



Mark Your Calendar! The **Alternative Christmas Giving Missions Festival** is coming!

Plan to enjoy a very special morning at WUMC on Sunday, October 23! Start your holiday shopping early at our Alternative Christmas Giving Missions Festival!

Rev. Cynthia Kent, a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of Colorado, will be our guest speaker at the 10 o'clock service. Rev. Kent is the Chair of the Conference Committee of Native American Ministries, a member of the Racial Ethnic Ministries Committee and a member of the Connectional Table of the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church. She is also the Chair of the NEJ Native American Ministries Committee and the Native American International Caucus (NAIC). She was elected to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.



Thirteen non-profit, charitable organizations will be introduced during worship time. Following the service, please plan to visit with these organizations' representatives in Friendship Hall to hear more about the work they do to impact the lives of many. Would you like to give a meaningful Christmas gift to a loved one? Make a donation to one or more of the represented organizations in honor or in memory of someone special, and you will receive a donation card which you can use to announce your gift. You will also have the opportunity to place an order for fair trade items for yourself or to give as holiday gifts.

Would you like to help with the Festival? Please contact Patrice Noone at 908-806-7266 if you can help with refreshments. If you would like to set up or decorate during the afternoon on Saturday, October 22, contact Pat Lewandowski at 908-534-6118. And most of all, please attend this special event! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors – everyone is welcome!

The following organizations will be represented at the Alternative Christmas Giving Missions Festival:

American Indian College Fund



The American Indian College Fund provides American Indians with student scholarships and programs to support academic readiness and student success. The College Fund also helps support accredited tribal colleges and universities located on or near Indian reservations. Established in 1989, the College Fund is the nation's largest and highest-rated American Indian scholarship organization.

Christian Outreach Project (COP)



The Christian Outreach Project is a non-profit organization, part of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. For one week in June/July, teams of youth and adults from churches gather at the Camp Hoover Girl Scout Camp for a week spent in Christian fellowship providing house repairs during the day and participating in camp activities in the evening. Homeowners and work sites are chosen by a committee based on need for repairs, ability of the homeowner to perform the repairs themselves, and the capabilities of the work crews. COP is funded almost entirely by donations.



Market Street Mission

Since 1889, the Market Street Mission has been reaching out to the poor and needy in Morris County. The Mission assists individuals to overcome homelessness, addiction and poverty through a life centered on Christ and ministers to them by meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs through a structured program which enables them to lead responsible, productive lives. They provide tens of thousands of meals and nights of lodging each year.

Ramabai Mukti



Founded by Pandita Ramabai, Mukti takes action to bring hope, and a positive future, to girls and women in India. Precious children find hope in loving homes. They get clean clothes, nourishing food, loving care, and education while hearing about hope for eternity. Although they may have started their lives in poverty and/or abusive situations, when they come to Mukti they learn that they are valuable and God has a purpose for them.

Red Bird Mission



The Red Bird Mission works to improve the lives of those in Appalachia, through compassionate, Christ-centered service. They seek to empower individuals and advocate for justice by enhancing and strengthening academic and Christian education; Improving the health of people through extension of health programs; supporting the expansion of family food production; assisting with adult education, job training, job development, and skills development to improve family earning capacity; and providing home improvement ministry.

SERRV



SERRV is a fair trade organization dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans, farmers, and their families out of poverty. Behind every basket, tunic, and necklace that they offer, you'll find a story of positive change. SERRV partners with 55 small-scale artisan/farmer organizations and cooperatives to bring you unique, handcrafted product collections. They emphasize the word "partnership" in our work because that's really what these relationships are—they've created a system of creative collaboration built on mutual respect and trust, creating high-quality and well-designed items using sustainable materials and production techniques.

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)



UMCOR is dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. Their work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more. UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist through the General Board of Global Ministries, and their goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

Wellspring



Wellspring of Greenbrier, Inc. is an ecumenical outreach ministry serving Greenbrier County, WV since 2004. An all-volunteer agency, Wellspring Center serves as a safe day haven and resource center for the working poor, transient, homeless and disadvantaged individuals and families living in poverty. Wellspring provides approximately 25 assistance programs serving and advocating for those who have unmet living needs such as food, clothing, shelter, household goods, furniture, appliances, home improvement repairs, heating, and transportation. Wellspring is funded primarily by donations from individuals, corporations, and faith-based organizations as well as grants from private foundations.

CROP Hunger Walks



CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own developmental priorities, their strengths and their needs, something CWS has learned through some 70 years of working in partnership around the world.

Center of United Methodist Aid to the Community (CUMAC)



CUMAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding people and changing lives. Our team works to alleviate hunger and its root causes for those in need in Paterson, Passaic County and northern New Jersey. As the largest food distribution program in Passaic County, we regularly feed over 3,000 low-income people a month. About 1 in 3 of our clients are children, 1 in 6 are disabled and 1 in 8 are senior citizens. CUMAC's work relies heavily on donations from individuals and groups.

Family Promise



As the only homeless shelter for children and their families in Hunterdon County, Family Promise responds to the emergent needs in our community. Family Promise of Hunterdon and the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Hunterdon County program is a non-profit agency, established in 1990. They work together to end the homelessness in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Family Promise of Hunterdon County, Inc. envisions the day when all families and individuals in our community have the opportunity and means to live independently.

Good News Home for Women



Located in Flemington, The Good News Home for Women is a short and long-term residential rehabilitation center for women who want to overcome the life-destroying effects of alcohol and other drug addictions. Founded as a Christian nonprofit organization in 1983, the Home offers a holistic approach of healing to the mind, body and spirit. The ongoing process of recovery and growth is achieved at the Home through a comprehensive non-denominational, but spiritually focused program. Services are offered to women, 18-years of age and older, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, or the ability to pay.

Heifer International



Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. They empower families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity – but their approach is more than just giving them a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Their animals provide partners with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market. When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses.
