



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 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 and global neighbors in need.

Additional Advent Outreach Opportunities

Advent Special Offering - Lunches for Hope Program

This year's Advent Offering will go to the Lunches for Hope Program in the Dassa-Zoume region of Benin, Africa. The funds will be used by former West End member Hilarion Vegba who worshipped and studied with us when he was in a program at Vanderbilt. He had a great idea to provide a daily lunch to the 30 girls enrolled in the program. These thirty girls will receive lunch five days a week for nine months of school. Before this program, girls without this lunch money asked for the money from men who took advantage of their situation. West End funded this program last year and there was a dramatic decrease in girls dropping out of school, early pregnancy and trafficking. Our goal is \$5400 which will fully fund lunches for one year. You can give online by marking the "Other" and writing in "Advent Special Offering" or by check with "Advent Special Offering" in the memo line.

Advent Mission Markets

We are restarting our tradition of hosting an Advent Missions Market in Reed Hall. We will be in person this time as well as pointing you to other vendors in our community who also have a social mission but cannot join us at this time. Vendors will be with us from 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. on the following dates:

November 28 ♦ Earl Henry Bird Prints

December 5 ♦ Harvest Hands (Soap and Coffee)

December 5 ♦ Offsite Mission Market ♦ Sage Refill Market

1214 Wedgewood Ave, Nashville, TN 37212 from 4 - 6 PM (4-5 PM with other shoppers, 5-6 PM West End exclusive shopping hour)

December 12 ♦ Chimes for Justice (Stained Glass)

December 19 ♦ Ten Thousand Villages (Fair Trade goods)

We also want to point you to the website of our historic partners at Thistle Farms (www.thistlefarms.org) who are not doing markets of our size this year.

Global Opportunities To Give

AMOS Health And Hope

A non-profit Christian organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of people who suffer from the unjust conditions of poverty in Nicaragua. Even now, in the midst of the global pandemic, AMOS serves over 16,000 people who lack access to basic health services by training health promoters to provide quality health care in both rural and urban communities.

1. Provide life-saving care to kids with pneumonia or diarrhea, \$35
2. Gift pregnant moms with a baby layette set to wrap their newborn babies and motivate them to give birth safely at a health center , \$50
3. Train rural youth to become water promoters who improve access to clean water, better hygiene and sanitation, \$100

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. Heifer International’s mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.

1. Send a Girl to School, \$275
2. Gift of Irrigation Pumps, \$150
3. Goat, \$120
4. Rabbits, \$60
5. Honey Bees, \$30
6. Flock of Chicks, \$20

ODIM (Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya)

ODIM (*odimguatemala.org*) is a grassroots health and development organization that serves God’s people in Guatemala. They carefully focus their energy in the villages of San Juan La Laguna and San Pablo La Laguna; a beautiful place yet one where six of every ten children are malnourished. West End supports their work; through providing access to healthcare and education, and by addressing the key issues of malnutrition and clean drinking water.

1. Provide a family in quarantine with a bag of emergency supplies, \$13
2. Replacement water filter to keep a family drinking clean, safe water \$20
3. Provide a pregnant woman a monthly food basket for the duration of her pregnancy to help prevent her baby from being born underweight \$70
4. Pay for our educational classes, in the native mayan language Tz’utujil, to be aired on TV every week for a month \$150
5. Keep our clinic staffed with a local nurse for one month \$500
6. Support a patient with diabetes in learning to monitor and treat their condition for 6 months (glucometer, strips, lancets, individualized house visits, personalized training sessions with a health promoter) \$165

Promise For Haiti

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

1. Buy critically needed medicines for a hospital in Haiti, \$25

United Methodist Special Offerings

westendumc.org/umcspecial

1. Golden Cross - Provides funding for resources, training, and support to churches, agencies, and leadership in the Tennessee Conference for the creation of successful older adult ministries.
2. Human Relations- supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs
3. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) - provides major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. This offering underwrites UMCOR’s “costs of doing business,” allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.
4. Native American Ministries - funds urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries and annual conference Native American ministries
5. Peace with Justice - supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conferences

Local Opportunities To Give

Bethlehem Centers

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

1. Provide week of fruits & vegetables for a client/family, \$30
2. Purchase a weekly bus pass for a client or 3 trips for a Senior program participant, \$30
3. Provide snacks for 5 children for a week, \$50
4. Provide one-week of positive alternative education and activities for a child, \$50
5. Provide a week of nutritious meals for a Meals on Wheels Program recipient, \$50

Edgehill Neighborhood Partnership (ENP)

ENP works to empower our neighbors through justice and equity and improve the quality of life in our community through three programs: The Spot, a twice-a-week after school program for middle & high school girls that has pivoted to providing a space for asynchronous learning, tutoring and socially distant meeting including zoom meetings during covid-19; The FreeStore, a twice-a-month to shop for free for needed household and personal items, and during the pandemic has pivoted to providing grab and go bags full of consumables such as toilet paper, paper towels, soap, cleaning supplies, as well as groceries and more; Affordable Housing Advocacy which partners with community members, public officials, and nonprofits to make Nashville more accessible for all.

1. Personal hygiene items, toilet paper, paper towels, home cleaning supplies, and household items - \$35/household
2. School supplies (backpacks, notebooks, paper, pencils, erasers, folders, etc.), \$25/student
3. ACT or College Application Fees, college/technical school visits, \$30/student
4. Grocery store gift cards to meet immediate, tangible needs of neighbors, \$50

Faith Family Medical Center

Driven by faith, we provide hope and healing to our hardworking neighbors in need.

1. Prescription co-pay, \$10
2. Medical Supplies, \$25
3. Medical Exam, \$35
4. Language Interpreter \$40
5. Behavior Health visit, \$50
6. Well-woman visit, \$75

Interfaith Dental Clinic

The mission of Interfaith Dental Clinic is to create a healthier community by providing transformational oral health care for those experiencing poverty.

1. Give a child or adult a dental check-up, \$40
2. Provide a patient relief through exam & extraction, \$75
3. Help provide dentures for a senior adult in need, \$150

Luke 14:12

Non-profit soup kitchen which provides over 40,000 meals annually to the hungry and homeless of Nashville.

1. Provide 24 hot, nutritious, home-cooked meals to the hungry, homeless, and working poor. \$20
2. Provide 60 hot, nutritious, home-cooked meals to the hungry, homeless, and working poor. \$50

Miriam’s Promise

Full-service non-profit agency serving families and children in Middle Tennessee by providing pregnancy counseling, parenting coaching, and adoption-related services to ensure the well-being of the child by nurturing individuals and families.

1. Give a grocery store gift card to an expectant mother for food, gas and household items, \$25
2. Provide one hour of pregnancy counseling to a woman in the midst of an unplanned pregnancy \$125
3. Provide one week of housing to an expectant mother who is experiencing homelessness \$350

Nashville Food Project

Brings people together to grow, cook and share nourishing food with the goals of cultivating community and alleviating hunger.

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
4. Housing Application, \$35
5. NES Deposit (1st step towards moving in!), \$250

Project Transformation

Project Transformation transforms communities by engaging children, college-age young adults, and churches in purposeful relationships

1. Provide two new books for a child in our program, \$10
2. Provide craft supplies & sports equipment for activities, \$50
3. Support a child in our program for 2 weeks, \$100

Rooftop Foundation

Provides rent/mortgage assistance to individuals and families in Davidson County with the goal of restoring housing stability, preventing homelessness and providing hope. A huge focus in 2020 has been to partner with our community in responding to the March 3 tornado and the COVID-19 pandemic. Rooftop will continue our efforts to assist residents avoid evictions and foreclosures in 2022.

1. Partner with others to provide rent/mortgage assistance to help an individual or family stay in their home, \$25-\$900.
2. Cover the late fees added to a rent for an individual between jobs, \$100
3. Provide average rent/mortgage assistance grant for Senior Citizens, \$300

Safe Haven Family Shelter

Leads our community’s efforts to house, support, empower and advocate for families experiencing homelessness. Your gift will provide much needed supplies for families, supporting their journey back into housing and lasting stability.

1. Help with purchasing diapers, school supplies and/or school uniforms, \$25
2. Provide for a family day (movies, museum, zoo), \$50
3. Provide a bathroom necessities set, \$50
4. Help widen the welcome to new families by providing bedding set and pillows, \$100
5. Help with transportation by providing bus passes to work for one month, \$100.

Siloam Health

Siloam Health is a faith-based, charitably funded nonprofit organization that provides affordable, whole-person care to the uninsured in Middle Tennessee, health promotion among our city’s immigrant and refugee communities, and mentorship to the next generation of health care providers. Siloam’s mission is to share the love of Christ by serving those in need through health care.

1. Cover the cost of labs for one patient visit, \$25
2. Empower one patient to take ownership of their health through a Community Health consultation, \$50
3. Provide one patient with one comprehensive wellness exam, \$150

Building Lives Foundation

The mission of Building Lives is to prevent and end homelessness among veterans and their families.

1. Welcome Home Kit, \$120
2. New Bed for a Veteran, \$300
3. Moving a Veteran off the Streets and into Permanent Housing, \$1,000
4. Become a monthly donor, \$25

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON)

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors is a local non-profit that began as a ministry of the United Methodist Church.TNJFON welcomes immigrants by providing free and sliding scale humanitarian legal services.

1. Help a noncitizen parent learn about the US immigration system and what they can do to protect their citizen children through our educational outreach programs, \$50
2. Keep a young dreamer safe from deportation by helping him renew a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status, \$100
3. Keep an undocumented child who has been abused, neglected or abandoned safe by helping him apply for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, \$250
4. Keep a mother and children safe from domestic violence by representing her as she applies for a U-Visa or for Violence Against Women Act protection, \$500

West End UMC Jr. Internship Program

Hires high school students from North Nashville to serve 6 weeks as Junior Interns at Bethlehem Centers, where students explore possible careers in childcare, food preparation and gardening.

1. Sponsor a (14-16 year-old) youth intern for one week at Bethlehem Center, \$166

West End UMC Playground Maintenance Fund

These funds with be used to help with the maintenance of the playground, landscaping and new equipment.

1. Playground maintenance, \$25
2. Toys for Playground, \$50
3. Help purchase new equipment, \$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, \$49
2. Provide one week of preschool for a family in need, \$250

West End UMC Preschool Art Studio

Provides support for the Preschool Art Studio to provide extra supplies with which the children can explore different forms of art media.

1. Help stock new art studio with supplies, any amount is appreciated.

West End Benevolence

As part of the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, this money goes to support our community.

1. Pledge towards an Electric Bill for someone in need, \$100
2. Snack Bags for one month, \$200
3. Bus Passes for one month, \$275

Regional Opportunities To Give

Henderson Settlement

A United Methodist Mission institution of the Red Bird Missionary Conference, Located in Frakes, Kentucky, their mission is *Creating opportunities for better lives through Christ-centered service.*

1. Sponsor a full year of Food Pantry service to a community family, \$60
2. Sponsor the transportation costs for Youth Development programming for one of our community youth, \$170
3. Sponsor mother and infant services through the MIHOW program for 3 months of the year, \$300

West End UMC 2022 Youth Mission Trip

Our Senior High youth will serve for a week in Alaska Praying Pelican in June. Our Middle School youth will also serve for a week on mission trip in June.

1. Participant Support, \$20

2021 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 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

	Quantity	Total
AMOS Health and Hope		
1. Medicine to kids with pneumonia or diarrhea.....	\$35	_____
2. Baby layette to encourage pregant moms.....	\$50	_____
3. Empower youth to be water promoters	\$100	_____

Heifer Project		
1. Send a Girl to School.....	\$275	_____
2. Irrigation pumps.....	\$150	_____
3. Goat	\$120	_____
4. Rabbits.....	\$60	_____
5. Honey Bees.....	\$30	_____
6. Flock of Chickens.....	\$20	_____

ODIM (Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya)		
1. Emergency supplies for family in quarantine	\$13	_____
2. Replacement water filter	\$20	_____
3. Monthly food basket for pregnant mom	\$70	_____
4. Educational classes in native language on TV	\$150	_____
5. Staff clinic with nurse for one month	\$500	_____
6. Diabetes support for 6 months	\$165	_____

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

United Methodist Special Offerings		
1. Golden Cross.....	any amount	_____
2. Human Relations.....	any amount	_____
3. UMCOR.....	any amount	_____
4. Native American Ministries.....	any amount	_____
5. Peace with Justice	any amount	_____

Bethlehem Centers		
1. Week of fresh fruits & vegetables for family.....	\$30	_____
2. Weekly bus pass or 3 trips for a Senior.....	\$30	_____
3. Snacks for 5 children for a week	\$50	_____
4. One-week of education & activities for a child.....	\$50	_____
5. Week of meals for a Program recipient	\$50	_____

Edgehill Neighborhood Partnership (ENP)		
1. Hygiene items & cleaning supplies for FreeStore.....	\$35	_____
2. School Supplies for a student.....	\$25	_____
3. ACT or College Application Fees	\$30	_____
4. Grocery Store gift card for immediate needs	\$50	_____

Faith Family Medical Clinic		
1. Prescription co-pay	\$10	_____
2. Medical Supplies	\$25	_____
3. Medical Exam	\$35	_____
4. Language Interpreter	\$40	_____
5. Behavior Health Visit.....	\$50	_____
6. Well-woman visit.....	\$60	_____

Interfaith Dental Clinic		
1. Child or adult a dental check-up	\$40	_____
2. Patient exam & extraction.....	\$75	_____
3. Provide dentures for a senior adult in need	\$150	_____

Luke 14:12		
1. Provide 24 meals	\$20	_____
2. Provide 60 meals	\$50	_____

Miriam's Promise		
1. Gift card for an expectant mother	\$25	_____
2. Pregnancy counseling for unplanned pregnancy.....	\$125	_____
3. One week housing for expectant mother.....	\$350	_____

Nashville Food Project		
1. Meals and fresh produce	\$25	_____

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Open Table Nashville		
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2. Birth Certificate	\$25	_____
3. Sleeping Bag	\$50	_____
4. Housing Application	\$35	_____
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Project Transformation		
1. Two books for child in summer program.....	\$10	_____
2. Craft Supplies & sports equipment	\$50	_____
3. One child in afterschool program for 2 week.....	\$100	_____

Rooftop Foundation		
1. Rental or mortgage assistance	\$25 - 900	_____
2. Cover late fees for person between jobs.....	\$100	_____
3. Assistance grant for Senior Citizens.....	\$300	_____

Safe Haven Family Shelter		
1. Diapers, school supplies, or school uniforms	\$25	_____
2. Family Day (movies, museum, zoo)	\$50	_____
3. Bathroom necessities set.....	\$50	_____
4. Bedding Set & pillows for new families.....	\$100	_____
5. Bus passes to work for one month	\$100	_____

Siloam Health		
1. Lab costs for one patient	\$25	_____
2. One Community Health Consultation	\$50	_____
3. Patient comprehensive wellness exam.....	\$150	_____

Building Lives Foundation		
1. Welcome Home Kit	\$120	_____
2. New Bed for a Veteran	\$300	_____
3. Moving a Veteran to Permanent Housing.....	\$1000	_____
4. Become a monthly donor.....	\$25	_____

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors (TNJFON)		
1. Noncitizen parent learn about immigration system	\$50	_____
2. Keep one DREAMer in a Middle Tennessee school	\$100	_____
3. Keep undocumented child safe.....	\$250	_____
4. Keep mother and child safe from abuse	\$500	_____

West End UMC Jr. Internship Program		
1. Sponsor an intern for one week	\$166	_____

West End UMC Playground Maintenance Fund		
1. Playground Maintenance.....	\$25	_____
2. Toys for Playground	\$50	_____
3. Help purchase new equipment	\$100	_____

West End UMC Preschool Scholarship Fund		
1. One day of preschool.....	\$49	_____
2. One week of preschool	\$250	_____

West End UMC Preschool Art Studio		
1. Stock new art studio with supplies	any amount	_____

West End Benevolence		
1. Pledge towards an Electric Bill	\$100	_____
2. Snack Bags for one month	\$200	_____
3. Bus Passes for one month	\$275	_____

Henderson Settlement		
1. Full Year of Food Pantry service for family.....	\$60	_____
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3. Mother and infant services through MIHOW	\$300	_____

West End UMC 2022 Youth Mission Trip		
1. Participant Support	\$20	_____

GRAND TOTAL