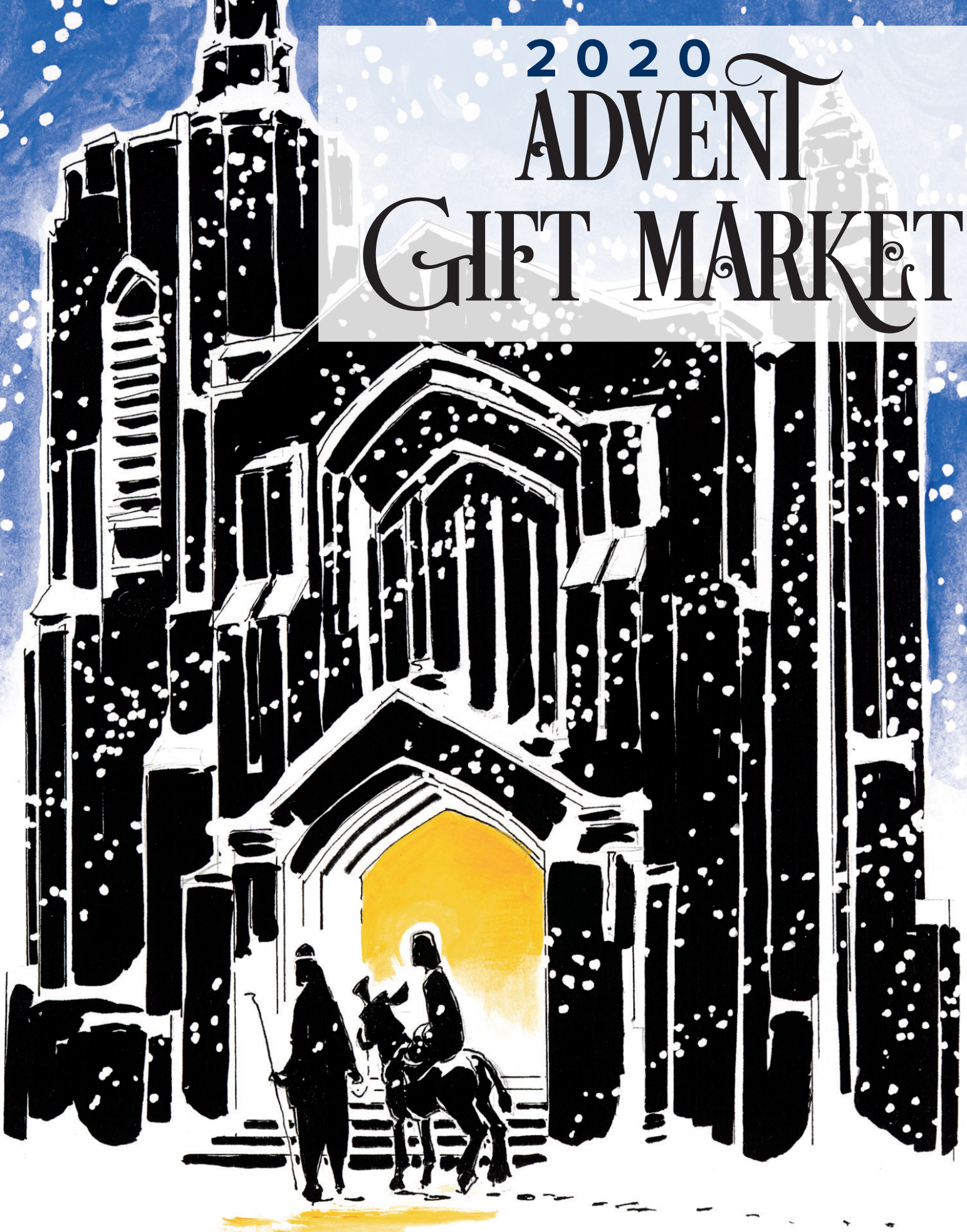


2020
ADVENT
GIFT MARKET



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2020 Advent Gift Market

Dear Friends and Advent Gift Market Supporters,

2020 has been a year like no other, and due to the pandemic, our Mission Partners need us more than ever.

How Can You Participate in the Advent Gift Market Giving Program this year? The AGM provides us with an opportunity to do Christmas and holiday shopping in a very special way. By participating in this creative giving program, persons can choose to make donations to the local and global mission partner projects detailed in this catalog, while honoring family members, friends, co-workers, teachers and babysitters.

With each donation, you will receive an insert card informing your family and friends that a gift has been given in his/her honor, along with a description of the charitable project(s) you have chosen. This insert can be included in your own greeting card, or you can purchase cards especially produced for the AGM. This year's greeting cards include images from BMPC artist Bob Overhiser's *Children's Chapel Window*, and artist Rick Leonardi's *Journey to Bethlehem*, which was first introduced during the 2006 AGM.

You can shop in one of two ways. Tax-deductible donations can be made, and orders placed for inserts and greeting cards on the shopping site www.BrynMawrAGM.com, or by mailing/dropping off the order form enclosed in this catalog. **Orders can be securely dropped off in an outdoor mailbox next to the Radnor Street parking lot.**

Donors will be notified when orders can be picked up, which is typically 1-2 days upon receipt of the order. **Insert cards and greeting cards will be in the bin labeled "Advent Gift Market" outside of the BMPC Chapel.** Alternatively, insert cards can be printed or downloaded from one's home computer.

Our BMPC councils, committees and Pastor Rebecca have carefully and thoughtfully selected these mission partners to be 2020 Advent Gift Market recipients. This catalog offers information about the partnerships and how your gift will impact the work that they do.

Your generosity will make a big difference in the lives of people who need our help around the corner and across the globe.

Wishing you peace and joy this Advent Season.

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WEST PHILADELPHIA ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN (WEPAC)



Sponsor: *Adult Education Council*

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| 1 | Two Books for a Philadelphia School Library | \$10 | 2 | Four Books for a Philadelphia School Library | \$20 |
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WePAC was born at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in 2003-04. It addresses early childhood literacy by re-opening formerly closed Philadelphia public elementary school libraries, and staffing them with skilled volunteers, donated resources, and reading enrichment activities. Approximately 95% of Philadelphia public elementary schools do not have a functioning library. WePAC runs 18 school libraries and serves over 4,000 students throughout the school year, many of whom have no books in their homes and live at the poverty level. More than 45,000 books are circulated annually through this program.

THE MIDDLETON CENTER



Sponsor: *Board of Deacons*

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| 3 | Counseling Scholarship | \$10 |
| 4 | Funding for the Grief Support Group "Searching for Still Waters" | \$15 |

The Middleton Center is a specialized ministry housed at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Opened in 1999, it welcomes people from all backgrounds, beliefs and faiths who desire to enhance the connections between body, mind and spirit. Through counseling, educational programs, spiritual direction and support groups, individuals are helped to recognize their strengths and develop skills needed to improve the quality and fullness of their lives. Counseling scholarships for individuals, couples, children, adolescents and families are available for those who are experiencing financial hardships. For more information, go to www.middletoncenter.org.

THE WELCOME CHURCH



Sponsor: *Children and Family Ministries Council*

5 Hand Warmers & Hand Sanitizer

\$1

The Welcome Church is a worshipping community that grew out of The Welcome Center, a place of healing and hospitality, which was founded in 2007. In 2012, The Welcome Church was officially recognized by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America as a congregation under development, serving people in poverty and especially people experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia. This congregation has a unique focus on the spiritual and relational health of women experiencing homelessness. It offers information, worship, fellowship, personal care items and other assistance twice a month on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia.

6 A Garden Tool

\$5

URBAN TREE CONNECTION

The Urban Tree Connection (UTC) works with residents of West Philadelphia's Haddington neighborhood to develop community-driven greening and gardening projects on vacant land. It has adjusted and responded to COVID-19 during the 2020 growing season while maintaining the planting and harvesting the bounty at its Neighborhood Food Farm and Community Garden. The aim is to cultivate community leadership, improve community health, and develop a local sustainable food system. Over the past 25 years, UTC has redeveloped 29 vacant lots, totaling more than 86,000 square feet of land for communal growing and gathering, sustainable food production and distribution, and multigenerational health and wellness education. This includes its three quarter acre urban farm – Neighborhood Foods Farm, which produces over 10,000 pounds of produce annually. UTC has been at the forefront of urban farming and land reclamation movements in Philadelphia, helping pioneer key tools for legal reclamation of abandoned properties.



Sponsor: *Environmental Justice Committee*

TREES OF LIFE LA OROYA, PERU



Sponsor: *Environmental Justice Committee*

BMPC HUNGER MINISTRIES



Sponsor: *Hunger Committee*

7 Three Tree Seedlings

\$15

BMPC's PC (USA) Mission Coworker Jed Koball is working in some of the most polluted and devastated land in the world, yet, hope prevails. His most direct and hands-on environmental work continues to be in the La Oroya, Peru area with a focus on re-forestation and bio-remediation. This area is deeply impacted by heavy metals contamination. It is also highly susceptible to climate change impact. More than 30,000 trees have been planted on the Conservation Committee of Villa el Sol's communal land on the outskirts of La Oroya. This gift of three trees will be planted in a sustainable way. Technical expertise and traditional indigenous wisdom is utilized to implement a water captation project, and native plants help remove toxins from the soil.

8 Casserole Ingredients

\$5

9 Food for a Local Family

\$10

The BMPC Hunger Committee's mission is to help as many of the area's hungriest neighbors as possible through the active support of local food cupboards and shelters. This is accomplished by direct financial support assistance as well as through other means, such as supplying nourishing casseroles and nonperishable foods donated by our congregation. Philadelphia has one of the highest poverty and hunger rates in the country, and the coronavirus pandemic and economic downturn have further increased the need. Because society's safety net is contracting, the food agencies that BMPC supports are a vital part of the fight against hunger in the Philadelphia area.

10 Financial Assistance to Local Musicians

\$10

11 Financial Assistance to Local Musicians

\$20

The Philadelphia Musicians Relief Fund was created in March 2020 with the goal of providing emergency financial assistance to local freelance musicians (who are BMPC music-making partners) experiencing a lack of income due to the COVID-19 crisis. These artists are an essential part of the city's cultural life and perform with The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Ballet, Opera Philadelphia, The Academy of Vocal Arts, Walnut Street Theatre, The Philly POPS, Broadway Philadelphia, and numerous other groups. Income for many musicians is predominately on a per-service basis. This gift will help meet the immediate financial needs of those experiencing severe economic distress.

PHILADELPHIA MUSICIANS RELIEF FUND



Sponsor: *Music & Fine Arts*

BROAD STREET MINISTRY



Sponsor: *Outreach Committee*

12

Pair of Blue Jeans for the BSM Clothing Closet

\$15

Broad Street Ministry (BSM) is a Christian community that honors creativity in all it pursues, strives to extend hospitality intentionally to each and all, and works tirelessly for a more just and compassionate Philadelphia. BSM is a faith community that follows the call of Jesus to heal those who hurt, feed those who hunger, and speak up for those whose voices are silenced. Each year BSM provides thousands of meals, a mailing address, clothing and social service referrals to hundreds of hungry, homeless and needy Philadelphians. Broad Street Ministry hopes to have its mission, its values, and its commitments shaped by the rich cultural context in which it is located along the Avenue of the Arts in Center City Philadelphia. This gift will help support the work of BSM's Hospitality Collaborative by providing blue jeans, a much-needed item, distributed through the clothing closet.

WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY



Sponsor: *Outreach Committee*

13

Community Support and Relief during the COVID-19 Pandemic

\$25

West Kensington Ministry has served the neighborhood of West Kensington since 2008. For over 10 years, this Presbyterian congregation has been a hub of community engagement, performing arts and advocacy and mentoring for youth in a section of Philadelphia designated as one of the most economically disenfranchised areas. When the COVID-19 pandemic began this spring, WKM also became a center for supporting those most deeply impacted by the quarantines by offering an extensive food and support ministry. Since March, it has consistently distributed 500 pallets of food per week which are donated by the Share Food Program. This gift will help with all of the additional costs incurred through these relief efforts as West Kensington Ministry continues to support and care for its neighbors in need.

HEEDING GOD'S CALL



Sponsor: *Peacemaking Committee*

14 Purchase One T-Shirt for Memorial Displays

\$25

Illegal handguns cause devastating impacts on innocent children and adults in many communities. Memorial to the Lost T-shirt displays naming each victim, his or her age and date of death stand as moving testimony to the consequences of these crimes. Sponsored by Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence, an interfaith group, these memorials have been effective at galvanizing faith communities across Pennsylvania to stop this calamity in our neighborhoods. There is proof it has worked in Philadelphia. Committed faith leaders and congregation members stood in witness in front of a gun shop notorious for selling guns to straw purchasers, guns later used to kill and maim. As a result of their efforts, this gun shop was closed and charged by the U.S. Attorney with providing false documentation on purchases. This gift will purchase one T-shirt for the memorial and raise a voice to God's call to "not be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good."

JANE ADDAMS PLACE



Sponsor: *Peacemaking Committee*

15 Trauma Therapy for Children and Adults at Jane Addams Place Shelter

\$15

Lutheran Settlement House was established in 1902 as a non-profit, community-based organization committed to serving vulnerable children, adults, and families in Philadelphia. At Jane Addams Place, their emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness, families come to the shelter carrying the trauma that led to their homelessness. With up to 30 adults and 70 children living at Jane Addams Place at any given time, a variety of age-appropriate programming and a full-time trauma therapist helps parents and their children process their pre-shelter experiences while preparing them for life after shelter in a home of their own. Jane Addams Place is the only shelter in Philadelphia to have a full-time on-site trauma therapist to help families move from fear and uncertainty to stability and hope.

GEMMA SERVICES (FORMERLY THEVILLAGE)



Sponsor: *Presbyterian Women*

16 Winter Hat and Gloves or Body Soap and Shampoo

\$5

17 Sweater, Shirt, Pants, or a Personal Care Kit

\$15

Many children entering residential care with Gemma Services (formerly theVillage) arrive with only the clothes on their backs. Reimbursements received for services vary greatly by county and generally do not cover the full cost of clothing and personal care items. Gemma Services ensures all children have these during their stay. Not only does this meet a basic human need, but it can also boost children's self-esteem during a very stressful transition and time in their lives. This gift shows these vulnerable children that many people care about them. Gemma's work is guided by the vision of a world in which every child, youth, and family feels valued and has the tools to realize their highest potential. Its mission is to change lives by transforming hope into action for those facing emotional and behavioral challenges. To learn more, please visit www.GemmaServices.org.

WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY



Sponsor: *Refugee Support Committee*

18 Immigrant Support Services

\$10

Many of our immigrant brothers and sisters do not receive pandemic stimulus funds, but are unable to work or have had their hours drastically reduced. In response to those experiencing dire financial situations, West Kensington Ministry is temporarily expanding its services by providing direct financial assistance to its neighbors in need. Recipients all live in Philadelphia and have lost income due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

ELDERNET



Sponsor: *Senior Adult Council*

19 Non-Perishable Food to Feed a Household

\$8

20 Transportation to a Vital Medical Appointment

\$15

ElderNet serves people of all ages, especially frail older adults and younger disabled persons with low to moderate incomes residing in Lower Merion or Narberth. This agency helps older neighbors remain independent and provides a variety of free, practical services enabling access to healthcare, food security, and an improved quality of life. ElderNet also offers information to individuals who need assistance with housing, nursing care and other necessities. This organization is staffed by licensed social workers and professionals who are available to help those in need.

21 Training for One
Child Rights Activist

\$20

Beyond Borders is building the Movement to End Child Domestic Slavery and Other Practices that Imperil Children in Haiti. The goal of this program is to equip and mobilize communities in order to ensure that children enjoy their full rights, including the right to a family, and to live in security. To date, Beyond Borders has trained and engaged 900+ adult survivors of child slavery and thousands of other Child Rights Activists to mobilize their neighborhoods to stop the practice of enslaving children.

BEYOND BORDERS



Sponsor: *Worldwide Ministries*

NATIONAL EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF SYRIA AND LEBANON



Sponsor: *Worldwide Ministries*

22 Emergency Relief Vouchers for Families in Lebanon

\$30

As the country of Lebanon struggles through a devastating economic collapse, which began in August 2019, the Presbyterian Church in Lebanon and Syria has responded to the staggering need by providing relief to the hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees and now impoverished Lebanese citizens unable to provide for themselves. The World Food Program anticipates that by the end of 2020 there will be an equivalent need between Syrian refugees and Lebanese residents in the country. This gift to the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon will be used toward vouchers distributed by the churches around the country so that families may be able to purchase basic daily necessities.

BETHEL AME CHURCH OF ARDMORE

23 School Supplies

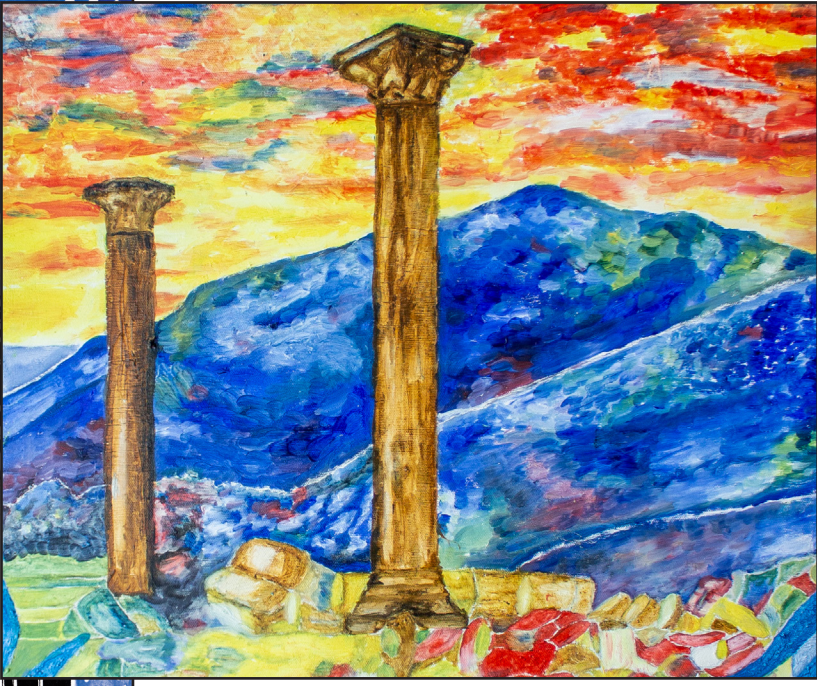
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Sponsor: *Youth Ministries*

Bethel AME Church of Ardmore is responding to the needs of students and families in Lower Merion and Haverford Townships in three ways - a Student Access Center, which provides support to families during online and hybrid school sessions, especially for families who do not have adults in the home during the school day; Bethel Academy, which provides one-on-one afterschool tutoring support in a virtual format, and the Bethel Victory Community Garden initiative, which has provided over 4,000 pounds of organic produce for local families and pantries from its on-site garden and sponsored home garden sites. This gift will help provide school supplies for the students supported by Bethel AME.

2020 ADVENT GIFT MARKET GREETING CARDS



The Advent Gift Market Committee has chosen artwork for two styles of greeting cards that are available for purchase this year: BMPC artist Bob Overhiser's *Children's Chapel Window*, and artist Rick Leonardi's *Journey to Bethlehem*, which was first introduced during the 2006 AGM.

2020 Advent Gift Market Order Form

Orders also may be placed online at www.BrynMawrAGM.com

	Description	Price	Qty.	Total Cost
Gift 1	West Philadelphia Alliance for Children: 2 Books	\$10.00		
Gift 2	West Philadelphia Alliance for Children: 4 Books	\$20.00		
Gift 3	Middleton Center: Counseling Scholarship	\$10.00		
Gift 4	Middleton Center: Funding for Grief Support Group	\$15.00		
Gift 5	The Welcome Church: Hand Warmers & Hand Sanitizer	\$1.00		
Gift 6	Urban Tree Connection: Garden Tool	\$5.00		
Gift 7	Trees of Life: 3 Tree Seedlings	\$15.00		
Gift 8	BMPC Hunger Committee: Casserole Ingredients	\$5.00		
Gift 9	BMPC Hunger Committee: Food for a Local Family	\$10.00		
Gift 10	Philadelphia Musicians Relief Fund: Financial Assistance	\$10.00		
Gift 11	Philadelphia Musicians Relief Fund: Financial Assistance	\$20.00		
Gift 12	Broad Street Ministry: Pair of Blue Jeans	\$15.00		
Gift 13	West Kensington Ministry: Community Support & Relief	\$25.00		
Gift 14	Heeding God's Call: 1 T-Shirt for Memorial Displays	\$25.00		
Gift 15	Jane Addams Place: Trauma Therapy for Children & Adults	\$15.00		
Gift 16	Gemma Services: Winter Hat/Gloves or Body Soap/Shampoo	\$5.00		
Gift 17	Gemma Services: Sweater, Shirts, Pants or Personal Care Kit	\$15.00		
Gift 18	West Kensington Ministry: Immigrant Support Services	\$10.00		
Gift 19	Eldernet: Non-Perishable Food to Feed a Household	\$8.00		
Gift 20	Eldernet: Transportation to a Vital Medical Appointment	\$15.00		
Gift 21	Beyond Borders: Training for 1 Child Rights Activist	\$20.00		
Gift 22	National Evangelical Synod: Emergency Relief Vouchers	\$30.00		
Gift 23	Bethel AME Church of Ardmore: School Supplies	\$10.00		
	<i>Journey to Bethlehem</i>	\$1.00		
	<i>Children's Chapel Window</i>	\$1.00		
	Pack of 12 Cards (<i>Journey to Bethlehem</i>)	\$12.00		
	Pack of 12 Cards (<i>Children's Chapel Window</i>)	\$12.00		
	Vintage Religious Cards (Pack of 12)	\$6.00		
	Donations			
	Grand Total			

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