

UMC Monroe Gifts for Good 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 Gifts for Good Alternative Christmas giving this year! Alternative Christmas gifts are always the perfect fit and a great gift that gives back!

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 23. UMC Monroe will then make the donations to the organizations for your gifts. Gift cards will be available to let your family and friends know about the gifts given in their honor.

Looking for a special gift item instead? Be sure to visit our Gifts for Good Holiday Boutique featuring beautiful fair trade items hand crafted by artisans in developing areas around the world. The boutique will be open on select Sundays in December at coffee hour. New this year, shop online at www.serrv.org/?a=UMCMONROE for an expanded selection with direct shipping. All boutique sales benefit UMC of Monroe, SERRV, and UMCOR.

Gifts for Good 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		
Give the gift of nutrition	\$50 to sponsor a child for a month at the Carolyn Belshe Orphanage in Mozambique with support for their Nutrition Through Agricultural training program		