

A Gift Worth Giving



Ardmore Presbyterian Church
ADVENT 2020

Alternative Christmas Gifts that Keep on Giving



ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL FUND

Our mission is to provide children with a nurturing Christian environment where the growth of the whole child is fostered through play and a developmentally appropriate curriculum. In an effort to serve the entire community, contributions will allow the Preschool additional opportunities to help where needed, especially during this most unusual school year.

Michelle Butera, Preschool Director

GIFT – Contribute any amount no matter how small or large.



First Place

A FIRST HOME FOR NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES

FIRST PLACE, a rental property in Ardmore, is a mission program of Ardmore Presbyterian Church begun in 2017 by the late Rev. Sturgis Poorman. Initially, **FIRST PLACE** provided temporary housing for up to one month for newly arrived refugee families and individuals while resettlement agencies in Philadelphia arranged for initial medical care, permanent housing and other needed services. In the past year, our mission has been adapted due to changes in Federal Immigration policies, to accommodate longer-term housing for asylum seekers and immigrants. First Place volunteers also continue to reach out to families who have lived at **FIRST PLACE** and moved into permanent housing in the Philadelphia area.

FIRST PLACE Coordination Team

Anne Conroy, Anne Foote, Joanne Poorman, Viola Terwiesch

GIFT - \$20 helps toward property rental.



Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center is a Christian camp, owned and operated by the PCUSA, and a joint venture of Philadelphia and Lehigh Presbyteries. This year, Kirkwood is celebrating 60 years of “building bridges which connect people to God, creation and each other.” Located just outside Stroudsburg, PA, the camp welcomes people of all

faiths year-round, with the main focus on a traditional yet creative overnight Christian summer camp experience. Summer camp includes everything from campfires, singing, boating, worship, ziplines, craft projects and devotionals. The coronavirus totally eliminated this summer’s program, and there were many youth devastated at not being able to come to the camp they call home. Your support will help ensure those same kids get to celebrate and develop their faith in the of summer 2021.

GIFT - \$30 helps support scholarships and training for counselors in summer 2021.

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The Mission of Teachers' Teammates is to ensure all K-12 students in Delaware County, PA, have the supplies they need to succeed in school. Our initial focus is to meet the needs of the 4 districts in Delco (Chester-Upland, Southeast Delco, William Penn and Upper Darby) where the entire student body qualifies for the federal free lunch program. The average out of pocket cost for teachers is \$500/year. Providing basic supplies to teachers sends the message that the community supports and appreciates their work with all of our children, especially in this unprecedented year. \$200 covers the cost of supplies for a classroom of 30 students for 1 semester.

www.TeachersTeammates.org



Raelyn Harman, APC Liaison

GIFT – Contribute any amount no matter how small or large.

THE WELCOME CHURCH

Welcome Art is a program of The Welcome Church, celebrating creativity and many gifts among our community, while seeking healing at many levels. We are creating spaces for people to do art and supplementing resources for people, when they may not be able to obtain all of their own art supplies, and we also pursue spaces for people to share their art with others, through art shows and art classes, so that in addition to healing through art, some individuals might develop a source of additional income, and people who might not know a person who is homeless can encounter the amazing gifts of someone who was previously an outsider. Funds are requested to help support materials and other expenses of Welcome Art.



thewelcomechurch.org

Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel, Associate Pastor, Welcome Church

GIFT – Contribute any amount no matter how small or large.

WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY (WKM)

“WORSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP, TRANSFORMATION”

At WKM, shared faith compels action and service to the community by faithfully providing creative outlets for artistic pursuits such as ceramics and silk screen studios (i.e. APC T-shirts). Space for concerts and recording studios are provided as well as youth mentoring programs. WKM is engaged in issues from poverty and immigration reform to reform of the justice system. A newer initiative of WKM, is their **Building Bridges** mentoring program. In their newly renovated gathering space, trained mentors meet with local youth aged 10 through 16, in a one-on-one effort to support and guide youth toward setting positive goals and gaining confidence in productive efforts. These critical relationships help the youth and the community.



GIFT - \$25 helps support training and oversight of mentoring program.

www.westkensingtonministry.com

What are "Alternative Gifts"?

When you give an Alternative Gift in honor of someone, you are giving hope, joy and security to those who are served by the mission you have chosen.

Alternative gift giving is a way of giving help to someone in need rather than purchasing a store-bought gift for a person on your Christmas list who is not in need. It allows the receiver to know you care for them and are thinking about them and also gives them the feeling that they have helped someone who is truly in need as the gift card shares briefly about the mission that is receiving the donation.

Select a cause(s) and donation amount(s) and receive appropriate greeting card(s) to give/send to notify your chosen honoree of your donation (Amount of donation will not be disclosed on card.)

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
APC PRESCHOOL	Any Amount		
FIRST PLACE	\$20		
KIRKWOOD CAMP	\$30		
TEACHERS' TEAMMATES	Any Amount		
THE WELCOME CHURCH	Any Amount		
WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY	\$25		
TOTAL:	N/A		

Name: _____

Address & Phone: _____

Checks can be made to APC. Please note Alternative Gifts on memo line. Please mail order form with check to APC, attn. Scott Welden.

Forms are also on-line and can be downloaded <https://ardmorepres.org/apcs-alternative-gifts-advent-2020/>. You may also give on-line by going to ardmorepres.org/giving, select mission fund, and describe how to allocate your gift between missions in the "notes" section after you have entered required data.

Gift cards will be sent to you after your check has been received or your on-line donation has been noted. For more information please contact Joanne Poorman, 610-525-5023.