



Westminster Presbyterian Church
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SHOPPING INSTRUCTIONS

Shopping at the Alternative Giving Bazaar means you can choose gifts that will make an important difference in helping people in our community, our nation and around the world. One purchase gives two gifts: one, to meet a **need** of a person, family, or group of people you don't know; the other to **honor** your family, friend, co-worker or neighbor.

What do I need to do?

- Come to the bazaar on **December 8 & 15** after the 11:00 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall to visit the displays, learn about the various organizations, and choose whom you may want to support with donations and/or purchases.
- **Pick up a check-out form**, available at the doors or on the tables. As you make purchases, mark the amounts on the form. Similarly, record your intended donation amounts (you do not need to inform the representatives of your donation, though they certainly appreciate knowing of your support!) For each gift/donation, retrieve a postcard available at each table for use in presenting your gift/donation to friends and loved ones.
- **Take the form to the checkout center at the far end of the Fellowship Hall (opposite the stage)**, where you will pay for all of your donations or purchases with one payment. You can pay with either cash, check made out to Westminster Presbyterian Church, or by credit card.
- This catalog contains suggested levels of giving and examples of items and services that your contribution may help provide.
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ALIVE!

alive-inc.org

Founded in 1969, ALIVE! is the oldest and largest private safety net for Alexandrians living in poverty and with hunger. Rooted in community, ALIVE! is comprised of 44 faith-based organizations, over 900 volunteers, and over 5,000 partners and supporters. For the more than 13,500 Alexandrians living in poverty, ALIVE! can be the bridge to a brighter future, leading efforts to promote self-reliance and self-sufficiency while providing immediate support to individuals and families in emergency situations.

Our work focuses on four areas: Food, Shelter, Emergency Help and Education. Through your gift, you can directly support one of ALIVE!'s programs: ALIVE! Child Development Center; ALIVE! House transitional shelter; financial assistance for critical needs; emergency food; and deliveries of furniture and housewares. Your gift can support the following services:

- \$10 Provides Metro fare cards to a formerly homeless mother residing at ALIVE! House, which provides temporary housing for women and families in emergency and transitional situations, to attend a job interview or a class.
- \$35 Provides 150 pounds of meat and cheese for families in need at the Last Saturday Food Distribution.
- \$50 Provides enough gas for one truck to pick up and deliver furniture to six families in need.
- \$150 Provides financial support towards a utility payment that enables an individual to maintain their apartment safely.



BRIDGES TO INDEPENDENCE

bridges2.org

Bridges to Independence is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that leads individuals and families out of homelessness and into stable, independent futures. We were founded as the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless in 1985 and thank you for all you have done to help homeless families for almost 35 years! In addition to operating the largest emergency family shelter in Arlington County, Bridges provides housing, workforce development, financial empowerment, and we have a very strong youth development program with approximately 100 active youth. The cost to put one youth through year-round programming is approximately \$800. We're pleased to share that 100% of our youth graduated last year and went on to continue their education! We can only do what we do with your help this holiday season!

- \$5 Can cover sleeves of cups for the youth-run, summer lemonade stand.
- \$20 Can provide metro cards for youth traveling to their summer internships.
- \$50 Can cover art activity supplies during Kids Empowered.
- \$150 Can cover nutritious dinner for a Youth Leadership Academy Seminar.

This year, we are selling beverages and child-made baked goods!

Note: Goods for sale at the table are not tax-deductible.



CARPENTER'S SHELTER

carpentersshelter.org

Since 1988, Carpenter's Shelter has been supporting men, women and children as they move from homelessness to permanent housing. Clients are provided a safe, clean place to live in our emergency residential shelter and a comprehensive array of wrap around services such as: education and employment programs, medical and mental health care, and children and family programs. We also operate David's Place, a day shelter for chronically homeless men and women giving them access to basic needs, including shower and laundry facilities, mail and telephone services, lockers and snacks. Each year from November to April Carpenter's Shelter coordinates a Winter Shelter for the City of Alexandria to provide overnight shelter from inclement weather for hundreds of individuals and families.

Carpenter's Shelter is reaching New Heights as our home base facility is being torn brand new shelter will occupy the 1st floor and the additional six floors above will house 97 affordable apartments of which 10 permanent supportive housing units will be managed by us.

The following are just a few ways donations benefit residents:

- \$10 Fare for transportation to get to a job interview
- \$50 10 Blankets for the Shelter
- \$100 Food and shelter for a family of four for one night
- \$500 College/Trade School Scholarship for a shelter graduate

In support of these programs, we are selling note cards featuring art made by Carpenter's kids, 3/\$5. **Note: Goods for sale at the table are not tax-deductible.**



THE CHILD & FAMILY NETWORK CENTERS

cfnc-online.org

CFNC was started in 1984 by a group of mothers living in public housing after seventeen children failed kindergarten. Today, CFNC is an Alexandria-based network of 8 free, high-quality bi-lingual preschools. We provide caring, free education and related services to at-risk children and families in their own neighborhoods in order to prepare and empower them for success in school and life.

We reach 139 four-year-old children and their families who carry the following risk factors for kindergarten failure: (1) they live below 250% of the federal poverty line; (2) they live in households where parents have less than a high school education; and (3) their parents speak limited English or no English at all.

It costs CFNC approximately \$12,000 to educate one child for the year. The government funds about \$6,000, and we rely on the generosity of supporters to fund the gap. Here's how your gift can change lives:

- \$25 provides 3 books to build a child's home library
- \$75 provides 2 meals and a snack for one child for one month
- \$250 provides classroom supplies for one child for a year



COMMUNITY LODGINGS

Opening Doors to Independence

COMMUNITY LODGINGS

communitylodgings.org

Since 1987, Community Lodgings has served Alexandria with a mission to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through housing and education programs. We help Alexandria's working poor and homeless families build the foundation for a better life with 45 apartments available at below-market rent that provide access to homes that disadvantages families can afford, while also offering high-quality supportive services to 6 families transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficient lives. In addition to housing, Community Lodgings provides children with the foundation for academic success through our youth education programs for elementary, middle and high school students. Youth programs include free, daily after school programs and summer camps, tutoring and mentoring opportunities. Community Lodgings helps families in need right in this community.

Your support provides the following:

- \$25 Provides transportation for a family in our Transitional program
- \$75 Provides a week's worth of healthy snacks for children in one of our Learning Centers
- \$150 Provides a month of groceries for a family in our Transitional program
- \$500 Provides a month internet services to our three Learning Centers, allowing our students to complete online homework assignments and needed online skill-building exercises



FRIENDS OF GUEST HOUSE

www.friendsofguesthouse.org

Friends of Guest House helps women successfully reenter the community from incarceration. Since our founding in 1974, Guest House has helped more than 4,000 women break the vicious cycle of incarceration, reunite with their families, and reintegrate into their communities. Guest House is the ONLY 24/7 residential reentry program for women in Northern Virginia and is the largest program in the state. Without reentry support, more than 70% of ex-offenders nationwide reoffend within two years; among Guest House graduates 15% reoffend. Friends of Guest House believes in women, families and second chances—envisioning a world where your past does not define your future. If you believe that what you've done in the past should not define who you are today, help us end the systematic cycle of incarceration—one woman, one family at a time. Consider a gift of:

- \$60 for the 60 women the Residential Program serves each year
- \$102 for the 102 children Friends of Guest House helps annually by helping mothers successfully reintegrate into the community.
- \$260 for the 260 trips on public transportation Guest House residents take each week
- \$630 for the 630 meals we serve each week to our residents

We have greeting cards for sale with artwork made by Friends of Guest House clients. Suggested donation \$10 for a package of 2. **Note: Goods for sale at the table are not tax-deductible.**



JUST NEIGHBORS

justneighbors.org

The mission of Just Neighbors Ministry is to provide immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees in Virginia, especially those who are most vulnerable. We also seek to foster enriching experiences that enhance awareness and mutual understanding among our clients, volunteers, staff and community. We provide humanitarian legal services to victims of political upheaval, natural disasters, armed conflict, and crime. Just Neighbors Ministry is a mission project of the Arlington District of the United Methodist Church. Your gift can support the following services:

- \$25 Helps asylees and refugees obtain green cards. Asylees and refugees come from countries of conflict and oppression, including Egypt, Pakistan, China, Ethiopia, and Iraq.
- \$50 Helps with a DREAMers application for a work permit. DREAMers come from countries including El Salvador, Mexico, Liberia, Bolivia, and Peru.
- \$100 Helps a victim of domestic violence secure her immigration status. Victims of domestic violence come from countries including Honduras, Germany, Guatemala, and Mongolia.
- \$200 Helps an immigrant who has been illegally trafficked into the United States obtain work authorization. These clients come from all over the world.



NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH

www.neighborhoodhealthva.org

Neighborhood Health's mission is to improve health and advance health equity in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County by providing access to high-quality primary care regardless of ability to pay. We operate 12 clinics in Northern Virginia, five of which are located in the City of Alexandria. This year, we provided primary health care services -- medical, dental and behavioral health -- to more than 25,000 low-income women, children and men who reside in Alexandria and surrounding communities. We continue to expand services.

As of November this year, we have transitioned the Alexandria Health Department's prenatal services under our umbrella, and we expect to serve 600 low-income and uninsured women through this service annually. Your donation through the Alternative Giving Bazaar this year will go towards supporting the care of uninsured women seen at our new prenatal clinic. Thank you!

- \$25 Helps cover the cost of folic acid vitamins
- \$50 Helps cover the cost of prenatal lab tests
- \$75 Helps cover the cost of one ultrasound
- \$100 Helps cover the cost of one prenatal intake visit



OAR OF ARLINGTON, ALEXANDRIA AND FALLS CHURCH

www.oaronline.org

Founded in 1974, OAR is a community-based nonprofit organization working with men and women returning to the community from incarceration and offering alternative sentencing options through community service to youth and adults. Additionally, race equity is a core goal at OAR and we also seek to promote equity in the legal system and across all systems. Last fiscal year, we worked with 1,990 individual, 708 men and women received reentry services from OAR and 1,334 men, women, and youth were enrolled in OAR's Community Service program. Can you imagine how fearful and anxious people feel when returning to the community after many years or incarceration? OAR is here on behalf of the community to support men and women during this difficult time. Your support can change lives!

Here is what your donation can provide:

- \$25 Provides a gift card for a holiday present for a child who has a parent incarcerated
- \$75 Provides a birth certificate and identification documents required to get a job
- \$150 Funds pro-social activities for participants recently released from incarceration (such as movie tickets, a meal, sports games, etc.)
- \$500 Supplies housing assistance for a participant to move out of a shelter

We will also be selling holiday cards and Metro SmarTrip holiday ornaments. For \$10, you will get an ornament, and the funds from your purchase will go toward providing transportation fare for our participants to get to job interviews. **Note: Goods for sale at the table are not tax-deductible.**



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REBUILDING TOGETHER DC/ALEXANDRIA

rebuildingtogetheralex.org

Multiple studies show strong connections between housing stability and improved student achievement, adult job productivity, and increased health and wellness. When people have access to safe, stable housing, they put down roots, which enhances community stability and fosters more socially, culturally, and economically diverse neighborhoods throughout Alexandria.

Rebuilding Together's work promotes stable housing. Through our Safe and Healthy Homes program, contractors and volunteers provide free home repairs, correcting multiple safety hazards in homes occupied by low-income individuals and families.

From furnace and door replacements, to smoke detector and fire extinguisher installations, to plumbing and electrical repairs, our work prevents hundreds of homeowners from being one maintenance bill away from a missed mortgage payment or bankruptcy or homelessness.

What your donation can help purchase:

- \$25 handrail or fire extinguisher
- \$50 smoke/CO2 detector or deadbolt lock
- \$100 two grab bars for elderly client
- \$250 plumbing repair



SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

seniorservicesalex.org

Senior Services of Alexandria works to foster independence and self-sufficiency, enabling seniors within the City of Alexandria to age with dignity. SSA provides vital programs and services including:

Meals on Wheels: Nearly 50,000 meals are delivered yearly to homebound seniors by 550 volunteers.

Groceries-to-Go: A no-fee grocery delivery service for seniors who have difficulty shopping independently but aren't ready for the Meals on Wheels program.

Information and Education Programs: 17 Senior Information Corners are stocked with information for seniors in community facilities; a monthly **Senior Speaker Series** features topics of interest to seniors, family members, and caregivers; "**Senior Living in Alexandria**" is a monthly cable TV program airing on YouTube and Comcast Channel 70. The **Friendly Visitor Program** has matched more than 300 volunteers with socially isolated seniors for weekly visits.

A **paratransit call center** connects disabled persons with low-cost taxis and vans.

Your donation can support the following services:

- \$10 Provides a day of Meals on Wheels
- \$35 Arranges grocery delivery to low-income seniors
- \$50 Trains a Friendly Visitor
- \$100 Supports a Senior Speaker Series for hundreds, delivering vital resources and information



TOGETHER WE BAKE

www.togetherwebake.org

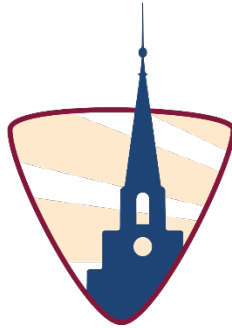
Founded in Alexandria in 2012, Together We Bake (TWB) is a nonprofit workforce training program for women in need. Our program is centered around a small business through which women actively learn and participate in food production, food safety education, and customer service. We teach empowerment and life-skills classes to help women develop self-confidence, healthy coping strategies, and a strong support network as they move toward self-sufficiency.

TWB is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit charitable organization. Your gift or purchase can help provide the following:

- \$25 Provides transportation for one woman for a week.
- \$50 Provides 5 Houses of Healing books used for personal empowerment.
- \$75 Provides aprons for an entire year of programs.
- \$100 Provides ServSafe materials and exam fees for food safety education.

In support of our program, we are selling: 1 Dozen Chocolate Chip Cookies (\$20), 1 pound of Cinnamon Pecan Granola (\$15), Apple Chips (\$7), and Trail Mix (\$4).

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WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY GRANT

www.wpc-alex.org/community_grant.htm

The Westminster Community Grant was started by the Local Mission Committee to reach out to our neighbors in Alexandria and Northern Virginia. Although our congregation, through the Local Mission Committee, gives annually to a number of worthy organizations serving our local need, the Community Grant offers support on special projects to other equally deserving organizations. In the past eight years we have given over \$155,000 to nearly 45 separate projects in the areas of children, hunger, education, shelter and self-sufficiency. Your contribution will help fund grants in 2020.



APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

asphome.org

Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and construction in Central Appalachia. Today, with the help of 17,000 volunteers each year, ASP's goal remains to make homes warmer, safer and drier for families in need.

Yet ASP is more than a home repair program. It also provides a unique framework that fosters transformational experiences for volunteers, families served, and staff — by building relationships with each other that break down cultural, social and economic barriers. We often hear of significant life changes resulting from the ASP experience: of families renewing their faith in the goodness of others, of people newly motivated to continue their education, of young adults choosing careers of service. No one walks away from the ASP experience unchanged. The results are truly amazing!

Westminster is pleased to have taken successful ASP trips at least once a year since 2010.

Here are some of the ways your gifts can support ASP:

- \$15 provides 15 face mount joist hangers
- \$50 provides immediate help and repairs after a natural disaster
- \$99 provides a battery-powered drill
- \$240 provides flooring replacement for one room



COMMUNITY COALITION FOR HAITI

cchaiti.org

Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH) is a faith-based, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that transforms lives, one by one, through long term and community driven solutions in healthcare, education and community development. Believing in the power of God's love, we walk alongside our partners in Haiti, encouraging and equipping one another to achieve, lead and inspire.

- **CCH's Primary Care, Physical Therapy and Surgical Clinics** in Haiti serve nearly 20,000 patients annually. Haitian medical professionals work alongside volunteer teams from the US to ensure that quality healthcare is available to those who need it, regardless of their ability to pay.
- CCH comes alongside **24 Haitian partner schools** to promote student learning through teacher training, child wellness and safe, learning-centered schools. More than 280 educators and 2,000+ students benefited from our services last year. Over 85,000 meals were served at schools and summer camps.
- CCH partners with rural communities **to train families and organizations** in the care of livestock, poultry, honey bees and vegetable gardens. Through these efforts, families are able to supplement their food and income.

By purchasing "Gifts for Good" from CCH, your donation can provide:

- \$20 purchases Creole storybooks for rural school children learning to read
- \$30 provides health checkups, with medicine, to 3 patients at the CCH Clinic
- \$50 buy a "Benefit Bowl," providing meals and check-ups to rural children
- \$55 buys a family a trio of chickens to supplement their food and income
- \$65 buys a family a trio of turkeys to supplement their food and income
- \$95 buys a family a goat to supplement their food and income
- \$360 sponsors a Haitian student for an entire year, helping to cover tuition, books, health check-ups, school improvements and a hot, protein-enriched meal every school day.
- \$420 covers tuition and transportation costs for one teacher attending college to secure her professional degree.

CCH will also be selling a limited supply of handmade Haitian goods, including metal and papier-mâché art and Haitian hot sauce (we have a new flavor this year!) **Note: Goods for sale are not tax-deductible.**



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

heifer.org

The idea of giving families a *source* of food rather than short-term relief has continued for more than 50 years under Heifer International. As a result, families in 115 countries have enjoyed better health, more income and the joy of helping others. Heifer animals and care training offer hungry families around the world a way to feed themselves and become self-reliant. Children receive nutritious milk or eggs; families earn income for school, health care, and better housing; communities go beyond meeting immediate needs to fulfill dreams. Farmers learn sustainable, environmentally sound agriculture techniques.

Your donation can support the following services:

- \$10 Part of a sheep
- \$20 Flocks of chicks, ducks or geese
- \$50 Part of a heifer
- \$100 Part of a milk menagerie (1 heifer, 2 goats, 1 water buffalo)
- \$120 Whole sheep
- \$500 Whole heifer
- \$1000 Whole milk menagerie (1 heifer, 2 goats, 1 water buffalo)



THE PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT

equalexchange.coop/our-partners/interfaith-partners/presbyterian-church-usa

The Presbyterian Coffee Project is a collaboration between **Equal Exchange** and **Enough for Everyone**, a partnership ministry of the **The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**. The Presbyterian Coffee Project offers a special link between congregations and communities around the world. Churches can reach out to neighbors overseas not only with prayers and offerings, but with the goods and products we purchase. A warm cup of coffee or tea in our hands is perhaps the most tangible daily connection we have with farmers around the world. It represents warmth, hospitality, fellowship, hard work, and life's pleasures both fine and simple.

Equal Exchange is an employee owned cooperative using Fair Trade principles that help farmers build better lives by paying a fair price, working with democratic cooperatives, offering affordable credit and supporting sustainable agriculture. Buying fair trade ensures more of the money spent on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who grow it. In addition, for each pound of fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea, and foods Presbyterians purchase through the Coffee Project, 15 cents goes to the PCUSA's Small Farmer Fund.

Items for sale include Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate, nuts, and olive oil. **NOTE: Goods for sale are not tax deductible.**

SPIRIT LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION

wpc-alex.org/national
bdecanpresbyterianchurch.org
www.littlehoop.edu



Since 2001, Westminster has been sending mission teams—adult and youth—to the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in North Dakota. In conjunction with the Bdecan Presbyterian Church on the reservation, the teams have worked on refurbishing and improving the church and the homes of individual church members. We have conducted Vacation Bible School for the children of the reservation and organized fundraisers to help support the church food pantry. Westminster currently supports the ministry of Joe Obermeyer, a graduate of Dubuque Seminary, who runs the children and youth programs at the Bdecan church. This year, Joe celebrated his sixth anniversary with the church. Joe has breathed new life into the church, its programs—particularly for the reservation’s children and youth—and its outreach to the reservation. For example, in 2018, Joe, with support from the nearby presbytery, spearheaded fundraising for a new clothing closet to be available to the reservation’s families; Westminster provided critical financial support for the clothing closet. Additionally, since 2016, Westminster, through a scholarship fund, has supported numerous scholarship recipients attending the Candeska Cikana Community College, a tribal college located on the reservation.

Your donation can help:

Fund the Bdecan church’s monthly food pantry; provide additional outdoor recreation equipment in the churchyard, especially for older children; sponsor the Bdecan church’s youth at regional retreats and events; ensure Joe Obermeyer is able to participate in opportunities for professional development and networking; and support students—ranging from single parents to non-traditional students—attending Candeska Cikana Community College

For example, at the Bdecan Presbyterian Church:

\$25 buys basketballs, games, and supplies for the children’s programs
\$50 buys two boxes of food for the food pantry
\$100 buys registration for one youth to attend a youth retreat or one younger child to attend a nearby bible camp
\$250 buys 10 weeks of meals for the weekly after-school program, Kids in Christ’s Kingdom



UNITED ORPHANAGE AND ACADEMY

wpc-alex.org/international

Since 2001, Westminster, along with several other local churches, has supported the United Orphanage & Academy (UOA) in Moi's Bridge, Kenya. UOA provides support for approximately 50 orphans and vulnerable children through high school, and on through college or vocational training for those who are accepted for post-secondary education. The Academy provides K-8 education for the orphans and nearly 150 local children, approximately 40 of whom receive scholarships that cover tuition, lunches, and supplies. The original residents at UOA are now adults with their own lives and careers, including nursing, construction, and graphic design. They continue to return to UOA, which they call home, to visit and mentor current orphans.

Donations will help continue our ongoing commitment and support of UOA. One hundred percent of funds are used to house, feed, care for, and educate the orphans and to provide scholarships to the Academy for local vulnerable children. A Steering Committee comprised of members of the supporting churches serves as a liaison with the UOA Director in Moi's Bridge concerning the funding of daily operations and long-term planning. Here are some ways your gifts could be used:

- \$50 provides an eye exam and glasses for one child
- \$75 provides a scholarship to the academy for a local child
- \$400 provides food for an orphan for one year
- \$750 provides a teacher salary for one year
- \$1,500 supports an orphan for one year
- \$2,500 provides college tuition for one student for one year