

International Christmas Market

The Christmas Market is a unique shopping experience that leads to a different way to remember and honor family and friends during the Christmas season. Your dollars spent at this Market offers hope and a chance at a better way of life for people in communities around the world. Every dollar spent at the Market will go outside this church to assist others as they work to provide clothing, shelter, food, and education for themselves and their families. None of the money raised stays within the budget or operating funds of First United Methodist Church. 100% of the money raised will be spent helping others through the organizations represented by the crafts and shares.

Inside this brochure you will find a listing and brief description of the merchandise for sale and shares available at the Christmas Market.

Market Merchandise

SERRV is a nonprofit program to promote the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world by marketing their handicrafts in a just and direct manner. The organization promotes living wages, women's rights, and eco-friendly production through partnerships with small-scale artisan groups. These crafts come from artisans living in many countries around the world.

TENT THOUSAND VILLAGES is part of a worldwide movement striving to practice fair trade. The organization provides vital, fair income to artisans world-wide by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Ten Thousand Villages offers fair prices to artisans for their work, enabling them to provide for their basic needs and plan for their future.

BATWA BASKETS are made by the Batwa pygmies, indigenous forest nomads of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in southwest Uganda, Africa. In 1992 they were removed from the forest when the area was made a national park to help protect the endangered mountain gorillas living there. The Batwa were left homeless and destitute. The beautiful baskets are handcrafted by the Batwa women using native long grasses and traditional African techniques. The baskets are bought from the women for a local fair market price. The proceeds are sent to the Batwa Development Program which enables the Batwa to build permanent homes, purchase land, improve education, have access to healthcare, and develop self-sufficient communities.

BEAN SOUP AND CHILI MIXES are packaged and decorated by the Mission Work Area to raise money for local, national, and international adult workcamps and mission trips to do repairs and recovery. In 2015 mission teams and workcamps will be going to South Africa as well as workcamps in the US and Dallas Area. Sale of the bean soup and chili mixes will help pay for supplies and materials for the various projects these teams will be doing.

BETHLEHEM OLIVE WOOD items are made by Christian craftsmen living in Bethlehem. The olive wood is found there and no living trees are cut down to make the crafts. Many of the crafts are beautiful nativity sets carved from the olive wood. The sale of the items provides the artisans a living wage.

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE provides fair market prices to small scale farmers in Latin America, Africa and Asia. By purchasing these products you help provide the opportunity for a better life for the farmers and their families.

HAITI CRAFTS of jewelry, baskets, bags, and jewelry travel bags are made by groups of women at the Nehemiah Vision Ministries compound in Port Au Prince. All the proceeds go directly to the ministry and the ladies are paid monthly for their work. Most of the supplies for the crafts are donated so there is very little overhead. These crafts give the women a new chance at a meaningful and productive life, providing for their families.

MARFA MINISTRY was inspired by members of the Saratov United Methodist Church, Saratov, Russia. Marfa is the Russian pronunciation of the name Martha. *Iskusniza* (ees koos'neets u) means 'women who create art. Marfa Ministry, established in April 2012, is a nonprofit ministry that supports churches in Russia that are struggling to be self-sufficient. In addition to the Saratov United Methodist Church, Marfa Ministry is helping the Kharkiv United Methodist Church in Kharkiv, Ukraine, in their journey to be self-sufficient.

NETS FOR GHANA - Ghanaian beads made from recycled glass, vinyl records, fish bones, and brass are purchased from local merchants in Ghana villages and Ghanaian women are paid higher than a daily wage to produce beautiful bracelets. The money made from the sale of these bracelets goes to purchase insecticide-treated mosquito nets that will protect the people from getting malaria. Malaria kills 1 in 6 children in Africa and is preventable with one of these treated mosquito nets.

OUTREACH UGANDA is a fair trade organization that employs women to make paper beads and jewelry, sling bags, and shoulder bags. The crafts women use their skills to produce beautiful items to sell and the proceeds from the sales go to the Uganda beading groups, helping women provide food, medicine, shelter, and school supplies for their children and families.

THREADS OF HOPE is a life-changing economic development project empowering women artists in the shanty towns of Peru to create hope-filling futures for their families. These women create beautiful three dimensional fabric items recreating village scenes, Bible stories, and other artistic designs. Ninety percent of the proceeds generated from the sale of these items are returned to the artists to reinforce their families through education, housing, and health care. Exquisite detail, vivid color, and the heart of each artist make every textile a one-of-a-kind gift.



Shares

(Gift Cards Available)

When you buy a share at one of the share booths and give it to a friend or family member at Christmas, you honor that person in a memorable and unique way. You also help individuals and families who are struggling to provide a better quality of life in villages, farms, and reservations in the United States and around the world.

ANGEL TREE FOR WESLEY RANKIN provides items for children in west Dallas. Wesley Rankin Community Center serves hundreds of children at Christmas through the Angel Tree gifts. The things needed this year are children's socks, underwear, pajamas, blankets and toys. Take an ornament off the tree and return the designated items **unwrapped no later than Monday, December 1**. There will be designated boxes around the church campus for collection.

ARK HOUSE provides 21 fully furnished apartments for \$15 a night to persons and their caregivers who come to Dallas area hospitals for long term medical care, such as transplants, burn care and treatments, cancer treatments, and other serious medical issues.

See information at booth for various share prices.

BODY & SOUL is a ministry of First United Methodist Church Richardson to homeless men, women, and children on the streets of downtown Dallas. A hot dinner meal is served to the homeless each Sunday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul UMC. A share provides one meal.

One share \$5

CLEAN WATER / WATER WELLS - Water. It's something many of us take for granted. Close to half of all people in developing countries suffer at any given time from health problems caused by lack of clean water and sanitation. Some 1.8 million children die each year as a result of diarrhea. Millions of women in communities throughout the developing world spend several hours every day just collecting water that they will need for the day. This share will support projects that provide access to clean water.

One share \$15

NUEVA VIDA UMC is an Hispanic congregation that meets at Spring Valley UMC. Led by Rev. Carlos Nascimento, this Fellowship of Believers represents 12 different countries: Venezuela, El Salvador, Chile, Peru, Brazil, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Cuba, Mexico, and the USA.

One share \$10

HAITI REBUILDING - The Haiti Response Plan of the Haiti Methodist Church provides a structure for United Methodist Volunteer in Mission (UMVIM) teams to help with recovery and rebuilding in Haiti. Priority projects have been identified by the Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti (EMH, the Methodist Church of Haiti). These projects include schools, churches and chapels, homes, walls, and clean water projects. This share will go toward these rebuilding projects.

One share \$15

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY provides quality housing for stable, low income families in the Dallas area. The houses are built by the Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat for Humanity chapter. One or two houses are built each year by Richardson faith community volunteers.

One share \$10

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL provides the gift of livestock and training that will directly and indirectly transform the lives of 23 million hungry and impoverished men, women, and children.

See information at booth for share prices of 11 different animals and trees.

HEROES is a program that creates social, recreational, and vocational programs designed to meet the unique needs of individuals with disabilities. HEROES day camp runs for six weeks during the summer using the facilities at First United Methodist Church of Richardson. During each week a camper experiences a variety of therapies, social skills and team building activities, vocational training and facilitation.

One share \$10

MAUA METHODIST HOSPITAL IN KENYA medical shares help fund the medical bills for orphans, abandoned children and the poorest of the poor in the communities served by the hospital.

One share \$20

READ WITH ME is a program of FUMCR with the children who live in the Mid Park/ Maham area of RISD. The program pairs volunteers and children for strengthening reading and comprehension skills. It also includes crafts, games, and snacks. These are Hispanic children whose parents don't speak English and the children don't have opportunities to speak English over the summer months.

One share \$8

STOVEBUILDERS OF GUATEMALA funds the building of concrete block stoves for indigenous Guatemalan women so that they are not cooking over open fires in their houses. These stoves are vented to the outside and provide a much safer method of cooking and preventing the women and their children from getting burned.

One share \$12

SKUINSKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOUTH AFRICA This school educates 105 plus children ages 5-13 years. They learn with few school supplies and teachers have almost no teaching tools. FUMCR has been involved with the school for 4 years and a team from FUMCR will go South Africa in June 2015 to help with various projects directly related to the school. The support of FUMCR continues as we become more involved in the future of this tiny school, it's students, and teachers. Your share will help in vital ways to continue making education possible for these children.

School supplies	\$5
Teaching tools	\$8
Water, electricity, & food	\$20
Building supplies	\$25

YOUTH MISSION PROJECT shares will allow the youth to help others in communities around the U.S. by completing home and community improvement projects. Past trips have been to Mescalero, NM, Galveston, TX, and Joplin, MO.

One share \$10

GIFT CARDS are available to give to the recipients of your share gifts. At the Market, next to the cashiers, you will find the gift card table where your cards will be personalized and printed while you wait. You provide the names of the recipients and the share you have purchased for each card. At each share booth there are forms to be filled out with the recipient information that you will give to those working at the gift card table. There are four card designs to choose from as shown below.



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Shares Tax Deductible

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Give Christmas Differently

International Christmas Market 2014
First United Methodist Church Richardson
503 North Central Expressway
Bartula Family Life Center

Featuring Fair Trade Crafts & Merchandise
Shares benefiting 17 non-profit agencies and programs

November 14 * 5-9 pm
November 15 10 am-4 pm
November 16 8:30 am-1 pm
*First Choice Night - \$5 at door