

A stylized, painterly illustration of the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus. Mary is depicted with a large, pale face, looking down at the child with a gentle expression. She wears a blue mantle with gold trim over a red garment. The infant Jesus is shown with a similar pale face, looking up towards the viewer. He has brown hair and is wearing a red garment. The background is a textured gold color with some blue and white decorative elements, including small star-like motifs. A semi-transparent white box with a blue border is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image, containing the event title.

# 2019 ADVENT GIFT MARKET

**Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church**



# BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 2019 Advent Gift Market

Dear Church Family and Friends,

We are so excited about the AGM project choices made by our BMPC councils and committees this year. Each group has carefully selected one or two of its mission partners to be a 2019 Advent Gift Market recipient. This catalog offers information about the partnerships and how your gift will impact the work they do.

How can you participate in the Advent Gift Market? The AGM provides you with an opportunity to do Christmas and holiday shopping in a very special way. By participating in this creative giving program, you can choose unique holiday gifts for family members, friends, co-workers, teachers, babysitters, and anyone else you wish to honor, while aiding people in need locally, nationally and globally.

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. The insert can be included in your own greeting card, or you can purchase cards especially produced for the AGM. This year's cards include images from a contemporary *Coptic Orthodox Icon* from Cairo, Egypt, and from artist Mimi Barclay Johnson's *Anne's Sheep*.

**Join us at our opening Market Festival in Congregational Hall in the BMPC Ministries Center on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., where representatives from the various committees and councils will be present to answer questions about the chosen mission projects.**

You can shop at the Advent Gift Market on opening Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, or in the BMPC Ministries Center on any of the subsequent Sundays after 10:00 a.m. worship, through Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. In addition, order forms may be mailed or dropped off at the church during the week, allowing for pickup in the Ministries Center the following Sunday. **Orders for pickup also may be placed online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).**

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*

**1** Two Books for a School  
Library in Philadelphia, PA

**\$10**

**2** Four Books for a School  
Library in Philadelphia, PA

**\$20**

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. Many of these libraries have been non-operational for decades due to budget cuts. Approximately 95% of Philadelphia public elementary schools do not have a functioning library. WePAC runs 13 school libraries and serves over 4,500 students throughout the school year, many of whom have no books in their homes and live at the poverty level.

## THE MIDDLETON CENTER



Sponsor: *Board of Deacons*

**3** Counseling  
Session Scholarships

**\$10**

**4** Funding for 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 to those who are experiencing financial hardship. The Middleton Center also provides compassionate and professional support after the passing of a loved one. In addition to offering individual grief counseling sessions, a grief support group called Searching For Still Waters meets twice a month and is facilitated by a licensed grief counselor. For more information, visit [www.middletoncenter.org](http://www.middletoncenter.org).



## CHASEFU THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, ZAMBIA



Sponsor: *Children and Family Ministries Council*

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PICS (Purdue Improved Crop Storage)

\$1

Chasefu Theological College in Zambia works with Pastors to teach them sustainable agricultural practices they can integrate into their home communities when they return to serve their local congregations. Through their Agricultural Income Generating Activity (AIGA), Chasefu is able to teach as well as create income for the institution. One of the most vital pieces of their work is helping communities preserve the crops they are able to grow. AIGA has begun introducing innovative and simple storage methods like PICS Bags, developed by researchers at Purdue University to ensure that crops that are grown can be stored safely and effectively by local farmers and communities around Zambia. These lightweight and sealable bags dramatically reduce post-harvest loss.

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Bricks for  
New Health Clinics

\$5

The Presbyterian Church in Zambia works through its Health Ministries to support and advocate for the well-being of women and girls, especially in rural communities. Through improved cancer screenings and prenatal care, and the creation of health and hygiene kits for girls, they are able to greatly improve the lives of women across the country. The greatest barrier to preventative and emergency care is the lack of space and beds at existing clinics and the great distance that families must travel to the limited number of existing clinics. Through the work of the Presbyterian Church in Zambia, they are expanding the size of their current clinics and working with local communities to choose locations to build new clinics that can serve communities in need.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ZAMBIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Sponsor:  
*Children and Family Ministries Council*



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A Berry Bush

\$30

The Philadelphia Orchard Project (POP) plants and supports community orchards in Philadelphia. Partnering with a wide variety of community groups, POP provides them with an orchard design, plant sourcing, planting supervision, and training in orchard care. Our community partners own, maintain, harvest, and distribute the orchard produce within their neighborhoods, thus expanding community control over its food resources. POP currently supports 64 community orchards and has planted 1,316 fruit trees in the past 12 years.

## PHILADELPHIA ORCHARD PROJECT



Sponsor: *Environmental Justice Committee*

## URBAN TREE CONNECTION



Sponsor: *Environmental Justice Committee*

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Gardening Tools for Urban Tree Connection Projects

\$10

Urban Tree Connection (UTC) works with residents of West Philadelphia's Haddington neighborhood to develop community-driven greening and gardening projects on vacant land. 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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.

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Food for a Local Family

\$5

10

Casserole Ingredients

\$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 20 local food cupboards and shelters. This is accomplished by direct financial support as well as through other means, such as supplying nourishing casseroles. Philadelphia now has one of the highest poverty rates and hunger rates in the country. Because society's safety net is contracting, these food agencies are a vital part of the fight against hunger in Philadelphia.

## BMPC HUNGER MINISTRIES



Sponsor: *Hunger Committee*



## THERAPEUTIC ARTS PROGRAM AT THEVILLAGE (TAP)



Sponsor: *Music and Fine Arts Council*

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Art Supplies

\$20

Understanding that healing is a holistic experience that involves nurturing the mind, body and spirit, theVillage provides services and opportunities to heal the whole person. The Therapeutic Arts Program (TAP) at theVillage includes art therapies, dance and movement therapies, recreational therapies, and several other enhancements. In addition to these programs provided by staff at theVillage, volunteers also offer tutoring, health and wellness education, gardening, drama classes, knitting and crocheting, yoga and mindfulness, photography, reading, journaling, and poetry. TheVillage is a dynamic nonprofit organization providing vital services to children and families impacted by trauma. It exists to prevent child abuse and neglect and, when they occur, to heal their impact. The role of theVillage is to build healthier families and more stable communities. Details are available at [www.village1877.org](http://www.village1877.org).

## BMPC TUTORING PROGRAM



Sponsor: *Outreach Committee*

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Meal for a Program Participant

\$5

The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Tutoring Program brings together 70 elementary school children from North Philadelphia and an equal number of high school students from the western suburbs. Children in this program are often at BMPC until 8 PM, and without receiving a tutoring program meal, they may not have dinner. A popular community service option for local teens and adults for over 55 years, the Tutoring Program takes place at BMPC on Tuesday nights, where each child is paired with a high school tutor who provides weekly one-on-one help with reading and writing skills. In addition to working toward academic goals, the program helps children and tutors grow in self-confidence, learn about each other's worlds, and develop friendships.

## BETHEL ACADEMY



Sponsor: *Outreach Committee*

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Sponsor a Child for One Week

\$25

Bethel Academy is a volunteer-based, multicultural learning center dedicated to offering free after-school programs for children in grades K-8 who are from Montgomery and Delaware Counties. It was founded in 2005 in response to the desire of Bethel AME Church of Ardmore members to address the student achievement gap for underrepresented children in the local community. A majority of the children who attend are non-native English speakers and are from single family households. Bethel Academy is a safe haven dedicated to serving as a bridge to ensure academic, social and cultural success. The program runs from September through May, three days per week. In addition to receiving enrichment and homework, students are provided tennis lessons, standardized testing prep, cultural trips and opportunities, access to computers (which has become increasingly important in completing homework and ensuring skill development), workshops and parental support, and advocacy. Students also volunteer in the Bethel community garden.



## PROVIDENCE CENTER



Sponsor: *Peacemaking Committee*

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Teen Program –  
Special Games Purchases

**\$10**

The Providence Center in North Philadelphia provides a safe place for children and teens who experience trauma caused by frequent lockdowns at school and violent situations in the neighborhood. Teen leaders work with other teens and children to build friendships and a sense of community, as well as improve language skills through reading, clubs and playing games such as Taboo, Table Topics Teen, and Sensory Chill Skills. Since 1993, Providence Center has been providing educational programming, joy and a greatly needed oasis of hope to the Fairhill community, which has the highest poverty rate in Philadelphia. Everyone is welcome, although most of the students come from Fairhill's substantial Puerto Rican and Latino population. Providence Center is committed to helping hard-working families embrace futures filled with hope and opportunity.

## HEEDING GOD'S CALL



Sponsor: *Peacemaking Committee*

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Purchase One T-Shirt for Memorial Displays

**\$25**

Get illegal handguns off our streets because of their devastating impact on innocent children and adults in many communities. T-shirt memorials, which name each victim with his or her age and date of death, stand as moving testimony to the consequences of these crimes. Sponsored by the interfaith group Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence, these memorials have been effective at galvanizing faith communities across Pennsylvania to stop this calamity in our neighborhoods. 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 these efforts, this gun shop was closed and the owner 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."



## THEVILLAGE



Sponsor: *Presbyterian Women*

**16** A Winter Hat and Gloves for a Child

**\$5**

**17** A New Top or Pants for a Child

**\$15**

Many children entering care at theVillage arrive with only the clothes on their backs. Funding for clothing varies greatly by county and program, and often takes several weeks to start. A modest allowance from theVillage to buy needed clothing not only provides for a basic human need but also boosts the child's self-esteem during a very stressful transition. Your gift shows these vulnerable children that someone cares about them. TheVillage is a dynamic nonprofit organization providing vital services to children and families impacted by trauma. It exists to prevent child abuse and neglect and, when they occur, to heal their impact. The role of theVillage is to build healthier families and more stable communities. [www.village1877.org](http://www.village1877.org).

## RAINY DAY/EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND FOR REFUGEES



Sponsor: *Refugee Support Committee*

**18** Financial Support for Medical and Dental Needs for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

**\$10**

The high cost of medical and dental needs in the U.S. can be prohibitive for refugees and asylum seekers. Medical prices for basic things like over-the-counter medications, aspirin, ibuprofen, bandages, humidifiers, eyeglasses, and hearing aids impact budgets that are strained with food, transportation, clothing and rent responsibilities. Until asylum seekers are approved by the courts, which can take years, they have no coverage for doctor and dental appointments and expensive prescription drugs. If they miss work because of illness, they lose income. Your generous contribution can make a real difference in welcoming the stranger by helping the BMPC Refugee Support Committee set up a rainy day/emergency medical fund.

## MAIN LINE ADULT DAY CENTER



Sponsor: *Senior Adult Council*

**19** Hot Lunch for a Participant

**\$4**

**20** Program Scholarships

**\$15**

The Main Line Adult Day Center at Foerderer House is located on the grounds of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church and is open to persons in the greater Philadelphia area. Participants are affected by a variety of chronic illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, heart conditions, diabetes, MS, and brain injury. The program offers opportunities for socialization and engagement in therapeutic activities, according to ability. Health monitoring is conducted by an on-site nurse who collaborates with participants, families and other health care providers. Caregivers are provided with respite, knowing their loved ones are in compassionate hands.



## 21 Lunch for One Week for a Child in One of the Eight Refugee Schools in Lebanon

**\$25**

Since 2015 the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon has empowered its Presbyterian congregations in Lebanon to address the overwhelming refugee crisis in the Middle East. Building upon long-standing educational traditions, schools have been created to provide basic elementary education for Syrian and Iraqi refugees living throughout Lebanon. Many children in these schools have not received any formal education since the refugee crisis began over nine years ago. Reaching out to local refugee communities, these schools also provide community connections, medical care, food support and genuine human connections.

## NATIONAL EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF SYRIA AND LEBANON



Sponsor: *Worldwide Ministries Committee*

## HAITI PARTNERS



Sponsor: *Worldwide Ministries Committee*

## 22 A Hand Up Not a Hand Out - Handmade Paper Enterprise

**\$10**

Haiti Partners' Children's Academy and Learning Center is an inspiring example of education-centered, values-based, Haitian-led, sustainable community development. Through their Handmade Paper Enterprise, they are able to cultivate an entrepreneurial can-do spirit and business skills among students and community members and create an ecosystem for entrepreneurship and innovation which serves as a laboratory for the future of learning. This gift makes it possible for Haitians who are from the communities where Haiti Partners serves, to create four greeting and/or Christmas cards and envelopes. These cards are produced from scratch using natural fibers from native plants, and are sold around the world for an average of \$5 each. Details are available at [haitipartners.org](http://haitipartners.org).



## URBAN MOSAIC



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Scholarship for a BMPC  
Youth Member to Attend the  
Summer Mission in Mexico

**\$30**

Urban Mosaic arose in response to the frightening reality of the rapid expansion of urban slums. The organization mobilizes and equips slum residents in Mexico City to become change agents who transform their communities. The “signs” of transformation start small but grow in magnitude as an interconnected mosaic of projects amplifies change through individuals and families into the broader community. The backbone of this work is done by a team of community organizers who spend each day working in the slums to identify leaders, and connect what can often be disconnected communities of struggling families. In July 2020, high school students (grades 9-12) and adult leaders from the BMPC congregation will work with Urban Mosaic to support their ongoing community activities and to live and work in solidarity with our partners there.

## 2019 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: Artist and BMPC member Mimi Barclay Johnson's *Anne's Sheep*, and Contemporary, *Coptic Orthodox Icon* from Cairo, Egypt.



# 2019 Advent Gift Market Order Form

Orders may also be  
placed online at  
[www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)

	Description	Price	Qty.	Total Cost
Gift 1	West Philadelphia Alliance for Children: <b>2 Books</b>	\$10.00		
Gift 2	West Philadelphia Alliance for Children: <b>4 Books</b>	\$20.00		
Gift 3	Middleton Center: <b>Counseling Scholarships</b>	\$10.00		
Gift 4	Middleton Center: <b>Funding for Grief Support Group</b>	\$15.00		
Gift 5	Chasefu Theological College: <b>PICS Bag</b>	\$1.00		
Gift 6	Presbyterian Church of Zambia: <b>Bricks for New Health Clinics</b>	\$5.00		
Gift 7	Philadelphia Orchard Project: <b>Berry Bush</b>	\$30.00		
Gift 8	Urban Tree Connection: <b>Gardening Tools</b>	\$10.00		
Gift 9	BMPC Hunger Ministries: <b>Food for a Local Family</b>	\$5.00		
Gift 10	BMPC Hunger Ministries: <b>Casserole Ingredients</b>	\$10.00		
Gift 11	(TAP) at theVillage: <b>Art Supplies</b>	\$20.00		
Gift 12	BMPC Tutoring Program: <b>Meal for a Program Participant</b>	\$5.00		
Gift 13	Bethel Academy: <b>Sponsor a Child for One Week</b>	\$25.00		
Gift 14	Providence Center: <b>Special Games Purchases</b>	\$10.00		
Gift 15	Heeding God's Call: <b>T-Shirt for Memorial Display</b>	\$25.00		
Gift 16	theVillage: <b>Winter Hat &amp; Gloves for Child</b>	\$5.00		
Gift 17	theVillage: <b>New Top or Pants for Child</b>	\$15.00		
Gift 18	Fund for Refugees: <b>Emergency Medical Fund</b>	\$10.00		
Gift 19	MLADC: <b>Hot Lunch for Participant</b>	\$4.00		
Gift 20	MLADC: <b>Program Scholarships</b>	\$15.00		
Gift 21	NESSL: <b>Lunch for One Week for a Child</b>	\$25.00		
Gift 22	Haiti Partners: <b>Handmade Paper Enterprise</b>	\$10.00		
Gift 23	Urban Mosaic: <b>Scholarship for BMPC Youth Member</b>	\$30.00		

Name _____	<b>Subtotal</b>		
_____ <i>Anne's Sheep</i>	\$1.00		
_____ <i>Coptic Orthodox Icon</i>	\$1.00		
Phone (     ) _____ <i>Pack of 12 Cards (Anne's Sheep)</i>	\$12.00		
_____ Cash _____ Credit Card <i>Pack of 12 Cards (Coptic Orthodox Icon)</i>	\$12.00		
_____ Check (Payable to BMPC) <i>Vintage Cards (Pack of 12)</i>	\$6.00		
_____ Filled _____ Unfilled	Donations		
_____ Paid _____ Unpaid	<b>Grand Total</b>		
Number of Gift Cards Used _____			

Pick up next Sunday? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Online Order \_\_\_\_\_

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