

Sardis Presbyterian Church



ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Giving that makes a real difference



2022 CATALOG



BLESSINGS FOR BAYONNAIS, HAITI



Your gift can help to improve the lives of our friends in the mountainous region of Bayonnais, Haiti, through the new coordinating group, Friends Empowering Haiti (formerly OFCB), which provides education, medical care and nutritious food to children and families. The poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti is located east of the island of Cuba in the West Indies.

*Gifts to the **School Fund** provide educational support for nearly 2,500 students who attend the school every day. This fund also provides a daily meal—often the only meal of the day for many of the children. The school also serves as a safe haven for children in crisis.*

*Gifts to the **Medical Clinic** provide care and support for over 2,600 patients every year. The clinic serves as one of the few within the region, where people travel near and far across the island of Haiti seeking treatments and medications.*



CARE RING

*Your gift to **Care Ring** will support the growth of its Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program for low-income, first-time mothers and their babies in Mecklenburg County. Through regular visits by a Registered Nurse from the NFP, the mothers are able to improve their pregnancy outcomes, learn essential parenting skills, and gain the ability to achieve self-sufficiency until their child is two years old.*



FAMILIES FORWARD CHARLOTTE



*Your gift will help families in our community as they navigate the challenges of poverty; striving to achieve their financial, educational, employment, and family goals. **Families Forward Charlotte** provides individualized mentoring, educational opportunities, and essential support as the mentor walks alongside each family on their journey toward long-term stability and economic mobility.*



GREATER MATTHEWS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Your gift to **Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity** puts God's love into action; bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. By partnering with limited income families, volunteers, and community sponsors, GMHH provides decent, affordable homes for their community.



LOAVES & FISHES/FRIENDSHIP TRAYS



Your gift can help hungry children and families in our community. **Loaves and Fishes/Friendship Trays**, through a network of 41 emergency food pantries, provides nutritionally-balanced groceries to individuals and families across Mecklenburg County who are experiencing a short-term crisis. Of the over 80,000 people who were helped by Loaves and Fishes last year, 36% of them were children.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Your gift to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. PDA is currently responding to Hurricane Ian, Hurricane Fiona, 7.5 magnitude earthquake in Mexico, flooding in Pakistan, flooding in Kentucky, Missouri, and Virginia, and the crisis in Ukraine.



RAMA ROAD BACKPACK MINISTRY



Your gift will support the **Backpack Program** through Planting Seeds of Hope, our partnership with Rama Road Elementary School. This program provides a backpack filled by Second Harvest Foodbank with nutritious, ready-to-eat or easy-to-prepare foods on weekends and holidays for children at the school who are at risk of hunger. Often, this is their only source of food for the weekend.

Sardis Presbyterian Church Alternative Gift Market

Many people around the world are facing daily struggles. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to care for the sick, feed the hungry, and provide shelter for the homeless. The Sardis Alternative Gift Market gives us the opportunity to help alleviate the burdens of our neighbors, both near and far, during this critical time. You are invited to select one or more ways to give in the name of Christ. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

How Does it Work?

- AGM order forms can be picked up in the Gathering Place and Narthex on Sundays, November 27 - December 18, or during the Christmas Dinner on December 6.
- Fill out an AGM order form and attach your check payable to Sardis Presbyterian Church. **Return on or before December 21.**
- Mail your completed order form and check to: Sardis Presbyterian Church, Attn: AGM, 6100 Sardis Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270.
- You may also order from the Alternative Gift Market online at www.sardis.org/alternative-gift-market or scan this QR code to visit the AGM site:

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- If you desire an acknowledgement card(s) to notify a loved one or friend of your gift, please complete your order by **December 15.**

Acknowledgement Cards Available

Your gifts can be in honor or in memory of a loved one. We have attractive cards available for each of the ministries, if you wish to notify a friend or loved one of your gift(s). If you desire to receive acknowledgement cards, please indicate on the AGM Order Form the number of cards you desire for each ministry; and return your completed order form before December 15. Your cards will be placed in the mail to you no later than December 16. If you request more than five (5) cards, you will be contacted to arrange a pick-up from the church.

