



BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

— **2022** —
Advent Gift
Market

BMPC 2022 ADVENT GIFT MARKET

Dear Friends and Advent Gift Market Supporters,

Once a year the BMPC AGM assists numerous local, national, and international charitable organizations with donations made by you that directly aid persons in need.

We are very excited about the recipient choices made by our church councils, committees, and Pastor Rebecca. This catalog offers information about the beneficiaries and how your gift will impact the work they do.

Beginning on November 13, you may make online tax-deductible donations to any of the selected groups in the catalog and place orders for inserts and greeting cards at www.BrynMawrAGM.com. You also are invited to shop in person on November 20 at the Opening Day Market and on any of the following Sundays in Advent in the Atrium after the 10:00 a.m. church service.

If you desire to donate in honor of a friend or family member, you will receive an insert card informing that person that a gift has been given in his/her honor, along with a description of the chosen charitable project. Each insert card can be included in your own greeting card, or you may purchase greeting cards especially created for the AGM. This year's holiday cards include images from two BMPC artists: Mary French's *Farm in Winter* and Maria R. Schneider's *Child of God*.

Whether you are an annual faithful supporter of the AGM, or a first-time donor, our mission partners need your help this year. Won't you join us in supporting the lives of those in need locally, regionally, and internationally.

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 Philadelphia School Library **\$10**

2. Four Books for a Philadelphia School Library **\$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. More than two-thirds of Philadelphia public elementary schools do not have a functioning library. WePAC runs 18 school libraries and serves over 4,750 students throughout the school year, many of whom have no books in their homes and live at the poverty level. More than 45,000 books are circulated annually through this program. During the pandemic, when schools were closed, WePAC shifted to offering virtual library sessions to its school partners and organizing community book giveaways so that families could build their home libraries.

THE COMMON PLACE



Sponsor: *Anti-Racism Taskforce*

The Common Place seeks to offer holistic care to the children and families of Southwest Philadelphia. Located at the corner of 58th Street and Chester Avenue, it provides a shared space where various organizations come together to meet

3. Sponsor a Child to Attend a Day at Summer Camp **\$15**

4. Adult Mental Health Counseling Scholarship **\$25**

spiritual, educational, and social support needs. Comprised of two worshipping communities, an arts-based after-school enrichment program, social services, and a community events area, The Common Place is a sacred space for living life together. In the summer students are welcomed to the Southwest Arts and Technology Summer Camp which offers music and cooking lessons, STEM activities and financial literacy, arts and crafts as well as college and career readiness sessions. The Common Place also provides wholistic programming to adults in the Southwest Philadelphia community, including access to subsidized mental health resources. Adult members of the community in need of mental health assistance are matched with a counselor and given financial support on a case by case basis.

THE MIDDLETON COUNSELING CENTER



Sponsor: *Board of Deacons*

5. Counseling Scholarship **\$20**

6. Funding for the Grief Support Group "Searching for Still Waters" **\$10**

The Middleton Counseling Center is a specialized ministry housed in Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church providing spiritual direction, counseling, bereavement, and domestic abuse support to the community. With a strong core belief that support should not be dependent on financial means, it offers a generous scholarship program to help offset the cost of services. Continuity of care with quality practitioners has been an increasing need during and after the pandemic. Isolation and stress, coupled with uncertain economic times, have made the Middleton Counseling Center a vital part of the local support community. For more information, visit www.middletoncenter.org

BETHEL AME COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT



Sponsor: *Children and Family Ministries*

7. Home Herb Seedling Pot for a Victory Garden Family in Ardmore **\$1**

8. Supplemental Produce Purchased from Regional Black and Brown Farmers for Holiday Food Support for Local Families **\$20**

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church Ardmore Community Garden was started in 2018 by the Rev. Carolyn Cavaness, Trellis for Tomorrow, and congregation members. The guiding purpose was to make fresh, healthy vegetables more accessible to neighborhood residents. As of spring 2022, approximately 4,000 pounds of produce has been harvested from the garden and distributed to local food pantries and neighborhood residents at no cost. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, community gardeners launched the Ardmore Victory Gardens program, which now supports over 30 local families and organizations in growing their own food by providing building materials, seedlings, and maintenance support for a network of small Victory Gardens in the neighborhood.

TRUELOVE SEEDS



9. Seed Packets

\$4

Seed packets of native seeds and/or vegetables supports four of Truelove Seed's 50 small-scale urban and real farmers committed to community food, sovereignty, cultural preservation, and sustainable agriculture. The four farm-gardens include: VietLead's Resilient Roots Farm in Camden, NJ, an intergenerational community garden; Norris Square Neighborhood Project, an organization in the Kensington section of Philadelphia that provides a safe space for youth and community residents to explore culture and social justice issues, create art, and develop their sustainable-agriculture skills; People's Kitchen Garden in Southwest Philadelphia, a collaborative of chefs, students, and community members growing and cooking free, delicious meals; and Hattie Carthan Community Farm in Brooklyn, NY, an educational food justice herb garden.

10. Environmental Education Scholarship

\$25

Riverbend Environmental Education Center, a 30-acre preserve in Gladwyne, PA, teaches environmental principles to children in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Through a direct connection with nature, Riverbend hopes to inspire children to respect the natural world and to take action as aware, responsible and caring citizens. This gift connects children to nature by underwriting Riverbend's visits to Philadelphia schools. These visits teach children to protect their local watershed, making nature learning fun by taking students outside to observe the world around them and conduct water experiments in their own schoolyards. Riverbend visits each class multiple times to help foster curiosity about nature, and inspire children to take action on behalf of the earth.

RIVERBEND NATURE CENTER



BMPC HUNGER COMMITTEE



11. Casserole Ingredients

\$5

12. Food for a Local Family

\$10

The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Hunger Committee's mission is to help as many of the area's hungriest neighbors as possible through the active support of local food cupboards and shelters. This is accomplished by direct financial support as well as through other means, such as supplying nourishing casseroles and nonperishable foods donated by BMPC members. Philadelphia has one of the highest poverty and hunger rates in the country, and the coronavirus pandemic has further increased the need. Because society's safety net is contracting, the food agencies that BMPC supports are a vital part of the fight against hunger in the Philadelphia area.

AMWAJ CHOIR



Sponsor: *Music & Fine Arts*

Amwaj, Arabic for “waves,” is an educational program for children and youth established in 2015 in Bethlehem and Hebron. Led by Mathilde Vittu and a mixed team of French and Palestinian educators, Amwaj allows children and youth

13. Sheet Music for Amwaj Members **\$10**

14. Scholarship for Music Camp for Amwaj Member **\$20**

to access high-quality music education through an intensive pedagogical program based on collective singing. Today, Amwaj counts 60 girls and boys, whose ages range from 8 to 18 years, from the Bethlehem region (towns, refugee camps, rural areas) and Hebron (old city and new city). Thanks to Amwaj’s inclusive social vision, cultural exchanges and intercultural dialogue, the choir members have access to a vast music repertoire and extensive artistic partnerships. Central to the development and success of the young singers of Amwaj is a constant exchange and dialogue with other artists and pedagogues, from within Palestine and abroad. The BMPC Sanctuary Choir sang in concert with the Amwaj Choir on the 2022 Choir Trip to the Middle East.

15. Gas for the Traveling Treehouse **\$5**

Through literacy programs and book giveaways, Tree House Books “supports and grows new generations of readers, writers and thinkers in North Philadelphia.” Since its inception in 2005, a priority has been getting books into the homes of city families. Tree House Books staffs and stocks its brick and mortar space, located in North Philadelphia, as a “Giving Library,” which is open six days a week. Donated books for all ages are shelved in this tree house styled library. This same space also promotes the reading of books via the after school and summer literacy enrichment programs. When the bookshop shut down during the 2020 pandemic, Tree House Books secured an old ice cream truck and transformed it into a bookmobile. The Traveling Tree House continues to thrive and travel to city parks, school fairs and neighborhood streets for book sharing and giving. Both the bookshop and bookmobile make growing up with books in city homes a reality. Treehouse Books believes books and literacy are a way to change the world.

TREE HOUSE BOOKS



Sponsor: *Outreach*

16. Socks **\$10**

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. 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 purchase wool socks for guests to help them stay warm, dry and healthy in the winter months.

BROAD STREET MINISTRY



Sponsor: *Outreach*

HEEDING GOD'S CALL



Sponsor: *Peacemaking*

17. Further the Faith Community's Efforts to Stop the Flow of Illegal Handguns Used to Kill Children and Adults

\$25

Illegal handguns cause devastating impacts on innocent children and adults in many communities. Memorial to the Lost T-shirt displays 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, these memorials have been effective at galvanizing faith communities across Pennsylvania to stop this calamity in our neighborhoods. There is proof it has worked 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 U.S. Attorney with providing false documentation on purchases. This gift will raise a voice to God's call to "not be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good."

RABBIS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



Sponsor: *Peacemaking*

18. Support the Olive Harvest

\$10

Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR) is the only rabbinic organization in Israel explicitly dedicated to human rights in Israel and the Occupied Territories. Its work with the olive harvest contributes to the ability of Palestinian farmers to earn a living in dignity and without fear, while building meaningful bridges between Palestinians and Israelis. The Palestinian RHR assists farmers and landowners whose groves are near settlements or outposts known for extremist ideology. Many have suffered economic loss from extremists burning or uprooting their olive trees, while others have been physically threatened or attacked. RHR's presence helps them feel safe and empowered to harvest their trees as Israeli law mandates they be allowed to do. By bringing these groups together in the serenity of the olive groves, stereotypes and fears of "the other" are dismantled.

GEMMA SERVICES



Sponsor: *Presbyterian Women*

19. Personal Care Items: Shampoo, Body Wash, Toothbrush and Toothpaste **\$5**

20. Clothing: Sweatshirt, Shirt, Pants, Underwear **\$15**

Many children come into Gemma Services' Residential Treatment Program with little more than the clothes on their backs. Reimbursements received for services vary by county and generally do not cover the cost of clothing and personal care items. Gemma Services ensures that all children served have seasonally-appropriate clothing and personal care items needed during their stay, which averages 9 to 12 months. Not only does this meet a basic human need, but it also can boost a child's self-esteem during a stressful transition. Gemma's work is guided by the vision of a world in which everyone feels valued and has the tools to realize one's highest potential. Its mission is to change lives by transforming hope into action for children, youth, and families facing emotional and behavioral challenges. To learn more, visit www.GemmaServices.org.

21. Rainy Day/Emergency Medical Fund for Refugees **\$10**

The high cost of medical and dental needs in the U.S. can be prohibitive for refugees, humanitarian parolees and asylum seekers. Medical prices for basic items such as over-the-counter medications, aspirin, ibuprofen, bandages, humidifiers, eyeglasses, and hearing aids impact budgets that are strained with food, transportation, clothing and rent responsibilities. Humanitarian parolees and asylum seekers have no coverage for doctor and dental appointments and expensive prescription drugs. If they miss work because of illness, they lose income. This gift can make a real difference in welcoming the stranger by helping the BMPC Refugee Support Committee fund its rainy day/emergency medical fund.

BMPC REFUGEE SUPPORT FUND



Sponsor: *Refugee Support*

22. Non-Perishable Food to Feed a Household **\$8**

23. Transportation to a Vital Medical Appointment **\$10**

ElderNet serves people of all ages, especially frail older adults or younger disabled persons with low to moderate incomes residing in Lower Merion or Narberth. This agency helps older neighbors remain independent and provides a variety of free, practical services enabling access to healthcare, food security, and an improved quality of life. ElderNet also offers information to individuals who need assistance with housing, nursing care, or other necessities. This organization is staffed by licensed social workers and professionals who are available to help those in need.

ELDERNET



Sponsor: *Senior Adult Council*

24. One Month of Care
at New Hope Playschool

\$25

New Hope Playschool and Learning Center is a new program that is part of Pfunanane Ministries in Modjadjiskloof, South Africa. New Hope provides a safe, loving learning space and day care for 40 two-to-four year olds, aiding in nutrition, early childhood development, physical care, and language development to impoverished and vulnerable children in the village community. Upon completing the New Hope program, the children have the opportunity to attend Pfunanane Academy, a Christian school that supports them academically, spiritually, emotionally and physically while providing a quality Bible-based education and teaching the love of Christ. Many of the New Hope students are orphaned, living with HIV, or have been through trauma or abuse. New Hope also offers an after school learning center for the Pfunanane Academy students where they can get help with homework, study for exams, get specialized tutoring, have a meal, and use laptops, printers, and wifi for projects and research.

PFUNANANE MINISTRIES



Sponsor: *Worldwide Ministries*

URBAN MOSAIC



Sponsor: *Worldwide Ministries*

25. One Community Health Workshop

\$10

Urban Mosaic develops local leaders and social structures that invest in the holistic and sustainable transformation of fragile communities in Mexico. Local leaders organize their neighbors into committees who make tangible changes in their communities. Based on their greatest needs, the Neighborhood Committees are empowered to decide where to focus - from health to spiritual growth and care, infrastructure, and child youth development. Neighborhood Committees that choose to focus on well-being may lead workshops on how to perform eye assessments, give injections, lead healthier lives, and more. Other committees may start small House Churches, and need supplies and transportation in order to gather. In these neighborhoods where distrust and isolation are so common, people are taking notice as neighbors collaborate and unite together to create lasting change. Depression, fear, and violence give way to hope, trust, and peace.

BMPC TUTORING PROGRAM



Sponsor: *Youth Ministries*

26. A Meal for a Program Participant

\$5

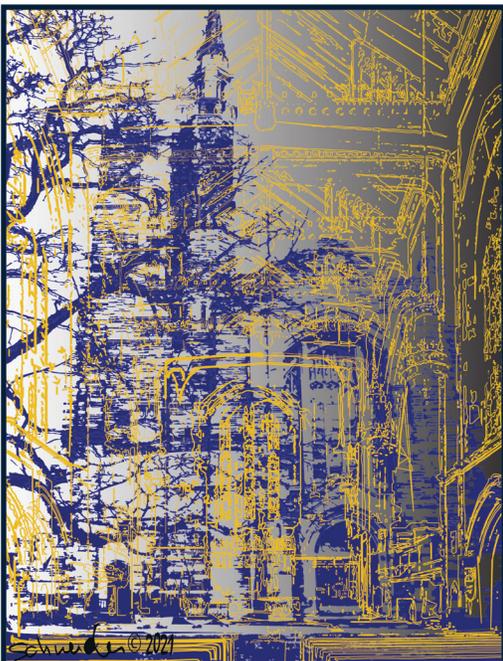
The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Tutoring Program brings together 70 elementary school children from North Philadelphia and an equal number of high school students from the western suburbs. Children in this program are often at BMPC until 8:00 p.m., and without receiving a tutoring program meal, they 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, when 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.

2022 ADVENT GIFT MARKET GREETING CARDS



FARM IN WINTER by Mary French

From the artist: "When I was a child, my Uncle Frank had a farm in Hatboro where we loved to play. As I brought this painting to life, it sparked a flood of vivid recollections. I remembered the smell of strong coffee brewing in the kitchen, the huge rag rug that Aunt Anna stitched together to go in the dining room, the barn where we cousins played in the hay loft, the pig in its sty, the cows waiting to be milked, Aunt Lizzie down by the spring house. Christmas has always been magical to me, and so, when I stepped back to look at the painting, I noticed the spring house in the left of the painting. To my eyes, it looks like a nativity shed which the Northern Renaissance painters might have imagined. Although the farm is long gone, it was a magical place when we were kids."



CHILD OF GOD by Maria R. Schneider

Drawing with lasers on plexiglass mirrors, Schneider juxtaposes the past and present of place, and traditions to create mystified images that draw us in, making us part of the picture.

This piece was commissioned to celebrate the completion of major renovations to the church's educational spaces. The original piece also includes the text "Child of God, Welcome Home." As children interact with the piece they are able to see themselves within the church's spaces, reminding them that they are a vital part of our church community.

Cards are available to purchase for \$1.00 each as singles or in packs of twelve. Vintage cards from previous years are also available at half price in packs of six.

2022 Advent Gift Market Order Form

Orders also may be placed online at www.BrynMawrAGM.com

	Description	Price	Qty.	Total Cost
Gift 1	WePAC: 2 Books for a Philadelphia School Library	\$10.00		
Gift 2	WePAC: 4 Books for a Philadelphia School Library	\$20.00		
Gift 3	The Common Place: Sponsor a Child for Summer Camp	\$15.00		
Gift 4	The Common Place: 1 Adult Counseling Scholarship	\$25.00		
Gift 5	Middleton Counseling Center: 1 Counseling Scholarship	\$20.00		
Gift 6	Middleton Counseling Center: Funding for Grief Support	\$10.00		
Gift 7	Bethel AME: Seedling Pot for a Victory Garden Family	\$1.00		
Gift 8	Bethel AME: Supplemental Produce for Food Support	\$20.00		
Gift 9	Truelove Seeds: Seed Packets	\$4.00		
Gift 10	Riverbend Nature Center: 1 Education Scholarship	\$25.00		
Gift 11	BMPC Hunger Committee: Casserole Ingredients	\$5.00		
Gift 12	BMPC Hunger Committee: Food for a Local Family	\$10.00		
Gift 13	Amwaj Choir: Sheet Music for Amwaj Members	\$10.00		
Gift 14	Amwaj Choir: 1 Scholarship for Amwaj Members	\$20.00		
Gift 15	Tree House Books: Gas for the Traveling Treehouse	\$5.00		
Gift 16	Broad Street Ministry: Socks	\$10.00		
Gift 17	Heeding God's Call: Stop the Flow of Illegal Handguns	\$25.00		
Gift 18	Rabbis for Human Rights: Support the Olive Harvest	\$10.00		
Gift 19	Gemma Services: Personal Care Items	\$5.00		
Gift 20	Gemma Services: Clothing	\$15.00		
Gift 21	BMPC Refugee Support Fund: Emergency Medical Fund	\$10.00		
Gift 22	ElderNet: Food to Feed a Household	\$8.00		
Gift 23	ElderNet: Transportation to a Medical Appointment	\$10.00		
Gift 24	Pfunanane Ministries: 1 Month of Care	\$25.00		
Gift 25	Urban Mosaic: 1 Community Health Workshop	\$10.00		
Gift 26	BMPC Tutoring Program: Meal for a Participant	\$5.00		
	<i>Child of the God</i>	\$1.00		
	<i>Farm in Winter</i>	\$1.00		
	Pack of 12 Cards (<i>Child of the God</i>)	\$12.00		
	Pack of 12 Cards (<i>Farm in Winter</i>)	\$12.00		
	Vintage Religious Cards (Pack of 12)	\$6.00		
	Donation			

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