

# *Advent Gift Market*

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church  
2016





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## 2016 Advent Gift Market

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Once again the Advent Gift Market is coming to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, providing an opportunity to choose unique and special holiday gifts for friends and family. BMPC Councils and Committees have chosen mission projects representing local, national, and global concerns, with gifts available in a wide range of prices starting at \$1.00. This year we have created this catalog to give you more information about our mission partnerships and how your gift will impact the work that they do.

With each donation, you will receive an insert card to let your friends and family know that a gift has been made in their honor which includes a description of the chosen mission project. The inserts can be placed in your own card or in one of our cards created especially for this year's AGM. Our Fine Arts Council's Visual Arts Committee has once again chosen artwork for two styles of greeting cards that will be available for purchase. This year's cards represent art taken from our permanent collection: Walter Emerson Baum's *Winter Sleigh Ride* (pictured on the front of this catalog) and Maritza Morgan's *All God's Children* (pictured below).

Join us at our opening Market Festival in Congregational Hall in the Ministries Center on Sunday, November 20 between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. where representatives from the various Committees and Councils will be present to answer questions about the mission projects.

You can shop the Advent Gift Market that opening Sunday, or any of the following Sundays in Advent after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Court through December 18. In addition, order forms may be mailed to the church or dropped off at the reception desk in the Ministries Center during the week for pick-up the following Sunday. Orders can also be placed online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) and picked up in the Ministries Center. (Orders placed online can take up to 48 hours to process).

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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This year's AGM highlights our mission partnerships in Philadelphia and around the world that focus on the health, education and well being of children and youth. Items in the catalog that support these partnerships are easily identified by this hands logo:



# West Philadelphia Alliance for Children

The West Philadelphia Alliance for Children (WePAC) was born at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church over a decade ago. WePAC addresses early childhood literacy by re-opening formerly closed Philadelphia School District public elementary school libraries, and staffing them with approximately 150 skilled volunteers, donated resources, and reading enrichment activities. WePAC programs operate free of charge to our partner schools and to the Philadelphia School District. No other group in Philadelphia is systematically reopening and operating school libraries, many of which have been nonoperational for decades due to budget cuts. At this time, approximately 80% of Philadelphia public schools do not have a functioning library. Today WePAC runs 13 school libraries and serves 5,000 students every week throughout the school year. 95% of WePAC students qualify for free or reduced lunch, and the median household income is below \$20,000; many students have no books in their homes.



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Adult Education Council



Gift #1 - 2 Children's Books - \$10.00

Gift #2 - 4 Children's Books - \$20.00

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## Rainbow Fund of the Board of Deacons



The Deacons' Rainbow Fund, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church's crisis fund, has touched many people during times of great need. For many years, the pastoral staff has been able to provide, via this fund, financial assistance for food and groceries, and professional counseling to individuals and families through the Herbert H. Middleton, Jr. Center for Pastoral Care & Counseling.

Your gift will go towards the purchase of groceries for our neighbors in crisis, thereby supporting our members and those in the community who are experiencing financial hardship.

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Board of Deacons

Gift #3 - Bag of Groceries - \$10.00

# The Middleton Center

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, The Middleton Center helps people to recognize their strengths and to develop skills needed to improve the quality and fullness of their lives.

Your gift will go towards counseling scholarships for individuals, couples, children, adolescents, and families, thereby supporting our members and those in the community who are experiencing financial hardship.



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Board of Deacons

Gift #4 - Counseling Session Scholarship - \$25.00



## Beacon Presbyterian Church



Beacon Presbyterian Church is a neighborhood faith community located in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. With the self-defined core values of Adventure, Creativity, Conversation, Collaboration, and being Local, Beacon works through faith, art, and storytelling to strengthen the community, its children and neighbors. In Beacon's own words: "We believe that creative expression and storytelling provide unique avenues for individual and community transformation and growth. We offer space for creative expression weekly through after school programs for children and youth, community events for all ages, and an open, welcoming worship service."

Gift options help provide art supplies for the after-school studio program fostering creativity & conversation with children or provide one book for the after-school literacy program fostering creativity & conversation with children.

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Children and Family Ministries



Gift #5 - Art Supplies - \$1.00

Gift #6 - One Book - \$10.00



# Joining Hands-Peru

Joining Hands-Peru, is spearheading an epidemiological study in La Oroya, Peru that looks at illnesses believed to be related to heavy metal poisoning. Samples from 300 ill children and young women will be analyzed. The results of the study will compare findings from 10 years ago, and will be used for specific treatments, which in turn will encourage the Ministry of Health to provide specialized and urgent health care for people impacted by heavy metals contamination.

This program is offered by our PCUSA Mission Partners Jed and Jenny Koball, and as part of their mission trip this summer, our BMPC youth visited La Oroya.

This gift will support one person's participation in a study that evaluates and treats heavy metal poisoning.



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Environmental Justice Committee

Gift #7 - One Participant in Heavy Metal Study - \$10.00



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## BMPC Hunger Ministries



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Hunger Committee

The Hunger Committee's mission is to help as many of our area's hungriest neighbors as possible through the active support of 22 local food cupboards and shelters. We accomplish this by direct financial support as well as through other means, such as supplying nourishing casseroles. Philadelphia now has one of the highest poverty 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.

Gifts will support the BMPC Hunger Committee's mission to feed the hungry in the greater Philadelphia area as well as supply ingredients for a nutritious casserole prepared at a Hunger Committee Casserole Blitz.

Gift #8 - Food for a Local Family- \$5.00

Gift #9 - Casserole Ingredients - \$10.00

# BMPC Tutoring Program

The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Tutoring Program brings together 65 elementary school children from North Philadelphia and an equal number of high school students from the western suburbs. A popular community service option for local teens and adults for almost 50 years, the Tutoring Program takes place at BMPC on Tuesday nights, when each child is paired with a high school tutor who makes a commitment to provide 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. Children in this program are often at BMPC until 8 PM, and without receiving a meal, they may not have dinner.



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Membership Council

Gift #10 - Dinner for a Child  
in Tutoring Program- \$5.00



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## Project Home: After School Programs



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Project HOME provides services to persons who experience chronic homelessness. The centerpiece of Project HOME's revitalization strategy for the St. Elizabeth's/Diamond Street section of North Central Philadelphia is the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs (HLCCTL). This Center is loaded with the most progressive hardware and software systems for education and learning, making it the largest and most advanced facility of its kind serving low-income populations in Philadelphia. The HLCCTL runs programs focusing on the integration of technology with art, education and enterprise. Programs are tailored to help the residents of the community—both children and adults—move toward greater prosperity by increasing their educational and employment opportunities through comprehensive technology and literacy instruction.

Gift #11 - Week's worth of bus tokens for a high school student to attend this Program - \$9.00

# Singing City Children's Choir

The Singing City Children's Choir provides children in West Philadelphia and Germantown a learning experience that teaches collaboration and mutual respect, develops God-given musical talent, and brings joy to the community and themselves. Established in 2003 as an outreach program of the Fine Arts Program at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, SCCC is a choral music education organization, shaping the future by making a difference in the lives of children through musical excellence. Directed by Emily Sung, SCCC is open to children in grades 4-8 and is designed to provide a rich and rewarding musical experience for each child. The children study and perform a variety of music from simple unison songs, to gospel, to contemporary musical literature and global folk music. Originally based at the James Rhoads Elementary School in West Philadelphia, the program has now expanded to include children in Germantown, based at Wissahickon Charter School. Gifts will support the purchase of music and folders for choir members.



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Music and Fine Arts Council



Gift #12 - Music and Folder  
for Choir Member- \$15.00

## Broad Street Ministries



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Outreach Committee

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 which 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 personal care items for the homeless and needy guests.

Gift #13 - Personal Care Item- \$3.00



# West Kensington Ministry

West Kensington Ministry is a worshipping community of the Presbytery of Philadelphia that engages its local neighborhood through youth programs and bold civic engagement. BMPC has a committed relationship with WKM since its founding, including the creation of an onsite recording studio. The purpose of the Gage Recording Studio at WKM is to provide the community and local artists with the equipment and services needed to record their music or other creative productions. Expressing oneself through music is a transformative and positive experience and the Gage Recording Studio is here for just that. Gifts to WKM will help youth in the community both learn about the art of recording as well as have the opportunity to record their own music.



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Outreach Committee

Gift #14- Three Sessions in Gage Recording Studio- \$30.00



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Peacemaking Committee

## Mothers in Charge

In 2015, 280 Philadelphians were killed by gun violence, a tragically repetitive pattern year after year. Some of these deaths were the consequence of being in the wrong place at the wrong time or a case of mistaken identity by someone seeking revenge. Families left to cope with the aftermath are not just affected by the immediate trauma, but they carry the burden for the rest of their lives.

For the last nine years the Peacemaking Committee has sponsored a day of rest and renewal from grieving the death of a loved one lost to violence for Mothers In Charge, a violence prevention, advocacy, education and intervention organization. Each year, the program focuses on *spirituality* - suffering and hope - and *creativity* - relief and renewal. One participant wrote, "It was a true testimony that good fellowship can ease the pain and we can smile again and lay aside our burdens. Thank GOD for the relief."

Gift #15- Respite for Families Retreat - \$5.00



# Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence

Illegal handguns cause devastating impacts on innocent children and adults in many communities. Tee-shirt memorials 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. We know this can work. We have the proof 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 US Attorney with providing false documentation on purchases. This gift will purchase one tee-shirt for the memorial and raise a voice to God's call to "not be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good."



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Peacemaking Committee



Gift #16 - Memorial T-Shirt - \$20.00



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Presbyterian Women



## theVillage

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. This in turn, leads to more stable communities. TheVillage offers a wide range of programs and services.

Gift #17 - Socks or Underwear for a Child- \$5.00

Gift #18- Shirt or Pants for a Child - \$15.00

# Main Line Adult Day Center

The Main Line Adult Day Center at Foerderer House is located on the grounds of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. 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, and that they can rely on partnership with the staff.



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Senior Adult Council

Gift #19 - Hot Lunch for a Participant- \$4.00

Gift #20 - Scholarship Assistance - \$20.00

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## Sega Girls School, Tanzania



The SEGA Girls School is a residential secondary school for bright motivated Tanzanian girls who are otherwise unable to attend school due to extreme poverty. SEGA students are given the best chance of success through a high quality academic education, community outreach and social responsibility opportunities, and hands-on training in business skills and entrepreneurship. Founded in 2008, and located in Morogoro, Tanzania, the SEGA Girls School has over 200 boarding students and approximately 40 off-campus students attending advanced secondary and /or continuing education programs supported by SEGA scholarships.

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Worldwide Ministries

Gift #21 - Mosquito Net for one Student- \$10.00





# Medical Benevolence Foundation

The Medical Benevolence Foundation strives for medical excellence by promoting health through the physical presence of medical mission co-workers, education, disease prevention, and curative care, for those in impoverished communities suffering from acute and chronic illness. MBF seeks to bring up-to-date, evidence-based healthcare practices and technology as it supports the appropriate, affordable, sustainable and quality services of its partners. MBF works to partner with the local church in developing nations and the domestic US church to build sustainable healthcare ministries. Areas served include Central and Southeast Asia, Haiti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Zambia and Madagascar.



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Gift #22- Prenatal Vitamins - \$25.00

## BMPC Youth Ministries



One-in-four Native Americans are living in poverty. President Obama has called the poverty and high school dropout rates among Native Americans "a moral call to action." The BMPC Youth Ministry is seeking to take action by partnering with a Native American community to address the most significant needs. A specific project will be developed in collaboration with a local church designed to have a significant impact. High school youth and adults will travel in the summer of 2017 to work in a hands-on way to share Christ's love with our Native American brothers and sisters.

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Youth Ministry Council



Gift #23 - Building Materials- \$10.00

Gift #24 - Building Materials - \$50.00

# 2016 Advent Gift Market Order Form



	Description	Price	Quantity	Total
Gift #1	West Philadelphia Alliance for Children - 2 Books	\$10.00		
Gift #2	West Philadelphia Alliance for Children - 4 Books	\$20.00		
Gift #3	Deacons Rainbow Fund - Bag of Groceries	\$10.00		
Gift #4	Middleton Center Counseling Fund - Scholarship	\$25.00		
Gift #5	Beacon Presbyterian Church - Art Supplies	\$1.00		
Gift #6	Beacon Presbyterian Church - 1 Book	\$10.00		
Gift #7	Joining Hands Peru - 1 Participant, Heavy Metal Study	\$10.00		
Gift #8	Hunger Ministries Food Aid - Food for Local Family	\$5.00		
Gift #9	Hunger Ministries Food Aid - Casserole Ingredients	\$10.00		
Gift #10	BMPC Tutoring Program - Dinner for one Student	\$5.00		
Gift #11	Project Home After School Programs - Bus Tokens	\$9.00		
Gift #12	Singing City Children's Choir - Music and Folders	\$15.00		
Gift #13	Broad Street Ministries - Personal Care Item	\$3.00		
Gift #14	West Kensington Ministries - 3 Recording Sessions	\$30.00		
Gift #15	Mother's In Charge - Respite for Families Retreat	\$5.00		
Gift #16	Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence - Memorial T-Shirt	\$20.00		
Gift #17	theVillage - Socks or Underwear for a Child	\$5.00		
Gift #18	theVillage - Shirt or Pants for a Child	\$15.00		
Gift #19	Main Line Adult Day Center - Hot Lunch for Participant	\$4.00		
Gift #20	Main Line Adult Day Center - Scholarship Assistance	\$20.00		
Gift #21	SEGA Girls School - Mosquito Net	\$10.00		
Gift #22	Medical Benevolence Foundation - Prenatal Vitamins	\$25.00		
Gift #23	Youth Mission Trip - Building Materials	\$10.00		
Gift #24	Youth Mission Trip - Building Materials	\$50.00		

		Subtotal		
Name _____	Winter Sleigh Ride Card	\$1.00		
	All God's Children Card	\$1.00		
Phone (      ) _____	Pack of 12 Cards	\$12.00		
	Vintage Cards (Pack of 12)	\$6.00		
_____Cash _____ Credit Card _____Check (Payable to BMPC)		Donations		
_____Filled _____Unfilled		Grand Total		

\_\_\_\_\_Paid \_\_\_\_\_Unpaid

Pick up next Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

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