

UMC of Monroe

Alternative Christmas Giving



Are you having a hard time finding the perfect gift for someone special on your Christmas list? Or wondering what to get for someone who already has everything they need? Try an Alternative Christmas gift this year! Alternative Christmas gifts are always the perfect fit and are truly a gift worth giving that can transform the world!

What is an Alternative Christmas gift? Alternative Christmas gifts are representational gifts that are donations to organizations making an impact at the local, national and international levels by helping others. The gifts are given in honor of someone special on your gift list and you can give them a card to let them know an important gift to help someone else was given in their honor.

How does it work? Simply select Alternative Christmas gifts from the list below for the special people on your gift list this year and complete the order form. Return the order form with your payment check made payable to UMC Monroe by Sunday, December 18. UMC Monroe will then make the donations to the organizations for your gifts. Don't forget to indicate how many cards you would like to let your family and friends know about the gifts given in their honor!

Alternative Christmas Gift Order Form

Name: _____

Total amount enclosed for gifts selected below: _____
 (Please make checks payable to UMC of Monroe)

Number of gift cards requested: _____

Gift Item	Suggested Amount	Quantity	Total
Give the gift of community	\$5 to sponsor a senior for a drop in activity class at the Monroe Senior Center		
Give the gift of faith	\$10 to provide a pew Bible or hymnal for a newly formed church in the US through the World Service Fund's Path 1 congregational development effort		
Give the gift of health	\$15 to provide 10 jerry cans used to transport water without risk of contamination in communities without running water through Church World Service		
Give the gift of warmth	\$20 to provide 10 gallons of heating oil to a neighbor in need in Monroe through Project Warmth		
Give the gift of hope	\$25 to provide needed gloves and dust masks to clean up after a natural disaster through UMCOR		
Give the gift of knowledge	\$30 to sponsor a student at a university supported by the United Methodist Church with a scholarship contribution through the Black College Fund		