

Global and Regional Opportunities

One Dollar for Life (ODFL), the Girls' Equality Project

Girls in the developing world miss school one week a month once they start their periods. After about a year they drop out of school because they are so far behind. They become second-class citizens for the rest of their lives. At about age 13, their choices are grim - they can become domestic servants, get some other menial, low-paying job, get married, or be sold into the sex trade. The problem affects 50 million girls a year. ODFL's *Girls' Equality Project* is working to change this situation by providing washable sanitary supplies to girls in some of the poorest countries in the world. Kits cost \$5 each and last for 3 years—usually long enough for the girls to finish school. Donations help the poorest girls in the world have the same educational opportunities as boys. www.odfl.org

California Nevada Conference Disaster Response Fund

Once again, California has faced disaster this year with three major fires raging across California in November, one moving so fast it burned at a rate of about 80 football fields per minute. Thousands were forced to flee their homes. More than 18 million people were under red flag warnings on just one

day in November. Disaster response is a vital part of our church mission. Contributions to this fund will help in the disaster relief efforts with the Northern California wildfires of 2018. This fund helps the Conference to respond quickly to immediate needs and to partner with UMCOR for both emergency and long term recovery. www.cnumc.org

Global Health - Every Woman, Every Child

Every Woman, Every Child is a global initiative to reach 15 million children by the year 2020. The Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church (UMC) has joined forces and made a commitment to reach 1 million of those children through its Global Health ministry. It aims to scale up existing programs on community health education, increase coverage of health interventions such as mosquito nets and antibiotics for the people who are most at risk, and improve the quality and scale of health-care services offered through existing UMC hospitals and clinics. Your gift will save lives. www.umcabundanthhealth.org



JOY OF GIVING

2018

The Joy of Giving is a Christmas tradition at First Palo Alto United Methodist Church, an opportunity to show Christ's love to people in our local community, our region, and the world. Through the Joy of Giving, you indicate to which listed organization(s) your financial gift should be allocated. Consider giving a gift in honor of someone on your Christmas list. All gifts are tax deductible.

Joy of Giving 2018

Your name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Please distribute my gift as follows.

Opportunities at Our Doorstep

_____ SEEDS

_____ Pastors' Discretionary Fund

_____ Ecumenical Hunger Program

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_____ The Girls' Equality Project

_____ Disaster Response Fund

_____ Global Health

_____ **Total Amount**

Make check payable to
First United Methodist Church
and identify for "Joy of Giving"
in the memo line. Mail to:
625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301



Opportunities at Our Doorstep

SEEDS

Plant hope, change lives. The mission of SEEDS is to provide direct and immediate care to kids living on the streets through the combined efforts of the Street Outreach Team, the Palo Alto FUMC Outreach Center, and Mobile Street Ministry. Over time, this care fosters a connection which can forge long term relationships, allowing young people to find sanctuary even while on the streets. These relationships empower young people to consider viable options to move off the streets into safe and sustainable living situations. Services currently supported by your donations include: distribution of LifePack street survival kits, weekly meals and supplies provided at the outreach center, transportation stipends, counseling referrals, and resources to gain access to employment and educational opportunities. www.myseeds.org.



Pastors' Discretionary Fund

This fund allows our pastors to confidentially provide small gifts of money to congregation members in financial crisis and to the increasing number of jobless and homeless people who come to our church

for help. Our pastors depend on the fund so that no one in need will be turned away empty-handed. Let our church stand as a source of kindness and solace in the community.

Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP)

EHP is an independent, non-profit organization located in East Palo Alto. EHP aids local families and individuals who are experiencing economic and personal hardship, helping them regain stability and independence. EHP's holiday food program is a special distribution of food items for the holidays. These boxes include everything that a family might need to make Christmas dinner with plenty of leftovers for the following week. EHP also provides personal care packages to families struggling to secure everyday essentials such as soap, shampoo and toilet paper. At Christmas, gift cards are given to teenagers, who often serve a caretaker role in their families, looking after younger siblings, filling in for working parents who cannot afford childcare.

<http://www.ehpcares.org>