



As we once again look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, please consider choosing an Alternative Christmas Gift. Here's how it works:

First, look over the brief descriptions of the ministries and organizations within*, then select one or more you'd like to support in honor or in memory of someone special.

Next, decide on the amount(s) you'd like to give and make your donation through AUMC using the form on the last page of this booklet.

You'll then receive an attractive certificate from the church that you can give to the recipient(s) of your gift(s) stating, "In your honor, and in the spirit of Christmas, a donation was made to (name of organization or ministry)."

It's that simple! Thanks so much for considering this wonderful opportunity to bless others and make a positive difference in the world.

Blessings during this holiday season!

- The AUMC Missions Committee

MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

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LOCAL



The Isaiah 117 — 'Defend the cause of the fatherless' Isaiah 1:17. The project was started to reduce trauma for children waiting to be placed in Foster Care, to ease the burden on child welfare services, and to make it easier for foster families to say yes on removal day. The Boone-Hendricks-Montgomery County Indiana house provides physical and emotional support in a safe loving home for children awaiting foster care placement. There are homes throughout Indiana along with several other states. Please consider a donation to children in need of this service and help change the way foster care begins for children of our community. For more information ask Susan Parsons kparons@indy.rr.com.



Hendricks County Senior Services — This organization provides services to senior citizens, including in-home care, transportation, information on available resources, a food pantry, and medical equipment on loan. Their senior center located in Danville offers a variety of activities for exercise, creativity, and socialization. For more information, contact Becky Brownfield who is employed there: (317) 910-5094, office, (317) 590-3687, cell, or Bbrownfield@hcseniors.org. Visit their website at: www.hcseniors.org



Hope Health Care — Located in Avon, this organization provides medical, dental, spiritual, and mental health services to anyone without insurance, as well as referrals for prescriptions, lab work, and other services not provided on-site. Dave and Michele Imler work with Hope Health, along with others from AUMC. Contact Dave at 419-302-0634 or Michele at 567-204-9620 if you have any questions. More info is also available at: www.myhopehealth.org



Angel Fund – The Avon Schools Food Service Department maintains an Angel Fund to ensure no student goes without a meal due to insufficient funds. Your donation directly supports student lunch accounts, helping kids stay nourished, focused, and ready to learn. Every gift makes a difference in a child’s day - and their education. Contact Emily A Cates at EAcates@Avon-schools.org or Sonia Barnes at 317 919-3087 for more information.



Sheltering Wings – This faith-based organization provides emergency and ongoing housing, as well as life skills development, for women, men, and children coming from domestic violence. They cover a full spectrum of services based on individual circumstances—transportation, safe housing, support and healing, medical care, preparation for independent living, etc. More info is available at: www.shelteringwings.org or contact Beth Biever at (317) 443-3131 or thebievs@sbcglobal.net.





Nehemiah Ranch – Our Mission is to provide a fun, safe, and faith-based environment for people of all ages to experience family-oriented activities that build relationships with others as well as Christ. The ranch is located at 1420 N County Rd 600 E in Avon, Indiana.

STATE/NATIONAL



Wheeler Mission - Wheeler Mission provides 70% of Indianapolis shelter for those experiencing homelessness. They provide Christ centered programs. 82% of giving is from community/individuals. They have nine locations. For information go to wheelermission.org or call Beth Biever at 317- 443-3131.

NOMADS

MISSION VOLUNTEERS

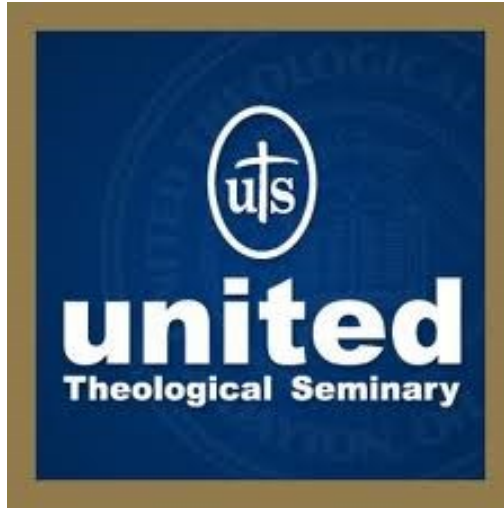
NOMADS (Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service) are volunteers with RVs who travel wherever needed to do construction, remodeling and repairs for United Methodist entities including churches, camps, children's homes and more. Nomads not only demonstrate God's love through their work, but also by listening to the people with whom they work. AUMC has several people involved, including Brad Spice (bspice525@gmail.com) and Susan Spice (sspice53@gmail.com) who would love to talk to anyone about this mission. More information is also at: www.methodistnomads.org What an amazing job they did this year at AUMC and our Mission House!



Midwest Mission – With operations in Illinois and Iowa, Midwest Mission (working in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief) brings together the hearts and hands of God's people, transforming resources into humanitarian aid that offers hope and empowerment through disaster relief, health, education, and micro-businesses. In 2022 alone, nearly 300 domestic shipments and 48 international shipments of supplies were made possible through generous donations of money, volunteer hours, and prayers. Mary Marty (574-529-0215) is an active volunteer with Midwest, and several other people from our church have assisted, too. Info can also be found at: www.midwestmission.org



INTERNATIONAL



East African House of Study at United Theological Seminary – The East African House of Study at United Theological Seminary is designed to provide accredited theological training that engages and equips students to grow followers of Jesus for the impact of the world, and specifically the East Africa region, in the context where they serve. This approach eliminates challenges international students face, such as visa applications, traveling abroad, isolation from family, expenses associated with attending school abroad, and many more. For more information ask Pastor Danny.



KY Ministries' mission is to actively contribute to the advancement of Guatemalan society by nurturing the potential of both students and adults. Rooted in our Christian faith and values, we are dedicated to creating pathways that lead to educational enrichment, professional development, and innovative opportunities. Our vision is to be a beacon of hope and progress in Guatemala, fostering a society where everyone is empowered to reach their full potential. For questions ask Beth Biever at 317 443-3131 or Pastor Danny.



RAISE THE ROOF

Project Rouj is dedicated to helping families find stability through housing, education, and economic development. We believe that if a family has a safe home, this creates stability, and stability creates space for families to dream about a new future. Our goal includes providing jobs for Haitians by building 20 homes each year. Each project creates 15-20 jobs. Project Rouj is a non-profit that exists to improve and transform the future of Haitian families, one home at a time. We don't give houses to Haitians. That wouldn't break the cycle of poverty, and it's not what they want, anyway. We hire local workers and pay them living wages to build homes, thereby creating jobs and affordable housing in the same stroke. That's how the cycle of poverty becomes the cycle of renewal. You'll know our work from our iconic red roofs. For more information contact Pastor Danny.

**Thank you for your support
of Avon UMC missions!**

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ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT SELECTION(S)

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In Honor/Memory of:

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