

WE ARE THE CHURCH. TOGETHER.

As Presbyterians, we are bound together. Not by culture, rather it is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and neighbor that binds us to one another. We are united by a deep gratitude for the Spirit — the same Spirit that empowers us to share the love of Christ and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

It's in this spirit that thousands of Presbyterians give through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog every year. They give as devotion. They give as thanks. They give as one.

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SMALL GIFTS. BIG IMPACT.

As Presbyterians, we find the foundation of our faith to be built around the grace of Jesus Christ. Christ has called the Church and equipped each of us through baptism to share the Good News of the Gospel. What does this mean for our daily lives? Matthew 25 invites us to engage in the world around us, serving the poor, working toward justice for the oppressed and building up the Church. It means echoing the life of Christ: sharing bread with the hungry; bringing water to the thirsty; providing seeds for the farmer; supporting education for schoolchildren; empowering leaders from communities of color; and helping those without a home find shelter.

The Presbyterian Giving Catalog, featuring over 40 items to choose from, is one tool you can use to fulfill this call. Engaging

the whole congregation in the work of the Giving Catalog provides an opportunity for every member to be part of a collective effort to celebrate the grace of God and express it together.

This Impact Guide provides examples and resources that may connect with entire congregations, and some that may resonate most with small circles of friends. No matter the scope, a gift's impact — on Presbyterian mission and on the donor who gives — will be lasting, shaping God's people to be generous and joyful givers for years to come.

If there's a cause close to your congregation's heart, you can probably find it in the Giving Catalog. Come together to give as devotion. Come together to give as thanks. Come together to give as one.

81,530

gifts have been given through the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog* since October 2013

This little Catalog is a gateway to so many great teaching, learning and mission opportunities!

Rev. Jon H. Reinink, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Growth

First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Missouri

A TRIBUTE TO THE GENEROSITY OF DORIS BROWN

A Tribute by Ruling Elder Russ Reighley Sherrill's Ford Presbyterian Church, Sherrill's Ford, North Carolina



In all my years of life and ministry, I've never met anyone quite like Doris Brown (pictured above).

In the decade I've served thus far with my wife, Marcia, as commissioned co-pastors of Sherrill's Ford Presbyterian Church, I can count joys beyond measure and at least one profound regret — that I only knew Doris for the last nine years of her life, which will always be my great loss.

Doris was just an amazing woman, who lived to serve. She was a ruling elder, deacon, nurse, mission coworker in Mexico, Sunday school teacher, pianist and an Honorary Life Member of Presbyterian Women three times over. And she was responsible for introducing me to the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog*, the mission program closest to her heart.

Yet, of the many offices Doris held and the diverse ministries for which she was known and loved, for our congregation she was — and will always be — the "Bread Lady."

Doris epitomized our church in so many ways. Her first thought was always, "What can I do for that person?" And whether she knew them or not, if it was their birthday or if they were sick, they always got a card and a home-baked loaf of bread from Doris.

Even her diagnosis of end-stage pancreatic cancer in February 2020 — just before COVID-19 closed our sanctuary's doors and moved our worship services online — didn't deter her

When we went away from printing bulletins, Doris didn't have any problem with that, but she told me, "Russ, you have to give me the prayer requests because I want to send them a card."

And she didn't stop baking, either.

In late March or early April last year, Doris called me. She asked me in this matter-of-fact voice she had, "How are you going to do Communion?" When I told her we really didn't know yet, she said people would probably need to have the elements at home. Then she asked how many

loaves it would take to serve the whole congregation. When I told her 90, she said, "I can do that."

And she did. Even though by then she had the use of only one arm, she baked 90 loaves for the church's first celebration of the Sacrament at home, and then she made 90 more for the next Communion.

But her gifts to the church didn't end when she went home to Jesus.

A generous bequest to Sherrill's Ford will ensure that the projects she most valued in the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog* — namely access to clean water and ways to end hunger in the world's developing countries — will continue well beyond her lifetime.

Already the many gifts we've received in Doris' memory have enabled us to donate two garden wells through the Giving Catalog, which we promote every October. We also commit ourselves every March to raising money for goats.

Because Doris had seen the impact that a grant from the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering had on the hospital in Mexico where she served in the 1960s as a mission co-worker, our church's emphases on goats and garden wells began as projects of our Presbyterian Women but were later adopted and supported by the whole congregation. Just as with the wells, the goat campaign has already been seeded with 10 pairs of goats at a cost of \$178 per pair through the Giving Catalog.

As we still mourn the loss of our beloved "Bread Lady," we take comfort in knowing that hers was a life well lived — a life whose impact will be felt for generations to come

Even now, I can still hear Doris ask, "What can I do for that person?" And, as I look through the Giving Catalog, I answer her question with my own: "Doris, what gifts can we make, large or small, to honor your service to Christ's church?" And I ask you, "Whom will you honor this year with your generous giving through the Catalog?"

The projects she most valued in the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog* ... will continue well beyond Doris' lifetime.

Russ Reighley, Ruling Elder

Sherrill's Ford Presbyterian Church Sherrill's Ford, North Carolina



GIVE AS WORSHIP

Worship resources written for the Presbyterian Giving Catalog will help you integrate your Giving Catalog campaign into your services of worship. A liturgy written by Rev Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long is now joined by a new Links of Lovefocused resource, both of which could effectively lead a congregation in a service of worship, celebrating God's work through the congregation's support of the Giving Catalog. You may find that using different parts of these liturgies to supplement a series of worship services or as devotional pieces for leadership meetings over several weeks may be more impactful, bringing up the subject several times.

These resources along with additional resources for use in worship, like bulletin inserts, presentation slides and stories of impact can be found at presbyteriangifts.org/getinvolved. As you begin your efforts, consider the "Getting Started" steps and how these resources could help you launch a Giving Catalog event in your home church.

The opportunities for meaningful engagement with your congregation and the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog* are as diverse and plentiful as the plants and animals of Creation.



FOUR EASY STEPS

1

Pick a gift. Set a goal.

When you gather with your team of leaders at a meeting to explore the Giving Catalog and identify the gifts and goals you will use, try using the Opening Sentences as a moment for reflection or opening devotion

2

Plan your project. Get the word out.

Share announcements in worship with a Moment for Mission on your congregation's gifts and goals, celebrating benchmark achievements and encouraging continued support. As you use the Giving Catalog-specific liturgy, different emphases will surface among your congregation. This increases the likelihood of your members understanding the work of Presbyterian Mission and becoming inspired to participate and partner in supporting the Giving Catalog.

3

Hold your event and collect your gifts.

Giving Catalog gifts can be received from your congregation in many different ways; during the offertory of a service of worship, in an envelope passed around the Sunday school classroom, at your annual Alternative Giving Market, or at a unique event of your own. The Invitation to the Offering and Prayers of Dedication can be used to call the hearts of those gathered to be mindful in their giving and pray a blessing over the gifts that are given.

4

Offer your gifts!

At the end of the event's timeframe, celebrate the work God is doing through the many gifts shared. The Prayers of Intercession can provide a framework that integrates the Giving Catalog and its ministries into the regular prayers of God's gathered people



PANDEMIC SEWS NEW ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN ZIMBABWE

COVID-19 has created hardships across the world — but it has also sowed opportunity out of unprecedented adversity.

Case in point is Zimbabwe, where
Presbyterian support has helped Uniting
Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa
(UPCSA) encourage 30 local seamstresses
into a new entrepreneurial venture:
making fabric face masks to protect their
communities, and support their families
during the pandemic.

Like many other parts of the world, the Zimbabwe government mandated that masks be worn outside of the home to stop the spread of the virus. Unfortunately, face masks are very expensive in Zimbabwe and the ordinary person cannot afford them. At the same time, COVID-19 has also impacted many of the small businesses in the country, disrupting the normal work of seamstresses and putting their livelihoods on hold.

Gifts given through the *Presbyterian Giving*Catalog not only helped the project supply fabric, elastic and thread to create the masks, it supported the Presbytery of Zimbabwe of the UPCSA's Presbyterian Capacity

Building Unit in mentoring the women,

providing mandatory health education about COVID-19, training them in the production of masks that met statutory guidelines, and ensuring quality control of the product. UPCSA also played an important role in the supply chain, ensuring that masks were collected from the seamstresses and distributed to those who needed them, with most sold in bulk to Zimbabwean shops and church schools. The bulk sales strategy allowed for social distancing and gave participants a means to sell their masks without the traditional market structure, which was disrupted to stop the spread of the virus.

The benefits of the project have been impactful and far-reaching. Profit generated as income helped support families in the midst of a financially uncertain time and fostered hope by empowering Zimbabwean women to create a sustainable business that could provide long-term livelihood. Beyond that, the community has also benefited from the availability of locally produced, affordable masks and a means to fight COVID-19 where they live and work.

The mask project provided a much-needed pandemic service to neighbors ... while extending a modest income to participants, who otherwise might have been left without livelihood in a critical season.

Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus

Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance





PIECE BY PIECE. ROW BY ROW.

Knit your congregation or small group together with Threads of Connection, a learning activity of the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog*. Quilting is more than a craft or a hobby — it's a symbol of the transformational power of coming together, with various and diverse traditions and histories within many

cultures and groups. In some traditions, quilting uses scraps and castoff fabrics which are stitched together to form something useful and beautiful. Joseph's "coat of many colors" from Scripture, is sometimes depicted as an adorned robe of different colored fabrics, quilted together and showing him honor.

Whatever story, tradition or theme you weave together, the "Sewing Kit" we've put together can help you begin your creation. With patterns and threads you can adapt to suit your context, or expand to meet your vision, the "Kit" is activity-focused, with the hopes of inviting your stories and expressions of stitching together, as a church, and as the Church, together, with those in need.

To get started, visit presbyteriangifts.org/threads or scan this QR code to start participating today.



DOWNLOAD THE KIT

PAPER QUILTS AND WEAVINGS

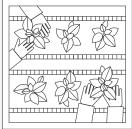
Paper quilts can be created individually or as a group. Use brightly colored paper and trace geometric patterns or use a template to create an image of giving and hope, piece by piece. Small paper quilts and weavings are great keepsakes, or can be used as Christmas tree ornaments or cards your members can exchange, within small groups, whole congregations or between different age, stage or affinity groups. Large-scale paper quilts create unity in your congregation while creating an eye-catching work of art.

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Want something ready-made for use by kids in your congregation?

Help bring this activity to life in your own church! Want to create a barnyard bulletin board, or decorate Sunday school doors with the animals they know and love? Square $(18" \times 18")$ paper quilt templates depicting scenes of the work supported through the Giving Catalog are available to order via the order form included with this Impact Guide.

PRAYER QUILTS

Prayer quilts arise in many traditions and provide comfort, encouragement and hope in every stitch.

Each person, creating a quilted square to be sewn together, or kept as a symbol of being part of the whole. Or each could be traded, or circulated, to gather prayers for one another and prayers with those who have least.

Quilting bees bring members together in a supportive and social setting that amplifies our prayers. Prayer quilts can be used within the church to acknowledge and respond to prayer requests, bestow honor or share the story of a people, now, or throughout its history.

PUTTING ART INTO ACTION

Your energy, intelligence, imagination and love spin Threads of Connection into artwork that works! Small gifts, like the items in the Giving Catalog, the prayers we offer, together, and the people who make-up the Church are making a Big Impact.

Removable Poster and Order Form

RESOURCES CREATED WITH YOU IN MIND

Leaders like you are what has made the Giving Catalog such a success. To help you share your enthusiasm for Presbyterian mission, we've developed these tools and resources to build excitement in your congregation.

Resources by Mail » Request these free materials using the order form in this guide If the order form has been removed, download a new form at presbyteriangifts.org/getinvolved







Giving Catalog Starter Kit



Promotional Posters



Links of Love Activity



Bulletin Inserts



Jerry Can Curriculum (Grades 1-5)



Threads of Connection Activity Kit



Activity Kit

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Online Resources » presbyteriangifts.org/getinvolved

Sample Newsletter Post

Use this readymade blog post on your website or in church newsletters to help promote the *Presbyterian*

Giving Catalog.

Stories of Impact

Share these stories with your congregation in celebration of, and gratitude for, the magnitude of God's gracious and abundant work in the world.

Links of Love Activity

Join the activity that's virtually connecting the country. Connect with other congregations by helping to build a denomination-wide paper chain and see how far Presbyterian generosity can reach.

Hosting an Alternative Giving Market Guide

Plan an Alternative
Giving Market at your
church, where people
can give to ministries
that support clean water,
agriculture or relief and
assistance projects.

Posters and Promotional Images

Display our posters and other creative materials around your church to build excitement for gifts featured in the Giving Catalog.

Impact Videos

Watch and share stories of lives changed, told by the people and communities that were empowered through Giving Catalog gifts.

Worship Resources

Use these liturgies to help integrate the Giving Catalog into worship services.

Threads of Connection

Use Threads of
Connection to develop
an engaging activity for all
ages that symbolizes the
transformational power
of coming together and
creates a work of art.

Coloring Sheets

Ask children to let their creativity shine while learning about the joy in sharing with others around the world.



PROVIDING A LIFELINE IN SOMALIA

In the midst of a hunger emergency that has disrupted nearly every area of life, Somali families have been given a lifeline by Presbyterian support; one made possible in part through gifts from the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog*.

Years of intense drought, coupled with the crisis of an ongoing civil war, have made it nearly impossible for many Somalians to raise the camels, cattle, sheep and goats that are their livelihood. The resulting hunger emergency is cataclysmic: According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 5.4 million people in Somalia are food insecure, and another 2.6 million people are displaced.

Hawo Abdi is just one of the many Somalians who has faced the unthinkable decision to stay and struggle to meet their family's most basic needs, or leave their homes to journey to a relief camp for help.

Before these crises converged, 29-yearold Abdi and her husband were successful herders near their country's border with Kenya — but crippling drought made it impossible to sustain their animals, and in turn, the family's livelihood. After the death of her husband, Abdi set out from her home in El-Wak and embarked on a high-risk, two-day journey to the Tulia-Anin Camp for internally displaced people. "We had nothing to take with us, and we had to beg for water," Abdi shared.

At the camp, they found refuge, water and food that gifts made through the Giving Catalog helped to provide.

By providing not only daily sustenance like rice, beans, cooking oil and water, but also a path out of hunger and adversity, Presbyterians are helping empower survivors like Abdi who have weathered the storm of extreme hunger, civil war and disease, helping to provide them the resources they need to thrive today and tomorrow.

While life is still difficult for Abdi and her children, they are now safe and nourished. "The food aid has improved the living conditions of my family," she said. "I was able to feed my starving children."

We are very grateful for your contribution. It will help us a lot in fighting the hunger and poverty affecting our people in Somalia. 22

Mohamed Ahmed Iriri, director The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partner, Kaalmo Relief and Development



The *Presbyterian Giving Catalog* recognizes how the power of each individual gift, when joined with others, makes a significant and lasting impact with people and communities around the world.

We are demonstrating this truth through an activity that makes visible the collective efforts of generous Presbyterians. The Links of Love activity will begin at your church and then be joined with the efforts of churches like

yours and virtually displayed as an amazing sign of our commitment to God's mission and our shared connection.

With this activity, we are recognizing collective efforts and inspiring others. We're excited to see how you and your church embrace this and make it your own.

WHAT

We're building a paper chain that stretches as far as the eye can see. Our goal? To make it long enough to circle the globe! This paper chain will be made up of virtual and physical paper chains sent in by congregations who have participated in this activity or who added links online at linksoflove.gives.

HOW

Each congregation's paper chain will be built with links that represent a gift given through the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog*. These paper chains can be built in-person, or online at linksoflove.gives. How individual congregations decide to structure their activity is very flexible! However, we've got ideas to help you get inspired and downloadable templates to make your job easier. Has your church already sent their paper chain in? Not to worry! You can still add links online.

WHO

Every person who makes a gift receives a paper link to fill out and add to the congregation's paper chain. Additionally, if a gift is given on someone's behalf, the recipient can add their link to the paper chain.

WHERE

Be sure to display the links in a visible location! In your sanctuary, your lobby, your coffee room, your growing paper chain will generate excitement over how much is being accomplished, together.

WHEN

The Links of Love activity fits nicely into holiday celebrations, such as Thanksgiving or Christmas, but any time is a good time to celebrate a collective effort of giving.

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Visit presbyteriangifts.org/links-of-love or scan this QR code to start participating today.









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The simple act of stringing pieces of paper together goes beyond the symbolic to the tactile, physical representation of our joyful response to God's missional call.

Rev. Ian McMullen, General Presbyter, Prospect Hill Presbytery, Storm Lake, Iowa

IDEAS

- Offer the links for "purchase" during your Alternative Giving Market.
- Decorate your congregation's Christmas tree with a "garland" of links. To get inspired, watch our tree-trimming video at presbyteriangifts.org/pgc-videos.
- Download our new Links of Love liturgy to integrate the activity into your time of worship.
- Engage the children in your congregation to parade the assembled paper chain through the sanctuary in thanks and celebration before it is shipped in.
- Be fishers of people with the Fishing Net link, assembling a series of short paper chains, and then hanging them side by side to represent a net.
- Create a joyful paper chain rainbow, just like God provided after the waters subsided, to celebrate his everlasting love.
- Share on social! Tag @givingcatalog and use the hashtag #smallgiftsbigimpact.
- Highlight members of your congregation with their "Why I gave" and show them holding their link.

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INNOVATION AND GENEROSITY BLOOM IN PITTSBURGH

Community farms and gardens connect produce with purpose — and feed the spirit of giving alongside neighbors in need.

One of many community gardening success stories that bloomed in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic was Garfield Community Farm, a Pittsburgh-based organization supported by the Presbyterian Hunger Program and generous gifts made through the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog*. The farm has supplied produce to feed its neighbors in predominantly low-income neighborhoods for years — and that mission was never more important than in 2020, when the pandemic created disruptions in traditional nutrition support safety net programs, sweeping job loss and economic hardship, especially in already-vulnerable communities.

Rather than buckling under challenges posed by social distancing requirements and stay-at-home mandates, Garfield Community Farm rose to the challenge and stepped up its efforts to feed the families in its neighborhoods.

The farm more than doubled the number of households served through produce deliveries containing lettuce, kale, collards, tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, herbs and more. Garfield Community Farm also experimented with distributing tomato seedlings for the first time. One recipient of seedlings was Phyllis Conner, a Garfield resident from birth who lives one block away from the farm. Never having grown vegetables before, she delighted in the small crop that rose from the five-gallon buckets she used as planters. Phyllis laughingly shared with a Community Engagement Coordinator that her grandmother had had a garden but forbade any of the children from helping out under the assumption that they would destroy something.

Other successes emerged in the midst of the adversities of 2020: Garfield Community Farm reduced its crop loss (due to pests and disease) by 80%, surpassed its 2020 estimate for seedling sales by 25% and increased its food pantry donations by 300%.

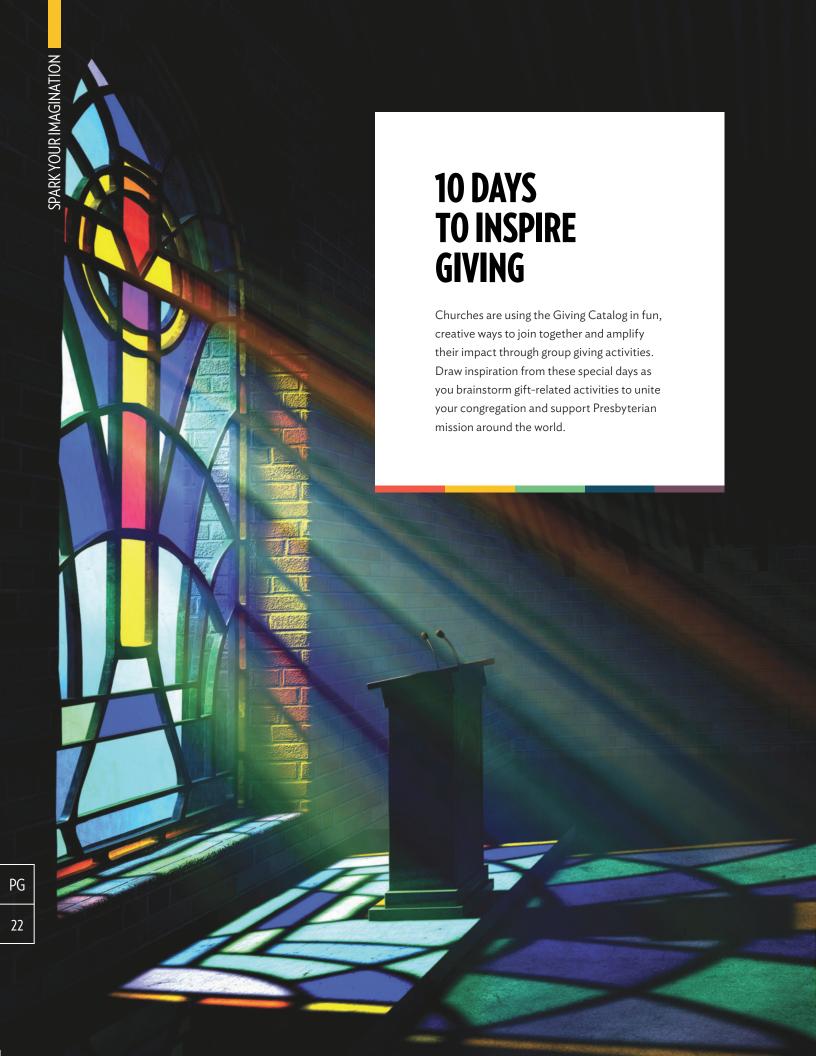


And when the COVID-19 pandemic created the need for Garfield to limit its market, the farm instead worked to increase the number of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscriptions offered, allowing them to more effectively ensure safe conditions surrounding CSA packaging and distribution. Because of that strategy, Garfield Community Farm doubled the number of its CSA subscriptions.

This incredible farm, a ministry of The Open Door Presbyterian Church, serves to remind us of the staggering resilience and ingenuity of people working toward the common goal of helping their neighbors.

We love you. We are praying for justice. >>

The note attached with every delivery of produce by Garfield Community Farm during the pandemic.



February 14 Valentine's Day

Links of Love

What better way to show love on this special day than participating in Links of Love with your congregation!

Second Sunday in August College and Young Adult Sunday

Education Scholarship Fund for Communities of Color

Invest in the development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

March 8 **International Women's Day**

> **Empowering Women and Girls: an entire** category of gifts that lift up women $\ddot{\mathbb{I}}$

Honor women by supporting their empowerment through education, training and access to financial opportunities.

September 8 **International Literacy Day**

Supplies for Displaced Students 🛗

Invite your congregation to sell their old books and donate their earnings to help students who've lost everything.

March 22 **World Water Day**

Garden Well 🛗

Let your generosity overflow by giving the gift of a Garden Well to a community in need.

Children's Sabbath

Educate a Child 🛗

Celebrate the children in your church by supporting the Educate a Child, Transform the World initiative.

April 22 **Earth Day**

Sapling Set 📺

Help protect the earth God provided for us by giving a Sapling Set.

October 11 **International Day of the Girl**

Women's Empowerment Project 🛗

Ask a young woman in your life to choose a gift from the Giving Catalog that supports other girls, and give it in her honor.

June 20 **World Refugee Day**

Refugee Food Basket 🗒

Stand with refugees by providing nourishment and essentials to those who've fled their homes in search of peace.

Thanksgiving

Alternative Giving Market

As you and your loved ones gather in gratitude, choose an item from the Giving Catalog to give, together.

Join other congregations in exploring this new opportunity to encourage generosity! Reach out to our team at presbyteriangifts@pcusa.org for support, including design of a campaign page and suggestions on how to motivate giving.

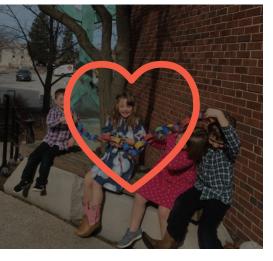
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SEE HOW WE'RE STAYING CONNECTED!

Presbyterian churches across the country are using the Giving Catalog to come together as one. Whether it's participating in the Links of Love activity, integrating the Giving Catalog into an Alternative Giving Market or coming together as a community to make a collective gift, there are so many fun ways to engage with the Giving Catalog.



@givingcatalog







The small but mighty congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Point, Oregon, raised \$650 for sewing machines through #PresbyGifts after a member saw them being used and supporting entire communities while traveling in Guatemala. They believe the success of their project was due largely to the member being able to speak to having seen how valuable they were to whole communities. It goes to show what a difference a personal connection can make. #makingadifference





After the little ones at Kirkmont Center's Beginners
Camp learned how our similarities and differences
are each important and loved as part of God's kindom
they joined their Links of Love together with prayers
for peace. #PGCLinksOfLove #PresbyGifts #PCUSA
#Prayer #GodsKindom #SmallGiftsBigImpact
#MakingADifference

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR INSPIRING STORIES AND IDEAS





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@givingcatalog

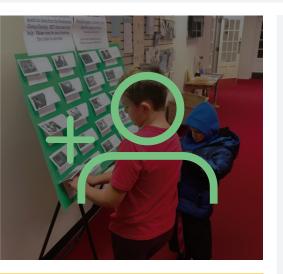


YouTubeGiving Catalog



When Coop Club member Jon Reinink made gifts of chickens in his parents' honor for Mother's and Father's Day, he also shared with them our special Coop Club masks! Say cheese! #PresbyGifts #CoopClub #Chickens #MakingADifference #SmallGiftsBigImpact









A photo scavenger hunt is a fun way to bring your members together over the summer while learning about mission opportunities! Take inspiration from First Presbyterian Church of Brownsville and First Presbyterian Church of Mission, both in Texas. Participants were given a list of prompts inspired by items in the Giving Catalog and then went out in the community as "quaranteams" to snap their photos! #Presbygifts #PhotoScavengerHunt #ScavengerHunt #PCUSA #MakingADifference #SmallGiftsBigImpact



#ThankfulThursday We are
thankful for young Nathaniel, a
faithful donor to the Giving Catalog,
and members of Morningside
Presbyterian Church in Atlanta
who participated in last week's
Piglet Challenge in Nathaniel's
honor! In total, 121 piglets were
given through our Piglet Challenge!
#nationalpigday #pigletchallenge
#giveapig #pcusa #presbygifts
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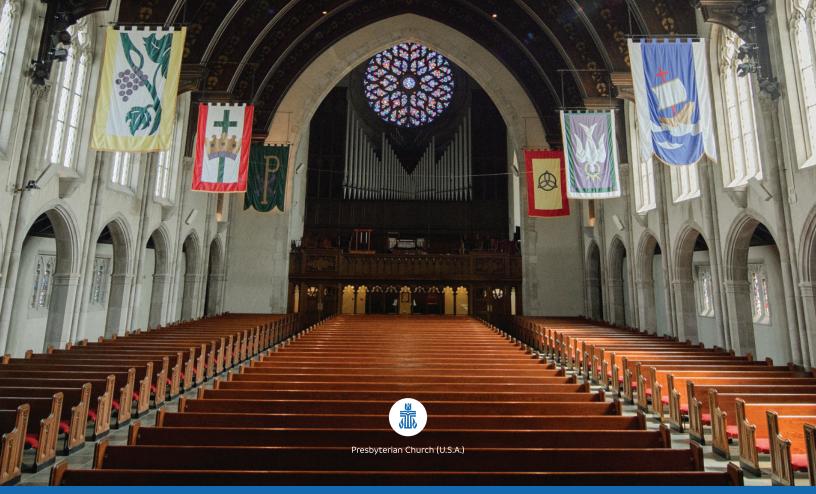
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THE CHURCH

IS A PEOPLE.





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