		
1. Medical Supplies.....	\$25	_____

Henderson Settlement		
1. Jr. Pro Basketball Sponsorship.....	\$20	_____
2. Senior adult recreation.....	\$25	_____
3. Transportation for youth ministries.....	\$25	_____
4. Sponsor mother & baby supplies	\$25	_____
5. Food box for one family	\$35	_____
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7. Scholarships for higher education	\$50	_____

Bethlehem Centers		
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Grand Total _____