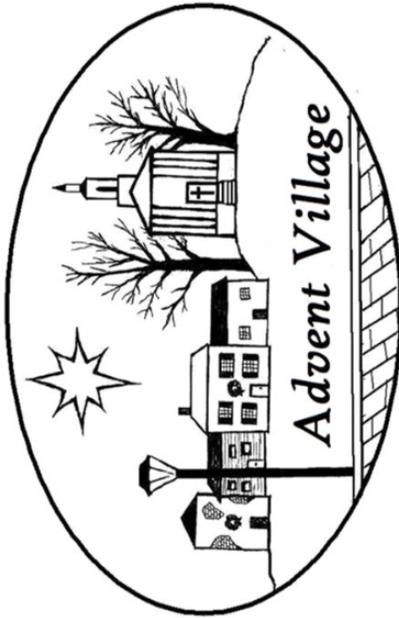


Advent Village

• GIFT CATALOG •

Allentown Presbyterian Church
20 High St.
Allentown, NJ
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Welcome

What is Advent Village? It's an opportunity to participate in an alternative experience to commercial Christmas shopping which creates awareness of and benefits those served through the missions of the Allentown Presbyterian Church. Purchasing a gift at Advent Village benefits the lives of people who are in need, in the name of your loved one, helping us to care for God's family.

In 2020, in response to the confines of the pandemic, we conducted Advent Village strictly by catalog and we were amazed and blessed by the generosity of our donors. While we are moving in the right direction, we are still in a time of uncertainty so, like last year, Advent Village 2021 will be by catalog throughout the month of December. While we are unable to gather in person, we can still make a difference in the lives of many. Our goal is to provide you with opportunities to help people in need all around the world with a gift of any size. Advent Village provides creative, "alternative" gifts to candles, ugly sweaters, and ties; to candy, video games, and mugs. Life-giving gifts such as food baskets, rent, diapers, stoves, goats, immunizations, wells, and homes ...gifts that will truly change and bless the lives of those in severe need.

Is this the year God is calling you to think differently about gift giving; to support and share the idea of selfless giving and receiving through which we receive an unexpected and different type of gift: the blessing that comes from helping others?

The APC missions represented at Advent Village 2021 are The Allentown Food Pantry, The Allentown Good Neighbor Fund, Crossroads Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Guatemala, HomeFront, Villages in Partnership, and the Presbyterian Church (USA).

We invite you to "visit the stores" or missions of APC via brief videos (use the QR codes in the catalog). Spending just a few minutes with our missionaries will provide you with insight into the enormous amount of powerful and meaningful works being done for the least in God's kingdom near and far.

"I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." Matthew 25: 35-40

Wishing you a blessed Christmas...



Maureen Harshman
Director of Children and Family Ministry
Advent Village Coordinator



Presbyterian Church(USA) Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (USA). When natural or human-caused disasters impact communities, **PDA** is poised to respond and work closely with congregations and local mission partners to bring Christ's love and healing.

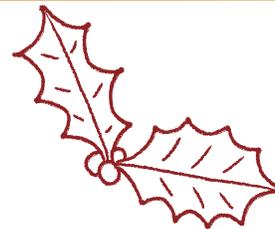
If you would like more information about PDA, please go to this link:
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-do/disaster-response/>



The Advent Village Christmas Card

Use this QR code to print an Advent Village Christmas card to share your gift with your loved one.

If you need assistance or would like us to print a copy for you, please contact Lizzy at lizzy@allentownpresbyterian.org or 609-259-7289.



How To Order

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the missions of Allentown Presbyterian Church and discovering all the meaningful ways we are serving our brothers and sisters in need locally and globally through your gift to Advent Village.

If you wish to support the work of these ministries you can do so by purchasing any of the lifegiving gift options provided. Some of the items are highlighted in this booklet. For a full list of options see the shopping list insert. To place an order, you may do so in one of two ways:

Complete the shopping list and mail it, along with a check, to
Allentown Presbyterian Church; memo Advent Village
PO Box 122, Allentown, NJ 08501.

-or-

Visit our website and select your purchases and pay by credit card.
Hovering over this QR code will lead you directly to the online shopping list.



If you would like to learn more about our ministries,
or print a shopping list, visit our website at
<https://allentownpresbyterian.org/advent-village/>

Advent Village Past



Good Neighbor Fund

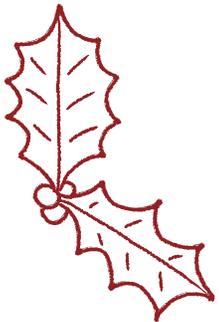
The **Good Neighbor Fund** is a mission of the entire community of Allentown and its churches. Our aim is to provide emergency financial assistance to those in severe distress due to extreme situations causing an inability to meet the demands of monthly utilities, rent, and medical bills, and unexpected expenses.



Utility Bill:
\$50



Rent:
\$200



Medical
Bill: \$75

Villages In Partnership

Villages In Partnership (VIP) is a 501(c)3 Christ-centered ministry to the poorest of the poor in Malawi, Africa. VIP is committed to transforming the lives of thousands of villagers living in extreme poverty. VIP works at the grassroots level to support a wide variety of life-changing sustainable development projects, including wells, schools, sustainable agriculture, livestock, solar irrigation, bridges, medical clinics, and savings & loan programs.



Drill a
Well:
\$7,500



Bricks for
a School:
\$25



Goat:
\$50



Furnish a
Classroom:
\$85



Guatemala Mission

The **Guatemala Mission** has been serving the needs of children in Guatemala for over 25 years. We built a mission and a feeding program in the rural village of San Lucas Toliman. With the help of our Guatemalan partner, Promised Land Ministries, our original project has grown to be the third academically ranked school in Guatemala serving over 300 of the poorest children in the country.

In addition, we help to operate a year round doctor served clinic and offer vocational classes for adults. Along with our partner churches, we have built hundreds of houses for needy families and have initiated plans to build a larger school and hospital.



Stove:
\$85



Doctor
Visit:
\$30



Lunch for
a year:
\$75

Sponsor a
Child:
\$350



Build a
Home:
\$2,000



The Allentown Community Food Pantry

The **Allentown Community Food Pantry** desires to be the hands and feet of the church. Our primary mission is to follow the example of Jesus by serving our neighbors in need locally and regionally in the state of New Jersey. Resources from many caring persons and organizations help provide basic sustenance to many individuals and families throughout the year. We are grateful for your contribution to these efforts.



Stock the
Pantry:
\$25-\$50



Seeds of Faith
Garden:
\$10



Turkey:
\$25

CROSSROADS

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Crossroads Youth & Young Adult Ministry is a Christian ministry serving youth and young adults in Allentown and the surrounding area. It is a safe place to gather, share concerns, make music, and make friends. In a time of rising loneliness and anxiety, Crossroads is a sanctuary for kids to be themselves, to pray for one another, and to connect with loving adults. Serving more than 150 youth and young adults each week, we also spend weekends away on retreat, go on mission trips to serve others in need, and so much more. At Crossroads we seek to share the love of Jesus whose presence is what makes Crossroads a truly "different place."



Month of Meals: \$20



Retreat Scholarship: \$150



Bible: \$15

Year of Ministry: \$500



HOMEFRONT

The mission of **HomeFront** is to end homelessness in Central New Jersey by harnessing the caring resources and expertise of the community. We provide families with shelter, case management, and permanent affordable housing. Our mission gives parents the support necessary to become and remain independent, while providing education and recreational opportunities to their children to help them grow.



Art Supplies: \$25



SAT Test Fee: \$50



Diapers: \$25



Bus Pass: \$60