

## Sardis Presbyterian Church



# ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

*Giving that makes a real difference*

 2023 CATALOG 



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## BLESSINGS FOR BAYONNAIS, HAITI



Your gift will to the **Bayonnais School Fund** will help improve the lives of our friends in Bayonnais, Haiti by supporting student education, and a hot meal on school days. Your donation will go to the local non-profit, Friends Empowering Haiti (formerly OFCB), which provides funds to support the ICB School. Even though there has been ongoing unrest in parts of Haiti, which keeps us from visiting, the school has been able to continue and provides hope to this community.



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## FAMILIES FORWARD CHARLOTTE

**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.



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## GREATER MATTHEWS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



**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, Habitat for Humanity provides decent affordable homes for their community.



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## LOAVES & FISHES/FRIENDSHIP TRAYS

**Loaves and Fishes:** 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.



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## MOTHER ESTHER RESCUE SCHOOL, KENYA



**Mother Esther Rescue School** in Kenya, Presbyterian Church of East Africa: One of several Presbyterian Church/East Africa centers in Kenya rescuing girls from tribal abduction, physical torture, and early marriage, offering them protection and hope through education and safe living conditions.



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## 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 Israel/Palestine, Afghanistan earthquake, Libya flooding, hurricane Idalia, Hawai'i wildfires, and more.



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## 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?

- You may order from the Alternative Gift Market online at [www.sardis.org/alternative-gift-market](http://www.sardis.org/alternative-gift-market) or scan this QR code to visit the AGM site. Please indicate the number of Acknowledgement Cards you are requesting in the memo line of the online form:



SCAN TO MAKE A DONATION

- AGM order forms can also be picked up in the Gathering Place, Narthex, or Adult Library on Sundays, December 3-17 from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. as well as during the Christmas Dinner on December 6.
- Order forms and payment may be turned in at the Adult Library during the times listed above.
- Your gifts can be in honor or in memory of a loved one. Attractive cards will be available for each of the ministries. If you wish to notify a friend or loved one of your gift(s), please indicate on the AGM Order Form the number of cards you desire for each ministry.
- Acknowledgement cards may be picked up when you return your AGM Order Form during the Sundays and times listed above. If you need to make alternative arrangements, please contact Alma Jo Langston, [ajhlangston@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ajhlangston@carolina.rr.com).

