

Global Opportunities

The Global Uplift Project

Once they start their period, girls in the developing world miss a week of school every month. They end up dropping out because they get so far behind. At 13 years of age their choices are grim. They can become domestic servants, get sold into the sex trade, or become child brides. This affects more than 20 million girls a year (UNICEF). [The Global Uplift Project's Save a Girl](#) campaign donates washable, reusable, sanitary supplies to girls in 5 of the poorest countries in the world. These kits help the girls manage their period so they can stay in school. One kit costs \$5 to produce and lasts 3 years--usually long enough for the girls to finish school. Please help the poorest girls in the world have the same educational opportunities as boys do by sponsoring a kit. [Click here](#) to learn more. Thank you.



Wayo Wayo Kibra, Soccer & Life Skills Program

This program was founded in Nairobi, Kenya. Based in the Kibera Slum, it serves local boys and girls by using a sports platform to learn life skills and engage in community services. Youth who are raised in this large urban space with an estimated 1 million people have little opportunity to participate in organized sports. The program was founded by a resident of the slum who has dedicated his life to providing both boys and girls this opportunity. It is led by volunteers who are residents of the slum. Some of the used soccer clothing, shoes, balls, and equipment is donated from the U.S. Their hope is to allow as many children as possible join the program. Based on the success to date, there is a waiting list of over 300 children. Submitted by Nancy Glaser. www.wayowayokibra.org



JOY OF GIVING 2020

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 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. This makes a very thoughtful gift. We will provide you a gift card you can personalize for gift-giving.

All gifts are tax deductible

JOY OF GIVING 2020

Your name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Please distribute my gift as follows.

Opportunities at Our Doorstep

_____ CROP Hunger Walk

_____ Life Moves

_____ Pastors' Discretionary Fund

_____ Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP)

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_____ The Global Uplift Project

_____ Wayo Wayo Kibra Soccer Program

_____ **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

CROP Hunger Walk

A community-based event to raise funds to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Twenty five percent of the funds raised will be returned to our local community to support Ecumenical Hunger Project in East Palo Alto. Founded in 1947, CROP Hunger Walk continues to take us one step closer to ending hunger once and for all. Join the movement by giving financially to this great organization! cropwalkhunger.org

Life Moves

LifeMoves provides holistic support for families in crisis through family shelters, childcare, education programs, and therapeutic services. It provides emergency interim shelter, food, clothing, and intensive case management to rapidly return adult clients to stable housing and address the underlying factors contributing to homelessness. LifeMoves offers specialized programs and services to address the specific needs of the Veteran community.

FUMCPA has participated in Hotel de Zink, for many years annually for the month of June providing meals and a place to stay. This program is also one of Life Moves activities. <http://www.lifemoves.org>

Pastors' Discretionary Fund

This fund allows our pastor to confidentially aid individuals who are seeking emergency assistance. Our present pandemic has augmented the amount of assistance requested because of the intersectionality of joblessness, hunger, housing, and health. Although our church doors have been closed, we continue to receive requests for assistance via the phone and internet. Our pastor depends on the fund so that no one in need will be turned away empty-handed. Over the past year, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund was able to assist families with one or more of the following needs: temporary housing, toiletries, shoes, coats, diapers, clipper cards, and funeral and rent assistance. Let our church continue to stand as a source of kindness and solace in the community.

Ecumenical Hunger Program

EHP is a 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 who cannot afford childcare. <http://www.ehpcare.org>