

Organization	Gift	Price	Qty.	Total
Heifer International	Share of Fish	\$30		
Heifer International	Share of a Heifer	\$50		
Heifer International	Share of a Water Buffalo	\$25		
Heifer International	Share of a Llama	\$20		
Heifer International	Share of an Alpaca	\$20		
Heifer International	Share of a Goat	\$10		
Heifer International	Share of a Sheep	\$10		
Heifer International	Share of a Pig	\$10		
Heifer International	Honey Bees	\$30		
Heifer International	Flock of Chicks	\$20		
Heifer International	Flock of Ducks	\$20		
Heifer International	Share of Rabbits	\$10		
Heifer International	Garden Seeds	\$60		
UM Camps	Ministry Support	Any		
Church World Service	Blanket for One Child	\$10		
Church World Service	Books for Ten Students	\$20		
Church World Service	Educational Toys	\$25		
Church World Service	Water Filter	\$30		
FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	Ministry Support	Any		



**TOTAL DONATED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# 2023 Alternative Christmas Gift Guide

## Four Gifts of Love



### ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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## Happy Advent, and Merry Christmas!

We welcome you to another blessed holiday season. We trust that this will be a time of peace, hope, joy, and love for you and your loved ones.

Perhaps you have already started shopping for others on your list, and wondered, "What in the world can I give to someone who already has everything?" More importantly, perhaps you are wondering if there can be any way to cut through the madness of a highly commercialized season. Isn't there something more to Christmas than purchasing and spending?

Well, there is! As Christians, we are called to give of ourselves for others in need, so that everyone can come to a saving knowledge of God's love. There is no better time of year to put God's love into action than right now.

We have decided to help you accomplish two things at once: shop for people on your list, and really make a difference with your gift.

In these pages are various missions and agencies that are really making a difference in the world. Why not consider making a donation to these agencies in honor of that special person? Just fill out the enclosed form, and we'll furnish you with a nice acknowledgment that you can use to give as a gift. Plus, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a valuable contribution to the life of someone else.

All your gifts are tax-deductible and can really make a difference!



Grace and Peace,

The Missions Committee of  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church

## Alternative Christmas Gift Guide Order Form

Please fill out this form and return it, along with your payment, to the church office or to a member of the Missions Committee. For every order, you will receive a customized acknowledgment card you can then give to someone as a gift. All of your gifts are tax-deductible.

Please make your check payable to "St. Paul's UMC," and designate it for "Alternative Christmas Gift."

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_





## FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

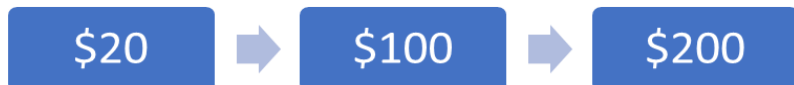
In this past calendar year, over **1,000 youth and 100 coaches** have been **impacted for Christ by FCA** in the schools of Cherokee, MMRU, and Alta-Aurelia.

Our **Mission** is *“To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.”*

Fulfillment of our mission will **require a combination of God’s blessing, your financial investment, and a lot of hard work!** Yet, we believe results will show a positive earthly and heavenly return as together we bring glory to God in **sharing Christ and helping to fulfill the Great Commission to make disciples.**

We’re preparing to **impact even more coaches and athletes** next year to pursue God’s greater mission for their lives.

Consider helping us by **making a special year-end gift** to jumpstart our efforts in 2024.



You can put a Bible in the hands of a coach or athlete for only \$20. **I’m so glad God brought you to join me** as we pursue His greater mission together!

*Your Teammate in Christ, Bruce Dager*



Heifer International works with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, we empower them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope.

With gifts of livestock and training, we help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. We refer to the animals as *“living loans,”* because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to give one of their animal’s offspring to another family in need. It is called *“passing on the gift”*—a cornerstone of our mission that creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace.

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For more information, please visit [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

# Church World Service



## Enriching Lives, Developing Christian Leaders

The Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church has two camp and retreat centers—Lake Okoboji in Spirit Lake and Wesley Woods near Indianola. Your gift supports the operational expenses of the United Methodist camps to insure this camping ministry can continue for the leaders of our future, our kids!

### Gift

Any Amount

For more information, please visit  
<https://www.iaumc.org/camps>.

**Give them the best summer yet!**



From something as simple as a blanket, amazing things can happen...with your help. Your gift can provide warmth and protection to victims of a disaster, seeds and tools to many struggling farmers, and water and health to impoverished communities.

Like the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, your gifts to Church World Service multiply as they are joined with the contributions of other congregations, yielding a rich harvest of caring for those in need.

### Gifts

\$10 can provide a warm blanket to one refugee child.

\$20 can provide books for ten students.

\$25 can provide educational toys, such as building blocks.

\$30 can put a water filter into a home to provide clean water.

For more information, please visit [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org).