



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.

Global Opportunities To Give

AMOS Health And Hope

Motivated by their Christian faith, AMOS envisions a world with health for all people, where no child dies from a preventable disease, and with effective and empowering health care. AMOS Health and Hope (AMOS) is dedicated to reducing preventable deaths and improving the health and well-being of people who suffer from the unjust conditions of poverty. Their programs empower local leaders to build upon their strengths and respond to the needs they identify within their communities.

1. Training for Community Health Volunteers to prevent and treat common illnesses in their communities - \$500
2. Medicines to treat children suffering from pneumonia or diarrhea - \$100
3. Educational materials for Health Promoters to educate pregnant moms on signs of alarm during and after pregnancy and thru newborn care - \$50
4. Deworming pills and hygiene education to prevent diarrhea and water-borne illnesses - \$25

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. Heifer - \$500
2. Send a Girl to School - \$275
3. Alpaca - \$150
4. Dream Basket (a sheep, heifer, goat, rabbits and a flock of chicks) - \$120
This gift will help women farmers like achieve independent lives of dignity.
5. Sheep or Goat - \$120
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, \$23
3. Provide pregnant woman a monthly food basket during pregnancy to help prevent baby from being born underweight, \$13/month
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 \$550
6. Support patient with diabetes to learn to monitor/treat their condition for 6 months (glucometer, strips, lancets, individualized house visits, personalized training sessions with a health promoter) \$35 a month

Promise For Haiti

Promise for Haiti exists to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people of Pignon, Haiti and to practically demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ by providing health care, education, and community development. Pledge \$1-\$10,000 for the following areas:

1. General Mission Support
2. HELP - Education and Student Sponsorship
3. School Meals Program
4. School Construction
5. Solar/Green Energy for Hospital Biefaisance
6. Health Partner's Account
7. HBP Dental Fund
8. Agriculture/Farm Support
9. Equipment for Hospital Biefaisance
10. Water and Sanitation
11. Hospital Biefaisance Operating Support

Local Opportunities To Give

Bethlehem Centers

An agency of the Tennessee Western Kentucky 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, \$50
2. Purchase a weekly bus pass for a client or 3 trips for a Senior program participant, \$50
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

Empowering Neighborhood Partnership (ENP)

Works to empower our neighbors through justice and equity and improve the quality of life in our community through three programs: The Spot, the FreeStore, and Affordable Housing Advocacy. The Spot is an after-school program for middle and high school students, the FreeStore is a small community cooperative that freely exchanges donated new or pre-used goods among neighbors, and, through our affordable housing advocacy program, we partner with community members, public officials, and nonprofits to increase the number of affordable units, help tenants with self-advocacy, and negotiate community benefits agreements.

1. Personal hygiene items, toilet paper, paper towels, home cleaning supplies, and household items - \$40/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. Our vision is that all Middle Tennesseans have the healthcare home they need to lead a fulfilling life.

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

Since 1983, Luke 14:12 has been one of Nashville's best kept secrets! We are proud to be a soup kitchen that doesn't serve soup. Our guests—the hungry, homeless and working poor of Nashville, are served free nutritious meals. Your support is appreciated as we continue to provide grace, hospitality and dignity to each person we serve.

1. Provide 60 hot, well-balanced meals, \$60
2. Provide 120 hot, well-balanced meals, \$120

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. 4-person Tent, \$80

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

Rooftop is building stability through a compassionate & collaborative rent/mortgage assistance program. In 2023 Rooftop has stabilized 230 households, providing over \$582,900 in assistance.

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 whole-person health care for the culturally marginalized. Last year, nearly 95% of Siloam's 6,500 patients were born outside the U.S., coming from 80 different homelands and speaking 55 different languages. Siloam's mission is to share the love of Christ by serving those in need through health care. Will you help provide health care transformed by love to our uninsured and underserved neighbors?

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
4. Cover the cost of one patient's health care for an entire year - \$600

We Are Building Lives

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

United Methodist Opportunities To Give

Henderson Settlement

A United Methodist Mission institution of the Central Appalachian Ministry 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

United Methodist Special Offerings

In connection with our United Methodist siblings around the world, we are now brought together through the opportunity of a special offering in several areas of ministry. Pledge your support for one of these special ministries by going to <https://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

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. Provide food to neighbors in need, \$200
3. Bus Passes for one month, \$275

2023 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

PLEASE MARK SELECTIONS ON BACK SIDE.

	Quantity	Total
AMOS Health and Hope		
1. Community Health Volunteer Training.....	\$500	
2. Medicine for Kids with pneumonia or diarrhea	\$100	
3. Educate Health Promoters to help with pregnancy	\$50	
4. Pills and education to prevent diarrhea and illness.....	\$25	
Heifer Project		
1. Heifer.....	\$500	
2. Send a Girl to School.....	\$275	
3. Alpaca.....	\$150	
4. Dream Basket.....	\$120	
5. Sheep or Goat.....	\$120	
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	\$23	
3. Monthly food basket for pregnant mom	\$13	
4. Educational classes in native language on TV	\$150	
5. Staff clinic with nurse for one month	\$550	
6. Diabetes support for 6 months	\$210	
Promise For Haiti		
1. General Mission Support.....		
2. HELP - Education and Student Sponsorship		
3. School Meals Program		
4. School Construction		
5. Solar Energy for Hospital Biefaisance		
6. Health Partner's Account.....		
7. HBP Dental Fund.....		
8. Dorm Fee Per Diem		
9. Agriculture/Farm Support.....		
10. Equipment for Hospital Biefaisance.....		
11. Water and Sanitation		
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Bethlehem Centers		
1. Week of fresh fruits & vegetables for family.....	\$50	
2. Weekly bus pass or 3 trips for a Senior.....	\$50	
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.....	\$40	
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.....	\$75	
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 50 meals	\$60	
2. Provide 100 meals	\$120	
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		
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2. Birth Certificate	\$25	
3. Sleeping Bag	\$50	
4. Housing Application	\$35	
5. 4-person Tent	\$80	
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	
4. Patient's health care for one year	\$600	
We Are 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	
Henderson Settlement		
1. Full Year of Food Pantry service for family.....	\$60	
2. Youth Development transportation for one youth	\$170	
3. Mother and infant services through MIHOW	\$300	
West End Benevolence		
1. Pledge towards an Electric Bill	\$100	
2. Snack Bags for one month	\$200	
3. Bus Passes for one month	\$275	
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 UMC 2024 Youth Mission Trip		
1. Participant Support	\$20	
United Methodist Special Offerings		
1. Golden Cross		
2. Human Relations.....		
3. UMCOR.....		
4. Native American Ministries.....		
5. Peace and Justice		
GRAND TOTAL		