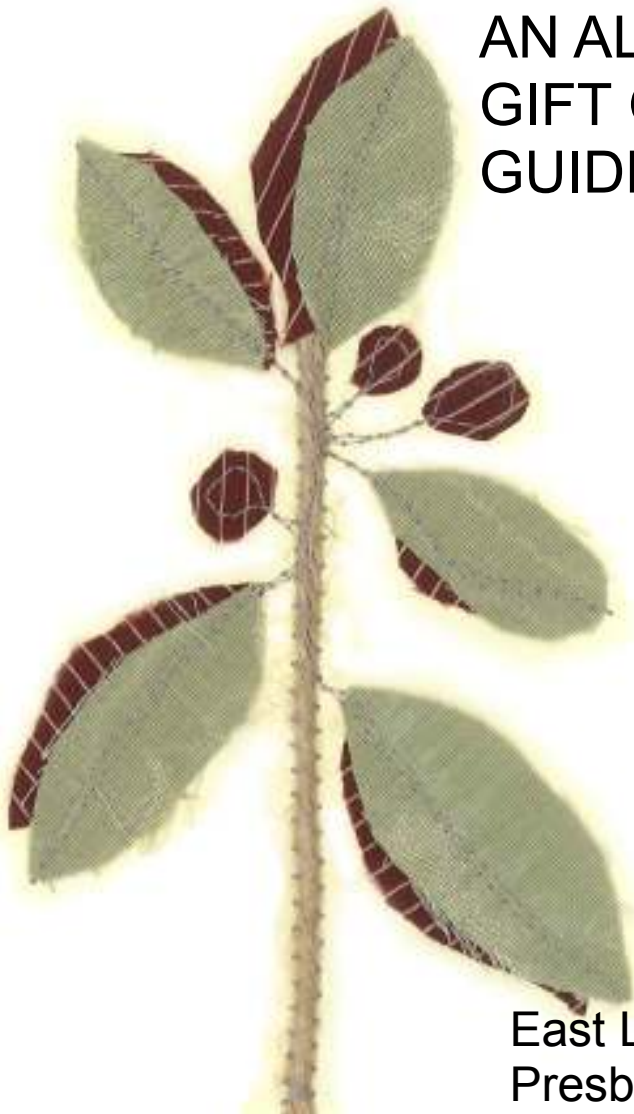


CHARIS:

AN ALTERNATIVE
GIFT GIVING
GUIDE



East Liberty
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2013-2014

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Gift giving is a universal gesture that denotes fondness, celebration and an expression of love. Typically, a lot of thought is given to ensure the gift will be appreciated and useful to the receiver. The Mission Board of East Liberty Presbyterian Church invites you to prayerfully consider year around gift giving that expresses and extends *charis* — *God's favor, grace and loving kindness towards us*, by gifting from the many and varied suggestions in "*Charis — An Alternative Gift Giving Catalog.*" Purchasing and giving a gift from this catalog blesses the receiver, and simultaneously extend "*charis*" to an artisan, organization or mission. May you always give and receive gifts which have meaning beyond the purpose for which it is given and be a reflection of God's favor, grace and kindness.

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Camp Crestfield



Camp Crestfield is a year round Christian ministry facility of the Pittsburgh Presbytery that offers retreat facilities, programs, and special events to nurture others in their experience with God, through Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Since

1948 Crestfield has held summer camp programs, during which campers stay for the week and are led and discipled to by Crestfield's quality summer camp counselors. Crestfield welcomes youth from all backgrounds and religious affiliations with a goal of building meaningful relationships and providing a place for all to explore, question and grow in faith in Jesus Christ.

GIFT SUGGESTION:

Camperships for an East End Youth
Any amount is appreciated

Send your gift to the ministry:

Crestfield Camp & Conference Center
195 Taggart Road
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
724.794.4022

East End Cooperative Ministry



East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is an interfaith ministry, formed in 1970 and dedicated to helping vulnerable adults and at-risk children and youth throughout the East End. EECM runs hunger, housing, and tutoring

programs in the new Community House facility, opened fall 2013. For more information visit www.eecm.org.

GIFT SUGGESTION:

1. Tutoring for a Student: \$15
2. Bus Tickets for the Homeless: \$20
3. Day Camp for a Child: \$25
4. Lunch for the Hungry: \$25
5. Fresh Produce for the Homebound: \$25
6. Breakfast for the Homeless: \$25
7. After-School Program for a Child: \$50
8. Food for a Family: \$50
9. Meals for the Elderly: \$125
10. College Visit for a High School Senior: \$250
11. Fresh Start for a recovering addict: \$250

Send your gift to the ministry:

East End Cooperative Ministry
6140 Penn Circle South
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412.361.5549

East Liberty Family Health Care Center



The Mission of the East Liberty Family Health Care Center is to witness to God's love, known in Jesus Christ, by empowering their patients through community centered, whole-person quality health care for all, which includes those who are uninsured, underinsured and underserved. ELFHCC was

started in 1982 in the basement of Eastminster Church in East Liberty. ELPC is a founding member and supports this ministry through congregational pledges.

GIFT SUGGESTION:

Any amount is appreciated

Send your gift to the ministry:

East Liberty Family Health Care Center
7171 Churchland Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412.345.7854

Garfield Community Farm



Garfield Community Farm (GCF) is run by the Open Door Church in East Liberty. They seek to provide food to lower income neighbors, education toward more sustainable food system, and to keep the farm biologically diverse. GCF runs a farmer's market on Black Street that partners with the food bank, have a small CSA, and sells to local restaurants. ELPC is a mission partner and supports this ministry in various ways, including monthly volunteer efforts for farm workdays.

GIFT SUGGESTION:

1. Plants and Seeds: \$10
2. Fruit Trees and Berry Shrubs: \$30
3. Vegetables for local families: \$40
4. Neighbor Garden Installation: \$60
5. Benches for the Spiral Peace Garden: \$70
6. Summer Education Internship: \$100-\$1,000

Send your gift to the ministry:

Garfield Community Farm
c/o The Open Door Church
801 N. Negley Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
John Creasy 412.979.7764

Lazarus Fund



The Lazarus Fund ministry team's mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, by providing financial assistance to families and individuals of Allegheny County for rent, mortgage payments, security deposits and utilities, enabling them to overcome their economic difficulties through the grace and love of Jesus Christ as demonstrated through the giving of individuals and congregations of the Pittsburgh

Presbytery. ELPC financially supports this ministry through congregant pledges and partners with the Lazarus Fund by accepting applications from individuals in the East End who are in need, serving about thirty households a year.

GIFT SUGGESTION:

Any amount is appreciated

Send your gift to the ministry:

Lazarus Fund
c/o Pittsburgh Presbytery
901 Allegheny Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15233
412.323.1400

Open Hand Ministries



Open Hand Ministries (OHM) strives to strengthen the neighborhoods of Garfield and East Liberty by offering affordable home ownership opportunities and continued family support to first time homeowners. ELPC is a founding partner of OHM and supports it through monthly volunteer workdays, on-going family support relationships and financial grants derived from congregational pledges. Currently

ELPC is helping with the rehab of a house in East Liberty for a single mother with three children and is involved in the care of six families.

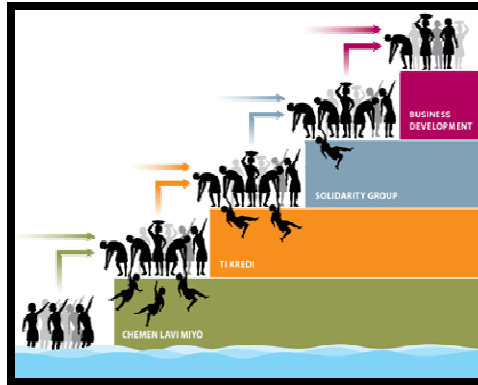
GIFT SUGGESTION:

1. Buy a box of nails or volunteer tools: \$25
2. Help a family reduce moving expenses: \$35
3. Paint a bedroom: \$50
4. Drywall a kitchen: \$75
5. Support the Family Assistance Fund that responds to extraordinary housing and family related crises: \$100
6. Provide a new front door: \$150

Send your gift to the ministry:

Open Hand Ministries
601 N. Aiken Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
Michael Stanton, Exec. Director 412.345.3445
mstanton@openhandministries.org

The Fonkoze Family



Fonkoze is Haiti's Alternative Bank for the organized poor; it is a family of three institutions working together to provide micro finance and development assistance, educational and health programs for its clients as they lift themselves out of poverty. It is on the

cutting edge of rural financial and social services, reaching hundreds of thousands of Haitians, especially those living in the hardest to reach rural areas. For more information visit www.fonkoze.org.

GIFT SUGGESTION:

Any amount is appreciated

Send your gift to the ministry:

Fonkoze USA
1700 Kalorama Road NW
Suite 102
Washington, DC 20009
202.628.9033

Café Justo



Café Justo is a coffee grower's cooperative with several locations throughout Mexico that keeps all profits at the local level. Café Justo was created to address poverty and migration from Mexico to the U.S.A. and is concerned with sustainable farming, paying a living wage, and just practices.

All workers own a part of the cooperative, and all profits are divided by the community as a whole. With the increased revenue, fathers can continue to farm in their ancestral lands, mothers can now stay at home to raise their kids, and kids can stay in school. Café Justo was formed as an offshoot of Frontera de Cristo, a PC(USA) Mexico border ministry. ELPC has sent mission groups down to work with the cooperative. ELPC has also made a commitment to serving Café Justo for all worship service fellowship times. For more information visit www.justcoffee.org.

GIFT SUGGESTION:

1. Arabica Coffee – Regular: \$10
 2. Robusta Coffee – Regular: \$10
 3. Arabica Coffee – Decaf: \$10
 4. Arabica Coffee – 50/50: \$10
 5. Arabica/Robusta Coffee – Mix: \$10
 6. Donate to the ELPC Fellowship Fund: \$25
- All options can be Dark or Medium roast, whole or ground.*

Order Café Justo from Pam Kimmel, ELPC Staff:

PamelaK@coh.net **OR** 412.441.3800 ext. 18

Chenoa Stock



Chenoa Stock is a member of East Liberty Presbyterian Church and is currently serving with Presbyterian Mission Agency in Bolivia. She is working as the Bolivian *Joining Hands for Life* network facilitator, which is an ecumenical solidarity network of Bolivian civil society organizations who question and create proposals that affect the structural causes of poverty, exclusion, and environmental injustice. Chenoa has been working with water rights in Bolivia, where there is a serious water shortage and existing supplies are threatened by mineral mining contamination. She works closely with Bolivian people to help those suffering in silence to develop voices that can be heard by those in authority. *Joining Hands for Life* works in partnership with the Presbyterian Hunger Program of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In June 2013 Chenoa hosted a mission delegation from ELPC and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

GIFT SUGGESTION:

Any amount is appreciated

Send your gift to the ministry:

Presbyterian World Mission
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
800.728.7228 ext. 5611

*In the memo line of your check, include
Chenoa's PWM ID no. E200335*

Heifer International



Heifer International works to alleviate hunger and poverty through agriculture. Their livestock gifts and training programs work to reinvigorate impoverished communities – An animal is purchased as a gift, it is promised to a family, the family completes a training and prepares facilities for the animal, the family is given the animal, and once the animal gives birth that family passes the offspring on to another family in need. ELPC has long been a supporter of Heifer's international efforts. For more information and more gift options, visit www.heifer.org

GIFT SUGGESTION:

1. Flock of Chickens: \$20
2. Gift of a Goat: \$120 / Share of a Goat: \$10
3. Community Animal Health Worker Kit: \$200
4. Gift of a Sheep: \$120 / Share of a Sheep: \$10
5. Gift of a Water Buffalo: \$250 / Share: \$25
6. Gift of a Heifer: \$500 / Share of a Heifer: \$50

Send your gift to the ministry:

Heifer International
P.O. Box 6021
Albert Lea, MN 56007-6621
800.422.0755

Medical Benevolence Foundation



The Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) with the Presbyterian Church (USA) proclaims and demonstrates the gospel of Jesus Christ by encouraging and supporting the healing ministries of their international church partners. MBF supports

local hospitals and clinics through culturally appropriate, sustainable, and community-based health development projects. They train local health care workers and promote health through education, disease prevention, and curative care. ELPC, as a PC(USA) congregation, supports MBF.

GIFT SUGGESTION:

1. Malaria Nets: \$10
2. Vaccinations: \$15
3. Supporting Hospitals and Clinics: \$25
4. Nursing Schools and Scholarships: \$50
5. Maternity and Well-Baby Care: \$75
6. Medicine and Supplies for a primary Care Clinic: \$100

Send your gift to the ministry:

Alternative Giving
Medical Benevolence Foundation
10707 Corporate Drive No. 220
Stafford, TX 77477
800.547.7627



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www.CathedralOfHope.org