



Charitable

GIVING GUIDE

Community United Methodist Church

2017

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Annual Mitten/Hat/Scarf Tree

November 26-December 17

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 26 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 17th.**

December Food Drive



Northcott Neighborhood House, 6th & Wright in Milwaukee, will receive our food collection during December. Let's donate generously!

We can have a wonderful impact on this area of Milwaukee at Christmas with our food ministry. The gift of food is always welcomed!

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 9th**.



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

A collection of various Christmas ornaments and a pine branch is scattered on a white background. The ornaments include a large purple one, a red one, a gold one, a silver one, and a blue one. There are also several small black and white beads. A green pine branch is visible in the top left corner.

Jordan Roupp's Special Educa

“ I want to thank everyone for their constant support for my students and giving me the opportunity to provide them with the school supplies that they need to be successful this school year. Your generosity is truly appreciated. I am continuing to collect pencils, spiral notebooks, folders, crayons and construction paper. There is a shortage of these items building wide. Students are currently taking notes on scrap pieces of paper and writing with crayons and markers because they do not have access to the proper school supplies needed to be successful. In addition to not having pencils, our classrooms do not have pencil sharpeners. I would love to get electric pencil sharpeners for every classroom (12) so students can be ready to learn every day. Any and all school supplies are appreciated!

With winter approaching, my student's needs are increasing. Many students do not own appropriate clothing for winter. Students do not own winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves, or scarves. I would love to have an abundance of these items to hand out to students who are in need of them. My school could not use items for kids in grades K4-8th grade (all sizes for both boys and girls). Due to school regulations, please no hooded sweatshirts.





Attention Class at Metcalfe School



There is one family in particular who needs extra attention this holiday season. A single mother of four, with no family nearby, works very hard to give her children the best life possible. Savannah (age 8), Samuel (age 6), Beverly (age 4) and baby Mikey (less than one month old- born premature; weighing 4 pounds) could use some spoiling this Christmas! Mom is recovering from her emergency C-section, and she could use help providing her family with basic needs. A recent home visit revealed that their home is without many necessities, including furniture. The children sleep on a blanket on the floor and do not have proper bedding, clothes, or toys. These children deserve some extra attention, as they work so hard in school and never complain about their tough circumstances. I would love to provide mom with non-perishable food items, laundry detergent, baby clothes, diapers, special formula (Similac Neosure Infant Formula with Iron for babies born prematurely, baby items and other helpful household items. I would also love to give the children comfy pillows, comforters, blankets, clothes, toys, etc. The third grade girl and the kindergarten girl love princesses and anything Disney. The first grade boy loves ninja turtles, superheroes,

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and cars.

I know shopping this time of year can be a pain for some, so I would gladly accept a donation of cash or gift cards and go purchase school supplies and items for this family myself. With any extra money, I would like to give each one of my students a gift for Christmas as an extra treat for all of their hard work so far this year. Again, thank you all so much for your generosity. I am so thankful for all of your support. ”

Jordan Roupp



Mosaic Kids & Mosaic Youth Blessing Bags

This time of year the homeless have extra need of items such as gloves, hats, and hand warmers along with their ongoing need of socks, baby wipes, beef jerky, etc. On Sunday Dec. 17th our Mosaic Kids Sunday School will be assembling Blessing Bags for the

homeless in Milwaukee. In early January the Mosaic Youth Group will be going into Milwaukee to hand deliver the Blessing Bags to homeless people. Donated items will be collected during the **10:15 service on Dec. 10th** or can be placed in the basket in Fellowship Hall until the **17th**.

Socks

Hats/Gloves

Hand/Foot Warmer

Band-aids

Baby wipes

Lip balm

Moisturizer (Fragrance-Free)

Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Apple sauce

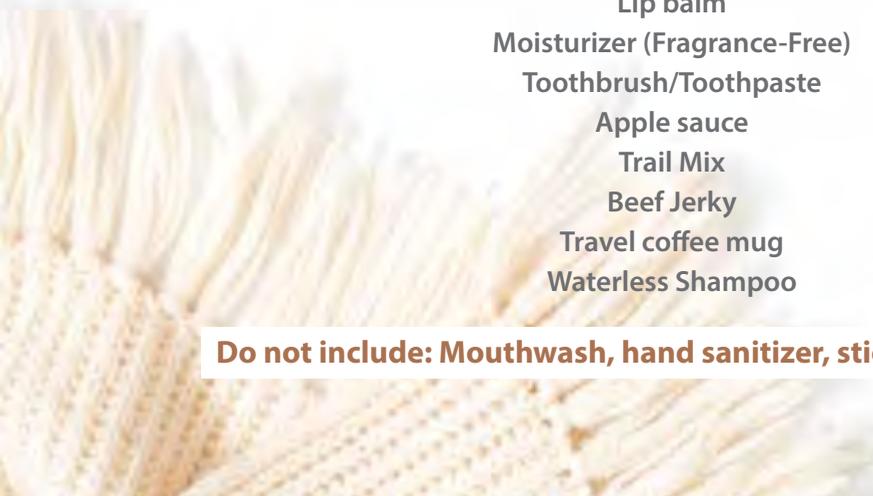
Trail Mix

Beef Jerky

Travel coffee mug

Waterless Shampoo

Do not include: Mouthwash, hand sanitizer, sticky foods, soaps.





CUMC's 2017 Christmas offering will be given to "Franciscan Peacemakers" for their street ministry in Milwaukee, as they reach out to those victimized by human trafficking. Most trafficked children come from "normal" homes and go to school regularly.

Franciscan Peacemakers volunteers provide lunches and personal care items to children, women and men, many of whom are homeless or living in severe poverty, in neighborhoods where the crime levels are very high and prostitution is prevalent. Once their immediate needs are met, they are invited to come off the streets with offers of shelter, and detox or hospitalization as needed. The relationships formed with these children of God provide a pathway to a sustainable healthy, safe, and productive life.

Please consider a generous donation this Christmas to Franciscan Peacemakers.

<http://franciscanpeacemakers.com/about/>



Christmas Gift Cards



CUMC 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 17. 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 Material Resources Advanced, 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.