

The Outreach Committee of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Murray is pleased to present the 2023/2024 Alternative Gift Catalog.

Opportunities to “shop” are available through the year. Consider this an opportunity to give meaningful gifts to those who do not really need anything, but to whom you want to remember with an “*alternative gift*” for Christmas, birthdays and other special events. The gifts benefit God’s world and God’s children both locally and around the world. We hope that many of you will take this opportunity to make donations to help the poor, sick or needy through a gift given in the name of honored friends and/or family.

This print and on-line catalog describes each of twelve gift opportunities with links to the organization sites for more information. To purchase a gift, print the on-line order form. Make your selection(s) and put in the dollar amount to be donated for each choice (the minimum amount for a choice is included in both the catalog and on the form), and include the name of the recipient and their address (either mail or e-mail). Please make out checks to “First Christian Church” with a line notation of Alternative Gift. Then, attach your check to the order form. The amounts specified on your order form will be sent to the organizations you have chosen. When your order and check are received in the office, you will receive an e-mail letting you know that your order is being processed. A member of the Outreach Committee will send a card to your recipient(s) to let him/her know of the donation in their name.

A printed catalog and order form may be obtained by contacting the church office at 270-753-3824.

Search in this catalog for the projects that speak most to you. God has so richly blessed each of us. Let us give thanks by generously sharing our resources.

## 11. Calloway County Collective

\$10

Calloway County Collective is a member of United Way of Murray Calloway County. The mission is to support friends and neighbors in Calloway County and the surrounding area. This mission is accomplished by word of mouth and through sharing “anything extra.” The Collective Facebook page is a place for information sharing and a place to reach out to others demonstrating concern and love.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/215339626226706/>

## 12. Habitat for Humanity – Murray/Calloway \$10



Murray Calloway County Habitat for Humanity is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses then are sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charged. The late Rev. Dr. David Roos was an enthusiastic supporter of the Murray chapter of Habitat for Humanity. “When you give to Habitat you are investing in an unlimited future,” Roos stated at the dedication of one Habitat for Humanity home. He called donations to the program “not so much charity as capital and instead of a handout, a hand up. This is the better way in the long run for us all!”

<http://www.murrayallowayhabitat.org>

**8. Soup for the Soul \$10**



...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in...Matthew 25:35. Soup for the Soul is a place where anyone can come to get a warm meal and fellowship. It is operated by volunteers and donations from the community.

<https://www.facebook.com/Soup-for-the-Soul-1570512796528153/>  
<https://www.soup4thesoul.org/>

**9. CASA by the Lakes \$10**



A non-profit organization that recruits, trains, and supports quality volunteers whose mission is to advocate for the timely and safe placement of abused and neglected children. CASA volunteers speak for the best interest of children in court and advocate for each child to have a safe, permanent home. Volunteers also offer encouragement, stability, and hope during a complex and critical time in the lives of these children.

<http://casabythelakes.org/>

**10. Week of Compassion \$10**

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

**CORE VALUES:**

**CONNECTION:** Partner with individuals, congregations, and organizations to serve the needs of the world;

**INTEGRITY:** Honor the commitment to faithful stewardship; ensuring gifts entrusted to Week of Compassion are making the most impact

**ACCOMPANIMENT:** Embody God's grace by committing to a long-term presence with communities in need.

<http://www.weekofcompassion.org/>



**1. Murray's Kids Care for Hunger in Calloway \$2**



Kids Against Hunger is a non-profit humanitarian organization with a mission to provide fully nutritious food to impoverished children and families around the world...and around the corner.

The goal of the organization is for the meals to provide a stable nutritional base from which recipient families can move their families from starvation or food insecurity to self-sufficiency AND to teach children at an early age the importance of helping to make the world a better place.

Murray's Kids... is a satellite of Kids Against Hunger whose mission is to feed the hungry people of Calloway County.

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/Murrays-Kids-Care-for-Hunger-Association-155182781164972/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Murrays-Kids-Care-for-Hunger-Association-155182781164972/about/?ref=page_internal)  
<https://www.kidsagainsthunger.org/>

**2. HOPECalloway \$10**

HOPECalloway provides a comprehensive approach to tackling homelessness in our community. We uncover the reasons individuals fall into a distressed state and connect them to the right service and support to get back on their feet again. By narrowing in on four key areas, HOPE Calloway is helping more people out of the cycle of homelessness and onto a path of a stable, healthy life.



<http://hopecalloway.org/about-us/>

**3. Church World Service \$5**

Church World Service (CWS) was born in 1946 in the aftermath of World War II. Seventeen denominations came together to form an agency "to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone." The mission is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged and shelter the homeless. CWS is active in more than 30 countries globally (including the United States) eradicating hunger and poverty; promoting peace and justice; providing assistance to communities impacted by disaster; and providing clean, safe water.



<http://www.cwsglobal.org/>

#### 4. Serenity Recovery

\$10



Serenity Recovery of Western Kentucky, Inc. is a 9-month non-residential recovery program designed to help addicts and alcoholics begin a life of recovery and empower them with the tools necessary to maintain sobriety. Our mission is to offer a safe and structured environment while also providing the connection, love, and accountability that one needs to achieve and maintain sobriety. We have seen, first-hand, the miracles that happen in the lives of those that struggle with addiction when they have God's love and grace and a safe space for them to recover. Address: 1608 Highway 121 Bypass North, Suite E  
Email Address: [serenity.recovery.wky@gmail.com](mailto:serenity.recovery.wky@gmail.com)

#### 5. Main Street Youth Center

\$5

Located in Murray, the Main Street Youth Center is a community youth center open to children 6-15 years old. Its mission for more than 25 years has been to support and strengthen youth in body, mind, soul, and spirit. To meet this goal, MSYC offers several programs. You may call 270-753-8336 for more information.



[https://www.facebook.com/pg/mainstreetyouthcenter/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/mainstreetyouthcenter/about/?ref=page_internal)

#### 6. Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House \$10

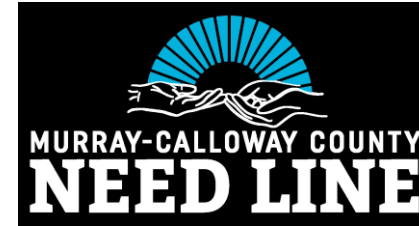


The Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House began accepting patients in November 2016. Its mission is to serve terminally ill patients who will live in home-like rooms in the house. There are 6 patient rooms equipped to care for patients and their family. Each room has one twin size bed for a family member to stay with their loved one as well as a private, covered patio that allows the patient or family members to spend time outside. Community contributions, both large and small, are necessary to continue this blessing to our community.

<https://www.murrayhospital.org/hospice/>

#### 7. Needline

\$10



**Mission:** To feed the hungry, to assist with basic needs, and to provide a bridge to wellness and financial security through education, counseling, and advocacy for the citizens of Calloway County.

<https://www.needlinemurray.com/>

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