

## Mission Council Offers Christmas Giving Opportunities

Purchasing alternative gifts for family and friends are ways that we can share our faith by supporting people around the world who are in need of hope and adding joy to families celebrating Christmas. Below are giving opportunities that will directly impact the children and families who receive your gift.

### Gift Cards for Gemma Services and the Interfaith Housing Alliance

Gemma Services changes lives by transforming hope into action for children, youth, and families facing emotional and behavioral challenges often caused by loss or serious traumas such as abuse, neglect and addiction. The Interfaith Housing Alliance offers emergency shelter and support services for families in Montgomery County. Your donation of gift cards will help children and families experience joy and hope during the Christmas season.

**Gift Cards or monetary donations must be mailed to APC by December 9.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gift Card Total** (Gift Cards in the amount of \$25: Target, Walmart, Amazon, 5-Below.) Complete this form and return with your gift card to the church office. If you rather, make a \$25 donation and we'll purchase a card for you.

### Presbyterian Giving Catalogue

Gifts purchased from the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue are tangible ways that you can provide help and relief to people, families and communities in need. **Alternative Gift donations must be made by December 18.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fishing Net, \$15.** Small-scale fishermen rely on their catch for income and food. When damaged, nets are too expensive to replace, some use mosquito nets which can introduce insecticides into waterways. Help protect livelihoods and the environment with a gift of a fishing net.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family of Chickens, \$25.** Eggs for food, feathers for pillows and fertilizer for crops. By giving a family of chickens, you can help improve the food security and livelihoods of farmers and families around the world.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jerry Cans, \$25.** UNICEF estimates that women and girls around the world collectively spend 200 million hours every day fetching water. Your gift provides up to 10 jerry cans to transport water more efficiently, freeing women and girls to spend more time on enriching activities, like attending school and contributing to their family's income.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sewing Machine, \$50.** New sewing equipment can launch a business that mends, alters and sells clothing and linens. Your gift can help provide a stable source of income for a family in a developing part of the world.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Refugee Food Basket, \$50.** The Story of the Good Samaritan teaches us to show kindness and mercy to all who are in need. Extend a caring hand with a basket of food and essential supplies to our neighbors around the world who are struggling and searching for a peaceful place to call home.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Women's Empowerment Project, \$100.** Where women receive education and economic opportunity, communities thrive. By helping to provide agricultural and vocational training, literacy education and access to loans and credit services for women, you are helping them in their efforts to care for their families and reduce hunger and poverty in their communities.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Urban Farm/Community Garden, \$200.** More than 23 million Americans live in food deserts, typically low-income neighborhoods where fresh, affordable food is nearly impossible to find. With few healthy food choices, residents in these areas often experience lasting health effects. Community gardens supply nutritious produce where it's most needed, while providing employment and educational opportunities that nurture communities.

**Please fill out this form with your Gift Card and/or Check for gifts from the Presbyterian Gift Catalogue and mail to the church. Please make checks payable to Abington Presbyterian Church and add your member number.** We will mail you a card(s) with the project(s) you purchased for your honoree.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

**COME TOGETHER TO CREATE CHANGE. Small Gifts. Big Impact.**

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