

Asbury's



CHRISTMAS 2022 ALTERNATIVE GIFT CATALOG



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Alternative Gift Catalog: Two Gifts in One

As we grow and become wise givers, we learn that giving is not just about filling a box with more stuff. The best gift is one that is treasured long after the occasion has passed

How To Use This Catalog

We are offering several ministries that represent mission opportunities locally. You decide which ministries you would like to support.

Complete the order form at the end of this catalog, total your donations, and write one check payable to Asbury UMC. Asbury will send your donations to the ministries of your choice.

How to Give

You may give by check, cash, bank transfer, or through our online giving platform, Subsplash.

For each organization below, there will be a link and QR code that will take you to a page where you can give to that specific organization through Asbury's online giving platform, Subsplash.



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Shower & Laundry Ministry

Asbury continues to operate three days a week a shower and laundry outreach to our unsheltered community and to those in need. Currently we are averaging 40-50 showers a week and 10-15 loads of laundry.

We have 2 coordinators, Johnny Dela Rosa and Rachael Supnet who help run the program. Their attention to detail, understanding the clients and working together with all of our volunteers ensure that everyone that wants a hot shower and clean clothes gets it!

Your donation to the Shower & Laundry Ministry will help purchase much needed supplies like laundry soap, dryer sheets, shampoo & conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, t-shirts, underwear, socks, etc.



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Habitat for Humanity: East Bay/Silicon Valley

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley (HFH EB/SV) works with volunteers to build affordable homes for low-income families in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties. The impact on families is much more than just having affordable shelter.

Habitat has a simple mission statement: "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."

The homes are affordable to low-income families because of the financial donations that cover most of the cost of building and the work that volunteers do building the homes.



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Open Heart Kitchen



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Open Heart Kitchen provides prepared meals through three main programs: Hot Meals, Senior Meals, and Street Outreach.

Our Hot Meal Program welcomes anyone in need. Anyone who is struggling to make ends meet can rely on OHK for a source of nutrition throughout the week for their families.

Our other two programs focus on specific groups. The Street Outreach Program delivers food to the unhoused six days a week at various locations throughout the Tri-Valley, and the Senior Meal Program serves "senior friendly" meals at various senior centers promoting both social interaction and healthy eating.

Our mission is to serve prepared, nutritious meals free of charge to the hungry people of the Tri-Valley area.



Fertile Groundworks

This year Fertile GroundWorks has hosted 913 volunteers of all ages and capabilities and helped four schools restart their gardens and a fifth start planning their new garden.

With our volunteers help, we have been able to grow and harvest 400 pounds of fresh produce to give to our local food pantries and community kitchens to share with our neighbors in need.

As always please know that Fertile GroundWorks couldn't do any of this without your support. Thank you for enabling us to teach, grow, and give.



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La Familia



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La Familia is partner with the caring community to provide free, high quality support services to low-income residents in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Through shared experiences and a personalized approach, we work together to teach transformative skills and build impactful relationships in the community.

La Familia offers a wide range of mental health and community services in the Bay Area, including mental health, community services, developmental services, education, recovery and wellness programs. The breadth of our programs allows us to provide support to many individuals and families in our community.

Partners for Change

Asbury, along with other faith communities and social agencies, began Partners for Change. This poverty alleviation strategy is a movement to measurably reduce poverty at its core. It is a hand up, not a handout.

Partners for Change is a community-based effort to empower people to chart their own course out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency. All involved (Change Leaders and Community Allies) are transformed by this process.

Your donation will go towards weekly meetings, curriculum costs for our Transformational curriculum, and salary support for our Director.



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The Pastor's Fund

The Pastor's Fund is spent at the direction of Pastors Kathy and Brad, providing a unique opportunity to help others in our community in tough times. Many in the Livermore community, Asbury members and non-members, come to the church in times of need. It is because of the generosity of people donating to the Pastors Fund that we have been able to help. The church is often the last resort when people have nowhere else to turn, and no matter who you are or what you are asking for, it's hard and it's not something that is done lightly.



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Thankfully this fund allows the pastors to respond not only with compassion and kindness but also with financial support as needed. The pastors never give money out, but they use this fund to pay for what helps people in need that they cannot afford.

Thank you for supporting this fund, it makes a big difference in our ability to be God's love with hands in our community.

Some of the many ways the funds were spent in 2021:

Car Repairs
Rent
PGE Bills

Bus Tickets
Medications
Medical Bills

Gas for families living in their car
Motel rooms for people in crisis
Tents/sleeping bags for the homeless

Youth Mission Fund



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Youth Mission trips are a powerful way our youth live out their faith in service to others. During the summer of 2023, the youth and the rest of the church will be going on a service trip to Tuskegee, Alabama to serve with Alabama Rural Ministry. We will serve the community through home repair and through offering a children's day camp. This trip will also be an immersive experience within the community of Tuskegee and the African-American South with added experiences like visiting the Tuskegee Airmen National Site, Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery.

We appreciate your support in helping us continue this important ministry with the youth at Asbury. Being able to serve others leaves a lasting impact and helps empower our youth to deepen their faith and how they live out God's love in their everyday life. Your gift will go to lowering the cost of the trip for all youth participants.

Thank You for Supporting Asbury's Alternative Gift Catalog

Name: _____

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Ministry	Amount of Donation
Shower/Laundry Ministry	
Habitat for Humanity	
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Partners for Change	
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