



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
SARASOTA, FL

THOUGHTFUL GIVING GUIDE

Giving choices for our Mission and Justice
Ministry Partners!

2022



Grace and Gratitude

As Presbyterian, we are a people rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ. It is our gratitude for God's grace that moves us to join in God's mission in the world with ministries of love and justice, reconciliation and peace.

Generous gifts to Thoughtful Giving are signs of our gratitude : feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted and sharing our faith with young and old. By joining our gifts together , however large or small, we expand our witness to God's gracious and abundant work in the world.

The Thoughtful Giving order forms are located at the end of this shopping list. Please complete the form and return it to the church office so that your loved one can receive a personalized card about the gift you have given to them in the name of the ministry First Presbyterian Church supports.

Thoughtful Giving could mean someone's face just lit up with a smile or as life sustaining as receiving financial assistance, bread, water or heat. The recipient of Thoughtful Giving, the Thoughtful Giver, and the person this gift is in honor of, are blessed. It is in the joy of giving, receiving and loving that we flourish!

Thoughtful Giving Makes Gift Giving Easy

1. Browse the shopping catalog
2. Fill out the order form located at the back of this shopping list.
3. Include the name and the mailing address of the person to receive the card. If you want to personally deliver the card, we will fill it out and hold it at the office for you to pick up.
4. We will address and send a card to your recipients listing the organization and gift that was given in their honor.
5. Return your order form and check payable to First Presbyterian Church with Thoughtful Giving in the memo line. Please mail or drop off orders to the church office Please allow a week for the card to be mailed to your recipient.

Thank you, Thoughtful Givers, for the Thoughtful Gifts you have given so generously.

All Faiths Food Bank provides food to local agencies, pantries, churches and community programs to feed our hungry neighbors.

A1 \$15 buys a holiday turkey dinner for one family

A2 \$25 supports meal programs in the schools

A3 \$50 ensures seniors and veterans have meals at home

A4 \$ ____ other donation

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry promotes self- sufficiency for rural migrant population in the Tampa Bay area through worship, education and services to meet basic needs.

B1 \$10 buys one new modern translation Spanish Bible

B2 \$15 buys formula for one week for a newborn

B3 \$25 buys a month's supply of rice and beans for a family of 5

B4 \$ ____ other donation

Caritas is a cooperation effort of five churches in downtown Sarasota that provides temporary emergency help to those who are in acute financial need (also food and clothing).

C1 \$20 buys SCAT 1 ride bus tickets (e.g. medical appts.)

C2 \$75 buys a pair of work boots

C3 \$100 buys utility assistance (electric and water)

C4 \$ ____ other donation e.g., prescription medications

Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center is dedicated to providing a place for individuals and groups to have the opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth in a natural environment.

D1 \$18 provides craft supplies for a summer camper, this is a great way to let the creative side shine

D2 \$28 PFD (life jacket) for canoeing/kayaking so campers can enjoying a peaceful kayak trip on the Alafia River

D3 \$50 Spiritual enrichment for a camper that is that curriculum, materials, and worship leadership

D4 \$170 1/3 of a scholarship towards a week of summer camp sometimes a small discount is all a family needs to make camp a reality for their child.

D5 \$ ____ other donation to Capital Campaign

Cuba Partnership join in the work of Peace River Presbytery and Presbytery of Matanzas in Cuba to stabilize the infrastructure of sister churches.

E 1 \$15 Funds to recharge cell phones, which allow internet access and communication within the partnership.

E 2 \$30 purchases medicine, packaged food, communication devices, or other important items, as allowed by U.S. law.

E 3 \$50 Maintenance of filters for Living Waters for the World water purification systems.

E 4 \$____ other donation

Dial Hope is a 24-hour global telephone and internet ministry providing daily faith-based, non denominational messages of encouragement, inspiration, and care in English and Spanish.

F 1 \$20 will print 100 message cards

F 2 \$50 will help maintain the website

F 3 \$100 supports Dial Hope English/Spanish home messages for troops overseas.

F 4 \$____ other donations to share the message of hope

Faith Focus weekend & Pastoral Development Seminar bring nationally know speakers twice a year to FPC and supports new pastors as they live into their call to ordained ministry.

G 1 \$20 gift

G 2 \$50 gift

G 3 \$100 gift

G 4 \$____ other donation

Family Promise provides shelter, meals, and support to children and their families facing homelessness. Since 1986, Family Promise has initiated and coordinated local efforts to help families experiencing homelessness by regaining their housing, their independence, and their dignity, and a chance to build a better future.

H 1 \$20 will provide food for a family

H 2 \$100 will buy furniture for a new home

H 3 \$_____ other donation will help to provide food, gas, or clothing for a family experiencing homelessness

Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance exists to build safe, affordable, decent, sustainable family rental units for farmworker families.

- I 1 \$20 Gift to help build affordable housing units
- I 2 \$50 Gift to help build affordable housing units
- I 3 \$100 Gift to help build affordable housing units
- I 4 \$____ other donation

Invest in Children this initiative has created a unique partnership between FPC and Brentwood Elementary School, a Title 1 school where 60% of the students receive free or reduced lunch.

- J 1 \$10 buys a new book for the library
- J 2 \$20 provides a student with school supplies for the year
- J 3 \$100 adopts a classroom for the year
- J 4 \$_____ other donation to support the church's effort with Brentwood Elementary.

The Manasota Interracial Book Club (MIBC) is a community ministry there are 80 members and six reading groups. There is no cost to join MIBC. FPC provides meeting spaces, Zoom connections, and office support. MIBC hopes to pair black and white churches to provide support for MIBC Reading Groups and Combined Meetings.

- K 1 \$10 Supports MIBC communications
- K 2 \$25 Will support materials for combined meetings.
- K 3 \$50 Will help a speaker lead a meeting for the community
- K 4 \$ ____ helps support the MIBC programs

Mision Peniel, located in Immokalee, Florida, partners with the farmworker community and organizations supporting better living and working conditions. Your support will be appreciated in the following ways:

- L 1 \$10 will buy a new outfit for a newborn
- L 2 \$50 will buy a pair of shoes for a worker in the field
- L 3 \$100 will buy beans or rice (a staple for all families)
- L 4 \$_____ other donation for ongoing needs

Nicaragua Partnership supports poor communities through CEPAD—a Christian organization that promotes justice and peace and provides emergency relief and development programs.

- M 1 \$15 buys school supplies for a child for the school year
- M 2 \$35 buys a pair of shoes, a skirt/pants, and a shirt
- M 3 \$50 buys an in-home clean water system for one household
- M 4 \$___ other donation

Plant with Purpose is a faith-based nonprofit that transforms lives in rural areas around the world where poverty and environmental degradation intersects and equips impoverished farming families to change their circumstances with God-given hope.

- N 1 \$10 plants a nursesey of 10 trees
- N 2 \$25 teaches savings-led microfinance to women
- N 3 \$50 plants a grove of 50 trees
- N 4 \$___ other donation to support local churches

First Presbyterian Preschool is a mission of FPC, started in 1947 to develop curiosity, thinking and reasoning, of young children and to develop the idea that the church and the school are safe and supportive places for children. It is the philosophy that young children develop their abilities best in a warm and loving atmosphere.

- O 1 \$10 paint for a classroom
- O 2 \$25 provides books for the library
- O 3 \$50 healthy snacks
- O 4 \$_____ other donation to support FPC preschool

Resurrection House is a forward thinking, faith based resource center committed to transitioning homeless individuals to a path of self-sufficiency in Sarasota County.

- P 1 \$10 buys toiletries and towels
- P 2 \$15 provides 15 loads of laundry washed and dried
- P 3 \$30 provides an individual's breakfast and lunch for a week
- P 4 \$ ___ other donation

SURE Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity is a faith based organization that seeks justice for the poor, working class and mixed income individuals/families living in Sarasota County.

Q 1 \$10 enables the exploration of community challenges

Q 2 \$20 builds capacity for the annual Nehemiah Action Assembly

Q 3 \$25 supports the established Earle Kelly Memorial Scholarship Fund

Q 4 \$_____other donation

Thornwell Home for Children is a Presbyterian ministry located in Clinton, SC which provides a safe loving home for children in need. Also offers support for families in crises and educational and therapeutic programs for children.

R 1 \$20 provides a backpack and school supplies for a child

R 2 \$35 buys a training bike for a preschooler

R 3 \$50 buys a set of pots and pans for a household

R 4 \$_____ other donation

Youth Adventures a significant part of faith development is time away from the regular rhythms of life into a new space, centered on connecting with God. Help support the extra expenses of Montreat conferences and missions experiences for our youth.

S 1 \$20 gift

S 2 \$50 gift

S 3 \$100 gift

S 4 \$_____ other donation

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Order Form

Your Name _____

Contact Number _____

☐ I would like to pick up my card(s)

Gift ID (letter)	Gift \$\$ Amount	Recipient (add address if card is being mailed from by the church)

Total \$_____

Check enclosed _____