



How Much Is Enough?

*Gifts for
Every Season,
Every Occasion,
Every Need...
...for All God's People*

Valley 
Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome



When contemplating what we want for ourselves, *How Much is Enough?* When thanking, celebrating, or honoring someone in our own lives, *How Much is Enough?* When we share resources with those in need, *How Much is Enough?*

Valley's Alternative Gift Catalog is a beautiful way to express your answer to *How Much is Enough*. Your gift:

- Does not create more “stuff.”
- Opens your heart to the needs of others.
- Teaches children awareness, empathy, and generosity.
- Enriches your spirit and shows God's love to others.
- Blesses the gift recipient, the people receiving your donation, and you!

Use this catalog throughout the year when shopping for gifts!

Choose a gift that fits your recipient's values or concerns.

- Consider a gift linked to an age group, such as Presbyterian Clearwater Forest for children.
- New grandparents might appreciate a donation to the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery.
- A gift to KidPack or PRISM could be significant to someone especially concerned about hunger.

When you purchase a gift, you receive an attractive card (with envelope) for the recipient, along with an informative insert. Each page in the catalog lists items that an organization might purchase with your donation. However, the organization chooses the best way to use your contribution.

If you have questions please contact Arlene Freeberg (763-521-2430 or lesfreeberg793@msn.com).

We want your experience with the catalog to be fun, rewarding, and meaningful!

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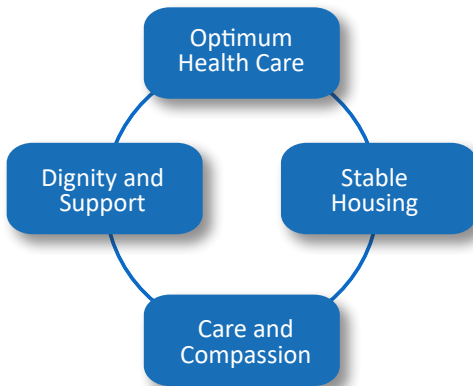
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Gift Card Designs

Clare Terrace



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 10 Thermal socks
- \$ 15 Personal hygiene supplies
- \$ 20 Haircut
- \$ 30 Residents to do their own laundry
- \$ 50 Help for residents with housekeeping or meals
- \$ 100 Dinner-and-a-Movie Night hosted by volunteers

Our Mission

We provide equitable housing and health care for persons with AIDS/HIV, particularly those experiencing long-term homelessness.

Who We Are

We are one of the locations of Clare Housing, opened in Robbinsdale in 2015. Clare Housing develops, owns, and manages properties and programs which support hundreds of people.

What We Do

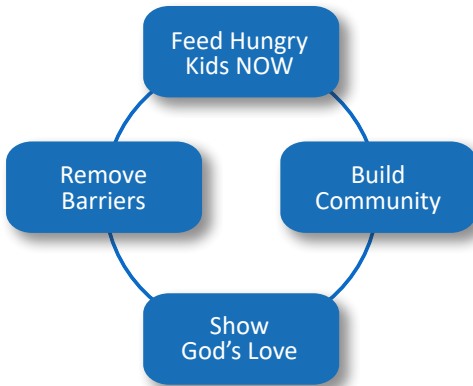
Of the thousands of people with AIDS/HIV in Minnesota, half of them struggle with chronic homelessness, and many have very low incomes. Our programs reduce visits for emergency and hospital services, lower rates of risk-taking behaviors, and improve health outcomes.

Clare Terrace offers 36 units of affordable housing for people living with HIV/AIDs who experience poverty, homelessness, or both. Supportive housing ensures that residents are able to take their medication and work their way back to health. Staff and volunteers offer much-needed socialization and emotional support.

We believe people living with AIDS/HIV should have access to affordable, safe, and stable housing with the supportive services they need to lead dignified, satisfying lives.

To learn more, visit
www.clarehousing.org

KidPack



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 10 KidPacks for 5 children
- \$ 20 KidPacks for 10 children
- \$ 30 KidPacks for 15 children
- \$ 50 KidPacks for 25 children
- \$ 64 KidPacks for 1 child all year

Your gift of any amount helps nourish children right in our neighborhood!

Our Mission

We address weekend hunger by providing food for children who would otherwise be under-fed and under-nourished when school is closed.

Who We Are

We are congregations partnering with elementary schools in the Robbinsdale Area School District. At Valley, we are committed to KidPack at Noble Elementary.

What We Do

Hunger is a major barrier to learning, good health, and emotional well-being for hundreds of children right in our neighborhood. Many children depend on free or reduced breakfast and lunch at their school, but miss those meals on weekends. Sometimes, food competes with medicine or housing for very limited family dollars.

Any family may apply for this program, and none are turned away. At Noble Elementary, items such as cereal, one-serve meals, and granola bars go home with over 150 children every Friday. It's not enough for the whole family, but it helps feed young learners at Noble.

Food is purchased from The Food Group for \$2 a bag, and organized for distribution by church volunteers.

To learn more, contact Virginia Day
(763-557-0184 or vday81@msn.com)

PRISM: People Responding



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 1 Four pounds of food, purchased from food bank
- \$ 15 Budget counseling
- \$ 30 Gas coupon
- \$ 40 Birthday supplies
- \$ 50 Pharmacy gift card
- \$ 65 Food for 4 for a week

Any amount puts food on the table.

Our Mission

We provide social services and resources that empower people in our community to build healthy, stable lives.

Who We Are

We are a social service agency that helps local families during times of financial hardship.

In 1970, we were founded by Faith Partners in the Western suburbs. Many partners now collaborate with PRISM to serve those in need, right here in our neighborhoods.

We work *with* the community and *for* the community. Hennepin County and United Way recognized our success and integrity, and have chosen us as partners.

We obtain and deliver whole foods with maximum nutritional value. As the EBT and SNAP coordinator for the New Hope and Golden Valley Farmers' Markets, we enable families to improve their nutrition by using those assistance programs. We also accept the gifts of farmers at the markets, who often donate the produce that did not sell that day.

In Social Ministry



What We Do

We provide:

- Food for hundreds of families every month, and tens of thousands of individuals per year, from the PRISM Marketplace Food Shelf.
- School supplies to hundreds of students.
- The Holiday Shoppe, which gives the parents of more than 600 children two gifts per child.
- Children's programs that give back-to-school supplies, birthday gifts, and party kits to families.
- Shop For Change, our thrift shop, which supports PRISM's work.
- Job postings, mentors, and coaches to assist job seekers.
- Move-in kits that include bedding and cleaning supplies to families entering housing.
- Rental assistance, in cooperation with Hennepin County. We help households avoid eviction by providing financial assistance and connections to other support programs.



Learn more at www.prismmpls.org

Home Free



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 11 Cab from North Memorial Hospital to the shelter
- \$ 20 Bus card or gas card
- \$ 25 Shoes or clothing
- \$ 25 Baby care: diapers, bottles
- \$ 50 Fee for Protection Order
- \$ 100 Cost to house one person per night at Home Free

Any amount makes a difference!

Our Mission

We provide immediate safety for battered women and their children, followed by assistance in their search for long-term safety, healing, and financial stability.

Who We Are

We are a program of Missions Inc., serving victims of domestic violence in the Northwest suburbs, including Golden Valley, New Hope, Plymouth, and many other cities in the area.

What We Do

Our 24-hour phone (763-559-4945) response connects women and their children with the Home Free Shelter, an immediate safe haven for up to 30 women and children.

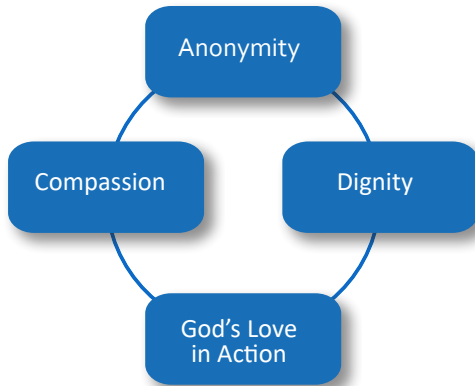
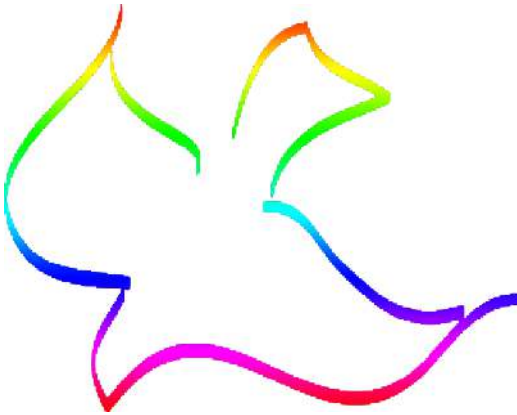
Through counseling and education, we help victims understand and deal with the complexities of domestic violence. We also help them navigate the legal and criminal justice systems, prioritize their needs, set goals, and create a plan.

Residents gain access to social service agencies which provide financial support, transportation, medical care, and housing, along with education, activities, free childcare, and emotional support for their children.

We provide community education to bring awareness to domestic violence as a public health issue.

Learn more at
www.missionsinc.org/

Pastor's Discretionary Fund



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 25 Gift cards for gas or food
- \$ 40 Co-pay for medication
- \$ 50 Target cards for school supplies
- \$ 50 Monthly bus pass
- \$ 100 Heat or water bills
- \$ 300 Rental assistance

Any amount extends God's love to those in need.

Our Mission

We encourage and assist individuals experiencing a short-term but critical financial need.

Who We Are

We are the members of Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

What We Do

Only God knows when crises occur in people's lives. We can respond through our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

We entrust our pastor with these contributions as they serve those in need. Recipients might be members of Valley or neighbors of Valley. In this way, we can reach out to all God's people.

Our pastor gives to individuals who need assistance. While the beneficiaries remain unknown to us, they witness God's love through our congregation's generosity and compassion.

To learn more, contact our pastor at
763-588-0831.

Bridging



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 10 Kitchen essentials pack
- \$ 13 Cooking pot
- \$ 24 6 cereal bowls
- \$ 24 Bath towels for 4 people
- \$ 80 5-Drawer dresser kit

Any amount helps defray the cost of gas and maintenance for furniture trucks, warehouse utilities, and pest control.

Our Mission

We improve lives by providing quality furniture and other essential items to families who are transitioning out of homelessness and poverty.

Who We Are

We are the largest furniture bank in North America, primarily operated by volunteers, and stocked with donations of furniture and household goods. We network with over 140 non-profits and social service agencies who verify their clients' needs before they refer clients to us.

What We Do

Since 1987 we have furnished over 75,000 homes. Volunteers help clients shop, transport furniture, sort housewares, repair electrical appliances, organize linens, and much more.

Our Project Good Night provides free treatment for pest infestation of bedding, thanks to donations, foundation grants, and below-cost fees from Adams Pest Control.

A dresser is a symbol of dignity for families who have been living out of boxes. In response, many volunteers purchase dresser kits and assemble them. Our goal is to provide one dresser for each of the more than 4,000 homes we furnish in one year.

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 5 4-pack kids toothbrushes
- \$ 10 Underwear or socks
- \$ 18 Laundry detergent
- \$ 25 Infant formula
- \$ 25 Twin bed sheets
- \$ 125 New high chair

\$5 to \$50 for gift cards, gas cards, bus passes, and facility costs.

Our Mission

We work to end child abuse and neglect, and to create strong, healthy families.

Who We Are

We support families in crisis 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, through our free services.

What We Do

Our services include:

- A 24-hour crisis hotline (763-591-0100).
- Crisis counseling for parents.
- Overnight residential child care for up to three days.
- The 4th Day Home Visiting Program, in which a Visitor works directly with vulnerable parents to facilitate long-term change and family stability.
- The Pediatric and Medical Management Program, which addresses the health needs of children.
- Parent education and support to families living in shelters through People Serving People (PSP).
- Onsite collaboration with school districts' Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) programs to help parents increase and strengthen their parenting skills.

Learn more at www.crisisnursery.org

Habitat for Humanity



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 10 Box of nails
- \$ 10 Set of screwdrivers
- \$ 15 Hammer
- \$ 25 Front door lock
- \$ 75 Window
- \$ 100 Kitchen sink

Every amount makes a difference.
You decide!

Our Mission

We work to eliminate poverty housing from the Twin Cities, and to make decent, affordable shelter for all people a matter of conscience.

Who We Are

We are people from all walks of life, faith backgrounds, and beliefs. Together, we provide hope and opportunity for hardworking, low-income families who seek a safe, welcoming home as a foundation for a life of well-being.

What We Do

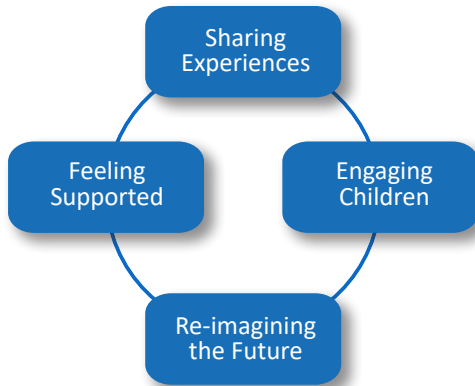
Volunteers build or restore simple, quality, environmentally-friendly homes in partnership with low-income families. Interest-free mortgages and ongoing assistance with maintenance help to ensure long-term, successful home ownership.

The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention program assists Minneapolis-area families facing foreclosure or who are behind in mortgage payments.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity tithes 10% from all privately raised, undesignated funds, totaling among the highest of all Habitat tithes world-wide. We have designated these funds to go to Habitat for Humanity in Ethiopia, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti, where we sponsor volunteer mission teams from our community.

Learn more at
www.tchabitat.org

Liberty Presbyterian–21st Century



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 10 Paper and pencils
- \$ 15 Books
- \$ 20 Backpacks
- \$ 25 Snacks
- \$ 45 Facility maintenance
- \$ 50 Utilities

\$5 to \$50 for field trip scholarships and bus passes.

Our Mission

We equip K–12 Northside scholars to become accelerated learners, game-changing global leaders, and justice-oriented entrepreneurs.

Who We Are

We are a program of Liberty Community Church, a PC(USA) church in North Minneapolis. We practice radical hope through healing racialized trauma, academic excellence, artistic expression, and innovative activism.

What We Do

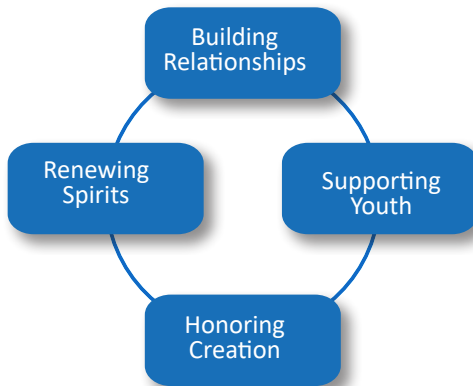
We create shared experiences between scholars and caring adults that build community, seek to enhance relationships, and develop a sense of support. Scholars work with tutors and other volunteers from organizations throughout the greater Twin Cities area.

We practice radical hope, which shifts environments from despair, desperation, and downheartedness to possibility, wellbeing, and future readiness. Children and youth who are academically engaged, have caring relationships with adults in their lives, and are excited and optimistic about their future have a better chance for a healthy life and more positive long-term outcomes.

We engage in radical re-imagining, which shifts the emphasis away from the individual and encourages the scholars to re-imagine a future collaboratively for every person within the community.

Learn more at
www.libertychurchmpls.org/21st-century-academy/

Presbyterian Clearwater Forest



How Much Is Enough?

\$ 10	Box fan
\$ 15	Seating bench
\$ 35	PFD (life jacket)
\$ 50	Bike helmet
\$ 130	Snowshoes
\$ 200	Picnic table
\$ 250	Youth kayak
\$ 600	Scholarship for a week of camp

Our Mission

We provide faith-building Christian programming, develop and nurture active Christian community, and serve as faithful stewards of God's creation.

Who We Are

We are the shared camp and retreat ministry of the Presbyteries of the Twin Cities Area, Minnesota Valleys, Northern Waters, Northern Plains, and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

What We Do

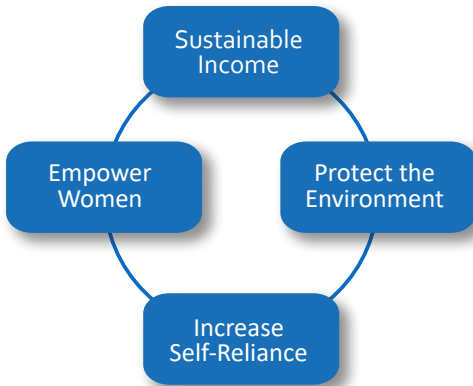
Hundreds of youth and adults experience special blessings at this sacred place near Deerwood, MN, including:

- Summer camp for grades 3-12
- Sailing and adventure camps
- Chrysalis retreat for women
- Retreats for men, seniors, and confirmation classes
- Family Camp and Grands Camp, a four-day adventure with children and their grandparents
- Private contemplative retreats

We touch and transform lives through the beauty of God's creation, the joy of time away from daily life, the fun of play and deepening relationships, and the peace of a sunset or loon's call. Members at Valley Community Presbyterian Church cherish this sanctuary.

Learn more at www.clearwaterforest.org

Heifer International



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 10 Share of sheep, goat or pig
- \$ 120 One sheep, goat or pig
- \$ 20 Flock of chicks, geese, ducks
- \$ 30 Fish fingerlings or beehive
- \$ 150 Irrigation pump
- \$ 72 Family farm training

Any amount you give helps change a family's life.

Our Mission

We partner with communities, supporting them to end world hunger and poverty, and to care for the earth.

Who We Are

Since 1944 we have partnered with faith-based, humanitarian, and corporate organizations from around the world. Our values-based community development encourages people to use their collective strengths and values to overcome hopelessness and poverty.

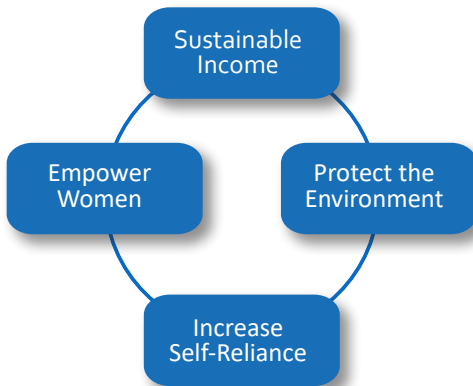
What We Do

With gifts of livestock and training, families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. They pass it on by giving an animal's offspring to another family in need. No longer living in severe poverty, they can build better homes, send their children to school, create healthy water systems, and develop community resources. Over 25 million families have benefited from our work.

Among the hundreds of initiatives are Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) in Arkansas, women farmers' groups in Nepal, support for alpaca growers in the Andes, and coffee and cocoa co-op programs in Central America.

Learn more at www.heifer.org

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 15 School supplies kit
- \$ 15 Hygiene supplies kit
- \$ 50 Disaster relief
- \$ 75 Cleanup bucket with supplies

Any amount you give shows your love for all God's children.

Our Mission

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events.

Who We Are

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

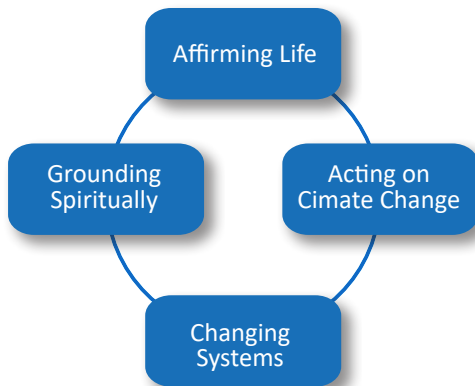
In collaboration with church partners, members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together), and other faith-based responders, we work nationally and internationally.

What We Do

- Focus on the long term recovery of disaster-impacted communities.
- Provide training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods.
- Connect partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response — United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA, and others.

Learn more and read the Statement of Values at pda.pcusa.org

Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light



How Much Is Enough?

- \$ 10 One person at an Iftar meal
- \$ 25 Supplies for Youth N' Power
- \$ 25 Food for Covid-safe gathering
- \$ 50 Climate conversation at a local congregation
- \$ 75 Virtual session of Be the Spark
- \$ 100 Stipend for a volunteer youth-to-youth organizer

Our Mission

Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL) is an interfaith community co-creating a just and sustainable world. We partner with faith communities to build transformative power and bring the lights of people's unique gifts to addressing the climate crisis.

Who We Are

We build the interfaith climate movement in Minnesota by empowering faith communities across the state to take action that is authentic, effective, and energizing, while honoring our shared values of climate justice.

What We Do

MNIPL creates opportunities for people to take action on the issues they care about and offers leadership development and training. Our programs include:

- Youth N' Power leadership program
- Climate Justice Congregation development program
- Climate Conversations at faith communities to identify meaningful actions
- Interfaith Unity Iftar, an evening meal during Ramadan
- Be the Spark, a six-week leadership development workshop
- Go Solar! to help individuals, congregations, and communities access affordable solar energy

Learn more at mnipl.org

Alternative Gift Shopping List

Revised Fall 2020
















Name _____ Today's date _____
 Phone _____ or Email _____

Example

Agency	Gift	Comments
<i>Bridging</i>	<i>\$ 30</i>	<i>Insert only, I have a card</i>
<i>Clare Terrace</i>	<i>\$ 50</i>	<i>Two gifts, "Love tree" cards</i>
Total	\$ 80	

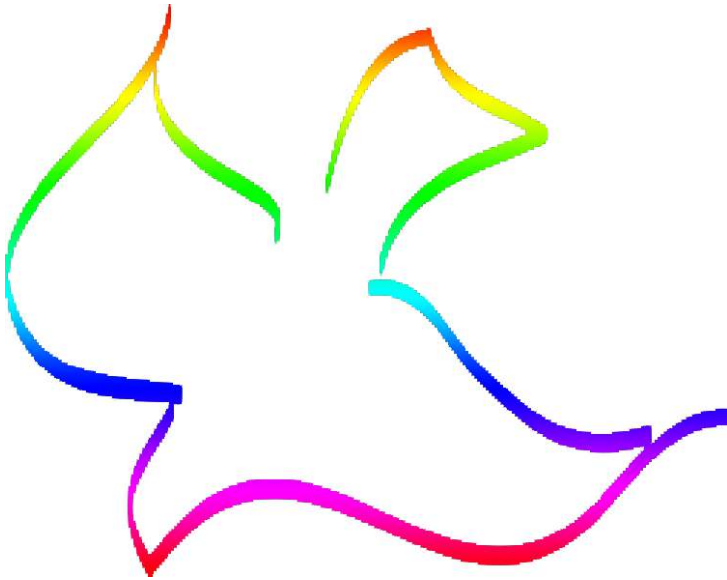
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1. To pay for your gift, use a check, payable to Valley Community Presbyterian Church, or the "Alternative Gift" selection in your Valley online giving account.
2. Submit your order. Do one of the following:
 - Bring the shopping list and payment to the church office.
 - Mail them to Valley Community Presbyterian Church, 3100 N. Lilac Dr., Golden Valley MN 55422.
 - Email the list to office@valleychurch.net and pay online.
 - When services resume, bring it to Fellowship Hall or place it in the offering plate.
3. You receive your agency insert, with card and envelope if requested, within a week by mail, sometimes the same day in person. Inserts identify the agency and what your donation might provide (such as a meal).
4. VCPC sends your donation to your chosen agency.
5. View card samples on the inside back cover of the catalog, on the website, or in Fellowship Hall.
6. Questions? Contact Arlene Freeberg at lesfreeberg793@msn.com.

<p>1</p> 	<p>This little Child, of lowly birth, shall be the joy of all the earth.</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>front ~ Love is in the Air (blank inside)</p>
<p>2</p> 	<p>The Happy Christmas comes once more, The Heavenly Guest is at the door!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter People...</p> 	<p>...and Hallelujah is our song. ~ Pope John Paul II</p>
<p>3</p> 	<p>Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay... Away in a Manger, v. 3</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>May tthe promise of Easter fill your heart with peace and joy.</p>
<p>4</p> 	<p>(blank inside)</p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>I thank my God every time I remember you. ~ Philippians 1 : 3</p>
<p>5</p> 	<p>(blank inside)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.</p> 	<p>You inspire me.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>To Celebrate You on the Day of Your Birth</p> 	<p>I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart. ~ Jeremiah 1 : 5</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Happy Father's Day</p>	<p>I thank my God every time I remember you. ~ Philippians 1 : 3</p>
<p>7</p>  <p>happy birthday</p>	<p>(blank inside)</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>You didn't tell me how to live...</p>	<p>...you lived and let me watch.</p>
<p>8</p> 	<p>Love is patient, love is kind...Love never ends. -1 Corinthians 13</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>In All Things Give Thanks</p>	<p>(blank inside)</p>

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