

Alternative Giving Fair Giving Opportunities



“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.” [Matthew 2:11, NIV]



Lunch Provided ~ Santa’s Workshop ~ Giving Tree Main Building



BeadforLife

BeadforLife eradicates extreme poverty by creating bridges of understanding between impoverished, hard working Africans and concerned citizens worldwide. By hand-making jewelry from paper beads, Ugandan women generate income, lifting their families out of poverty. www.BeadforLife.org

Doorways for Women and Families

Formerly The Arlington Community Temporary Shelter, this organization strives to end homelessness and domestic violence by offering safe shelter and housing; life-changing support services, such as financial skills to foster independence; and community advocacy. The state government just cut Doorways' Children's Services by 55%. Bush Hill member Cammy Crane is employed at Doorways. www.doorwaysva.org

Good News Jail and Prison Ministry

The Alexandria Detention Center includes a Sober Living Unit, housing up to 44 inmates. The focus is on education about the disease of addiction, and how inmates can live a clean and sober life “one day at a time,” using the spiritual model of 12-step programs. The Jail Ministry provides eagerly-received literature such as *The Upper Room* and *AA Grapevine Magazine*. Volunteer chaplain Jackson Prentice has shared with our congregation the rewards of working with this ministry: “receiving much more than ever giving.” www.goodnewsjail.org

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need. Habitat has built nearly 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. Bush Hill has participated in several Habitat projects locally, including the funding and building of a townhouse in Arlington. www.Habitat.org

Heifer International

Since 1944, Heifer has helped 9.2 million families in more than 125 countries move toward greater self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture. The impact of each initial gift is multiplied as recipients agree to “pass on the gift” by giving one or more of their animal's offspring, or the equivalent, to another in need. You can “purchase” a variety of animals and receive a colorful gift card—this makes a wonderful present for teachers, etc. www.Heifer.org

Homeless Kits for Area Shelters

Bush Hill Church has supported the purchase of basic cold-weather survival supplies for homeless people for more than 10 years. The kits are sent to Miriam's Kitchen in D.C. and Rising Hope UMC on Rte. 1 in Fairfax County, and consist of a bag, blanket, long johns, cap, socks and gloves. You may purchase a complete kit or individual items.

Koinonia

The Koinonia Foundation, Inc., an ecumenical Christian non-profit human services organization founded in the early 1960's by community members and churches, serves individuals and families of all faiths in the Fairfax County areas of Franconia, East Springfield, Newington, and Kingstowne. Koinonia's mission is to "give hope and help with compassion and care" to individuals and families who are experiencing difficult circumstances, and are in need of emergency assistance. Food, clothing, and help with rent and utilities are available year-round; Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and Christmas wish list fulfillments meet the needs of local families during the holidays. www.koinoniacares.org

Miriam's Kitchen

Located in Foggy Bottom, Miriam's Kitchen provides nutritious hot meals and critical case management for homeless men and women in Washington, DC. This year is Miriam's Kitchen's 25th anniversary. Bush Hill Church supports this mission by sending volunteers to serve breakfast two times a month. www.miriamskitchen.org

Mount Vernon-Lee Child Development Center

Bush Hill Church was a founding member of Mount Vernon-Lee in 1971, and has continued to support its efforts to provide full-day care for young children from low-income families. Proposed budget cuts for Fairfax County Family Services will have a major impact on the center. Your donations of preschool-age books, crayons, markers, pencils, construction paper, and similar craft supplies help the center to continue providing quality child care. www.yellowbot.com/mt-vernon-lee-child-development-center-alexandria-va.html

Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church

Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church is a small church with a big mission. Chartered in 1996, the church ministers in the name of Christ to the spiritual and practical needs of the most at-risk people on the Rte. 1 Corridor south of Alexandria. Their members come from all walks of life including the many broken, homeless, and destitute we are called to serve. This church strives to be welcoming and empowering of all, offering the living waters of the Gospel to those most thirsty for healing. www.risinghopeumc.org

RPJ Housing/ Rebuilding Together

The Rev. Robert Pierre Johnson, a Presbyterian minister, founded RPJ Housing in 1954 to help low income, elderly, and handicapped homeowners maintain their homes in a safe and secure manner. RPJ's Christmas in April (now Rebuilding Together) began in 1988, taking on one-day repair projects at homes where elderly or disabled owners were not able to keep up their home maintenance. Each year Bush Hill Church supplies 30–50 volunteers, handling re-roofing, painting, yard work, plumbing and electrical repair. www.rebuildingtogether.org

SERRV

Presbyterian Women sponsors SERRV, where you can purchase gifts that make a difference—ethical fair trade gift and craft products from a range of developing countries. You can make a real difference in someone else's life! www.serrv.org

Todee Mission

Bush Hill Church members Carney and Ophelia Johnson have returned to Liberia to restore this mission school in their home country, which was disrupted by 15 years of civil war. Todee Mission, founded in 1945 and supported by the Presbytery of Liberia, was the first and only high school in the Todee District, about 35 miles from Monrovia. Bush Hill Church supports the Johnson's efforts by sponsoring teachers and students, as well as collecting and sending containers of needed supplies when possible. http://www.bushhill.org/Mission/Todee_Mission.htm

United Community Ministries

United Community Ministries (UCM) is a non-profit, community-based organization founded in 1969 as a grassroots movement to assist low-income families and individuals living along the Rte. 1 Corridor of Fairfax County. Initially a small group of citizens offering emergency food and clothing, it has grown into an organization offering comprehensive programs to help families become self-sufficient. In fiscal 2008, UCM served over 10,000 participants from over 4,000 households in 12 programs. www.ucmagency.org



Christian Education Bible Fair

The Christian Education & Nurture Committee invites you to peruse the many different Bibles available for purchase. Knowledgeable people will be present who will answer your questions about the differences in these Bibles, and to help you find a Bible that is right for you. There will also be supplemental resources and Bibles available to enhance the resources you already have.