

Christmas Flower Donations & Special Giving For Christmas 2023

The poinsettia display at Christmas time has always been the hallmark of the Advent celebration. As we at CUMC prepare for the joyous arrival of the Christ child, we all have the opportunity to contribute to the preparation of our sanctuary by donating a poinsettia.

Enclosed is my total check # _____ for flowers and special giving, for \$ _____
(Make your check payable to CUMC and please indicate Christmas donation in memo)

Given by Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Total Number of Poinsettias _____ @ \$15 per plant

____ I / We would like to pick up my plant(s) on Sunday, December 24th following the 8:00 p.m. service.

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The CUMC Missions Committee has selected the following organizations to receive this year's contributions

\$_____ **Local: CUMC Community Food Pantry** started March 2020 at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic with an outdoor plastic shelf. A simple sign asking people to "care well for each other" and instructions stating "take what you need, leave what you can" has been well received and supported by the Chatham and Madison communities. Our "Pop Up Pantry" has grown and is now housed in a new weather sturdy shed near the CMP playground and remains accessible 24 hours a day, every day. It has become a vital resource for our local neighbors facing food insecurity, as well as an easy way to do good in the world.

\$_____ **National: UMCOR Disaster Relief** provides humanitarian relief and disaster response to people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. After flood waters have receded, wounds have been tended, basic needs met, and the world's attention has faded, The United Methodist Church continues to be present by providing ongoing assistance. UMCOR provides survivors not only temporary relief, but also long-term education, training, and support. While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations, the most important partners in the work of recovery are those being served. UMCOR is currently engaged in relief efforts in Florida (hurricanes), Ukraine (those impacted by the war), Pakistan (unprecedented flooding), and many other places around the world.

\$_____ **International: Hospital #5 in Kharkiv, Ukraine** Dr. Igor Kraiz is the Chief Medical Officer at the Central Clinical Hospital in Kharkiv, Ukraine. He and his physician colleagues have stayed in Ukraine to help those who are victims of the trauma of war, as well as those who need regular and ongoing medical treatment. Dr. Igor and his colleagues have sent us various videos since the war began and he came to speak to our congregation about his mission, last year.

Please mark your selection(s) and return this form, along with a check for the appropriate amount, to the Church office, **no later than December 18, 2023.**

COMING SOON: WHITE GIFTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
We will be donating our gifts this year to **Our Promise**

Thank you for your continued generous support of our church ministry

