

# Alternative Christmas Market 2025

## December 7

Looking for a gift for the hard-to-shop for person, the person who has everything, or your favorite place of business?

Covenant's Mission Team will provide an opportunity for you to make a donation to a mission organization in that person's honor. A colorful card will be provided along with a card insert highlighting the mission you choose to honor your special someone or favorite place of business.

A Mission table will be set up in the Narthex and the Café area on Sunday, December 7. Donations can be in the form of checks or cash.

**We are highlighting 8 mission groups this year.**

*Please bring this form when obtaining the card(s) and insert(s). Simply check the missions you would like to donate to using the line on the left side of each mission and then list the donation amount of each chosen mission on the red "Amount donated" line at the bottom of each mission description, along with filling in the information at the end of the form.*

\_\_\_\_ 1. **Blessing Bags Ministry** – Non-perishable food, hygiene products, a pair of socks and so much more are placed in gallon size plastic bags. The bags are provided to the congregation to share with the homeless and those in need. Approximately 60 complete bags are created a month. **Amount donated:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 2. **Covenant Cares Ministry** - This ministry supports our church family, as well as extended family members when needed. We send birthday and wedding anniversary cards, as well as get well wishes to those who need a lift in spirit. We arrange for meals for those in need, through the Take-Them-A- Meal plan or with freezer meals. Our Congregational Care Ministers visit those special care members, those in the hospital and recovery patients after an illness or surgery when home. **Amount donated:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 3. **El Ayudante Mission** – In 2024 Covenant UMC served at El Ayudante (EA) in Leon, Nicaragua and will return in 2025. EA empowers communities by providing housing, excellence in education, nutritious meals, medical care, school supplies, and spiritual nurturing. A loving donation was given in your honor to help support the purchase of supplies for Nicaraguan children and families such as water filters, food bags, fruit trees, and broiler chickens. For more information on this caring mission outreach <https://eanicaragua.com> **Amount donated:** \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_ 4. **Grace Place United Methodist Church** – Rev. Diane Harrison is the pastor at the United Methodist Church in the women's state prison in Henning TN. They observe the same activities as a church on the outside and are entirely supported by donations. **Amount donated:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 5. **Haiti Mission** – Since 2010, Covenant has been actively serving in Haiti. In recent years, life in Haiti has become increasingly difficult due to failed government, lack of resources, gang violence and extreme inflation. Food, clean water, fuel and medical care are extremely scarce. These factors also make it impossible for the mission teams, lead by Covenant member Holly Mitchener, to travel to Haiti. Our partners in Haiti continue to love, serve and support their communities. Our financial donations help make it possible in these very difficult times. **Amount donated:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 6. **Hannah's Hope** – A missional agency of the Memphis Conference of the UMC that provides assistance to children and families through adoptive services, foster care, parenting, crisis pregnancy and adoption counseling. **Amount donated:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 7. **Project Transformation Reading Program** - This project is a summer camp reading program serving children in three high-need neighborhoods in Memphis. We serve two meals to the counselors (along with supporting one of the counselors financially) during the summer and furnish volunteers to listen to children read one week during the summer.

\_\_\_\_ 8. **United Methodist Neighborhood Center of Memphis – UMNCM** ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of families who need a helping hand. **Amount donated:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make a contribution to the mission of YOUR Choice that is not listed above, suggested ministries could include: *Covenant Benevolence Fund, Golden Cross, Lakeshore, Reelfoot Rural Ministries, Room In the Inn, UMCOR Disaster Relief, Whitney Elementary*

**Ministry of your choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount donated:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make the checks out to the church, Covenant UMC, and write the donation amount next to each specific mission(s) along with the total donation amount if choosing more than one mission.*

**Donor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donor's email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL amount check/cash:** \_\_\_\_\_