

Most of us are so blessed to live where we do and to have what we have. But not everyone is so fortunate. This includes our brothers and sisters overseas, in other parts of the United States, and in our own local communities. Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed giving opportunities, and consider prayerfully what help you would want if you were in such a situation. Thank you for your incredible generosity, and may God bless each and every one.

Your Mission Outreach Team



Deadlines

- Little Hats, Big Hearts™ December 1
- Lasata Christmas Gifts..... December 10
- Mittens/Hat/Scarf Tree December 16
- 81st Street School December 16
- Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge..... December 16
- Christmas Gift Cards..... December 16

Thanksgiving Offering - November 21



Milwaukee Rescue Mission will be the recipient of this year's Thanksgiving Offering. Milwaukee's poverty and homelessness issues are vast and complex. But they are not insurmountable. Since 1893, the Milwaukee

Rescue Mission has tackled these issues head-on, serving the community with compassion and care. With excellence and expertise. All in Christ's name.

They offer practical assistance like food (approximately 300,000 meals this year), clothing (nearly 40,000 items), and shelter (almost 100,000 nights). And offer transformative programs that equip them to get off the streets and turn their lives around for good. They offer short- and long-term assistance, education, counseling, help in overcoming substance abuse, job training and much more. They address the root causes behind their problems. They offer spiritual development and enrichment, all based on the good news of the Gospel, which they believe is the key to lasting change.



Annual Mitten/Hat/Scarf Tree

November 25-December 16

We hope all the knitters, crocheters, and shoppers are busy making or getting hats, mittens and scarves for Northcott at 6th and Wright and United Methodist Children's Services at 39th and Lisbon Ave. Our tree will be up by November 25 for you to decorate with these much needed and appreciated items. Thank you very much for helping keep someone warm this winter! The last day for contributing to the tree is **Sunday, December 16**.

Lasata Christmas Gifts



Please help put smiles on the faces of residents of Lasata by giving gift donations. The residents look forward to opening their gifts with much anticipation knowing their

packages are hand selected personally for each one. Please see the Christmas Gift List below. Place **unwrapped donations** in the donation box. Donations will be accepted until **December 10**.



Toiletries

Aftershave lotions & colognes
Soft toothbrush, toothpaste,
denture brush, mouthwash
Large boxes of Kleenex or Puffs
Hair picks, brushes, combs
Dove bar soap
Hand and body lotions
Cologne, perfume
Chapstick

Candy

Andes chocolate mints
Sugar-free candy

Miscellaneous

Clip earrings, pins, necklaces
Decorative tins of cookies, candy
Stuffed animals (a favorite)
Large faced watches
(men & women)
DVD movies



81st Street School

Provide any of these needed items for the Eighty First Street School (81st Street and Burliegh, Milwaukee) through Principal Mr. Harry Orkowski. Collection through December 16.

Kleenex · Hand sanitizer · Pencils · Pencil Sharpeners
Erasers · Crayons · Colored Pencils · Notebooks
Folders · Glue Sticks · Washable White Glue
Markers · Blunt-tipped Scissors · Construction Paper
Pencil Boxes · Ballpoint Pens · Theme Ruled Paper
Highlighters · Rulers · Index Cards · Backpacks
Any sports equipment

Little Hats, Big Hearts™

Volunteers from around the country are helping the American Heart Association (in connection with the Children's Heart Foundation) celebrate American Heart Month. By knitting and crocheting adorable red hats for babies born in February at participating hospitals, Little Hats, Big Hearts™, honors babies and moms in a very special way. Check www.heart.org/en/get-involved/little-hats-big-hearts to get patterns and specifications to create your own hat to donate to this cause. We hope to send off at least 100 hats by the deadline of December 1st. Please contact Vicki Streich (streichfamily@aol.com) if you have any questions.



Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers to participate in specific programs: Toy Shop, and Christmas Family Feast.

- The Christmas Family Feast happens on Christmas day, and most of the volunteer opportunities are on that day, although some are on December 21 in preparation for the Feast.
- The Toy Shop happens on December 10, 16, and 17, and volunteers are needed to sort toys, work as hosts in the reception area, and help in other ways.

For more information, search the web: Milwaukee Salvation Army volunteer activities.



Mr. Bob's Under The Bridge

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge is an outreach in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, serving the homeless community in the city of Milwaukee and surrounding communities. Every Saturday morning "Mr. Bob," Bob Burmeister, and dozens of volunteers gather at Kosciuszko Park 2201 S 7th St, Milwaukee, WI 53215, where they

distribute a variety of much-needed items to homeless men, women, and children. Mr. Bob's also provides warm coffee and snacks on Saturday mornings, encouraging fellowship and creating a sense of community. Donations will be accepted until **December 16**.

Travel Sizes are Best

**Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Bar Soap • Shampoo • Conditioner • Face Cloths
Hand Sanitizer • Toilet Paper • Hand/Face Wipes • Lip Balm • Band-aids**

**New Men's and Women's Underwear • Women's Personal Hygiene Items • Coffee
Powder Creamer • Sugar • Hot Chocolate Mix**

**Gloves • Warm Hats • Socks • Thermal Underwear • Winter Boots • Hand Warmers
Warm Winter Coats • Sleeping Bags • Warm Blankets**





UMC's 2018 Christmas offering will be given to "Senegal Anti-Poverty Initiative" and "Franciscan Peacemakers."

The Senegal Anti-Poverty Initiative is a program that assists women in Senegal to begin and sustain their own businesses. Women in Senegal are often the breadwinners and have the responsibility for supporting their families.

Franciscan Peacemakers provide a pathway to a sustainable healthy, safe, productive life for women engaging in prostitution due to trauma, human sex trafficking or drug addiction.

Please consider a generous donation this Christmas to Senegal Anti-Poverty Initiative or Franciscan Peacemakers.



UMC Outreach Committee is again offering the opportunity to make Christmas a "wonderful time of year" for our Milwaukee neighbors. Clients of these UM agencies are issued gift cards to purchase needed items during the holiday season. Please purchase gift cards in \$10 or \$20 amounts from Target or Walmart. There is a decorated box in the church office to receive your gift cards by December 16. Thank you for your generosity!

Schermer Pecan Sale



Our Schermer Pecans have arrived and are available for purchase after both services for \$10.00 a bag. We have plain, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, and caramel clusters. Please consider them for gifts and your Holiday cooking. If you want a large amount for gifts please let Vicki Streich know as soon as possible. Profits will benefit UMCOR Disaster Relief, which provides supplies during the time of crisis and disaster.

Poinsettia Delivery

Poinsettias will be available for delivery to shut-ins on Sunday, December 10. This long-standing tradition in our congregation puts a smile on a face and reminds the recipient of our congregation's love and care. Watch for the flowers in Fellowship Hall and take this opportunity to reach out and bring joy and holiday cheer from our congregation.