CLAREMONT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Alternative Christmas Shopping List 2026

Alternative Christmas is a church-sponsored giving event to encourage donations to community organizations in lieu of traditional tangible gifts. Gifts can be made on behalf of your loved ones. All of the participating organizations were nominated by church members.

This shopping list has representative examples of how your funds might be used by the organizations.

		Quantity	$ Amount
Beyond Borders			
Participant support for children's rights training program	$25		
Hands-on training for a family to grow their own food	$75		
Funds participation for a girl for 1 year in a local Girls' Club	$120		
Church World Service			
10 Concrete blocks for house walls in Haiti	$15		
Drop-in shelter services for a child in Serbia for a week	$35		
Home gardening for three families in Indonesia	$60		
Claremont After School Program (CLASP)			
A new book for one child	$20		
A year of monthly enrichment activities for one child	$50		
One month of the tutoring program cost for one child	$250		
Claremont Community School of Music (CCSM)			
Music instruction books	$10		
Instrument/equipment rental	$30		
Music lesson scholarships	$100		
Claremont UCC Early Childhood Center			
Children's book	$5		
Educational supplies for classroom	$10		
1 day of childcare	$25		
David & Margaret Foster Care & Adoption Agency			
Mental Health & Wellness Program	$10		
Housing & COMPASS Training Programs	$25		
Foster & Family Adoption Services	$40		
Global Refuge *new this year*			
5 chickens for farming and providing food security	$15		
Public transportation card for a newly arrived refugee family	$40		
Immigration Legal Consultation for immigrant or refugee	$95		
The Defeating Epilepsy Foundation *new this year*			
Towards grant for seizure alert dog	$25		
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Towards grant for seizure alert dog	$100		
Hope Mountain Foundation *new this year*			
Pants and shirt for one child	$25		
Glasses for one child	$80		
Mountain bicycle for one child	$240		
House of Ruth			
Residential Shelter Program	$10		
Children's Program	$25		
Counseling Program	$50		
Inland Valley Hope Partners			
Approximately 5 days of Food for a Family of Four	$25		
Purchase 250 lbs of Food from the LA Regional Food Bank	$50		
One Night of Shelter and Services for an Unhoused Family	$100		
Justice for Immigrants Seeking Asylum (JISA)			
Deposit into immigrant commissary account at Adelanto to buy food, water, hygiene supplies	$20		
Basic food and health supplies	$50		
Help with legal fees	$100		
Marera Community Self-Help Project (MCSHP)			
Daily salary of 1 construction worker	$10		
3 bags of cement	$20		
T9 roofing iron sheets	$50		
Newcomers Access Center (NAC)			
Gift Card (used for food, personal items)	$25		
Baby items/diapers	$40		
Rent Supplement	$100		

Peter's Work			
Christmas gift for a Russian or Ukrainian orphan	$45		
Van contribution for feeding & evacuating pensioners & the disabled	$100		
1 ton of potatoes (2,660 potatoes) for Ukrainian refugees and families at risk	$160		
Pilgrim Pines			
Archery Arrows	$25		
Climbing Wall Holds	$75		
Partial Camper Scholarship	$250		
Pilgrim Place Resident Health & Support Program			
Rental assistance general fund	$25		
Rental assistance general fund	$50		
Rental assistance general fund	$100		
Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity			
Roofing materials	$25		
Vanity	$50		
Sink	$100		
Project Sister Family Services			
Grounding tools that promote comfort and healing for survivors	$25		
Helps create a welcoming therapy space with comforting items	$50		
30 min body-safety and abuse prevention education for child	$100		
Witnessing Ministries of Christ			
Library Books	$25		
Education for a Dalit child	$45		
Help buy a new school bus	$50		
		TOTAL:	

PAYMENT **Credit Card** _____ **Cash** _____ **Check #** _____ **Online** _____

YOUR NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Filled-out shopping lists and payments (cash, check, or card) can be turned in at our in-person Alternative Christmas event on Sunday, December 6. If you prefer to fill out your form and send payment from home, please follow the instructions below.

Paying by CHECK?

- Please send only one check for the full total of your donations
- The check should be made out to "Claremont United Church of Christ" with "Alternative Christmas" noted in the memo line
- Please include your filled-out shopping list with your check!
- Your check and shopping list should be mailed to:

  Claremont United Church of Christ
  233 W. Harrison Ave.
  Claremont, CA 91711

Paying by CARD?

- You will need to fill out an "online shopping list" before submitting your credit card payment:
  - On our Alternative Christmas webpage (claremontucc.org/alternativechristmas), click the "PAY BY CARD" button
  - This will navigate you directly to the online shopping list!
  - After your form is submitted, you will be directed to our online payment page to complete your donation

If you need assistance submitting your Shopping List and payment, please contact the Office Manager at officemanager@claremontucc.org or (909) 626-1201.