



2024 Gifts of Love

Please select which program(s) you would like to support from the list.
Write the dollar amount in the space next to the program of your choice.

If selecting more than one program, add the total amount donated.

Please make your check out to:

Church on the Cape, on the Memo Line Write "Gifts of Love"

| <u>Program</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Bon Appetit | _____ |
| Camp Mechuwana | _____ |
| Caring Unlimited | _____ |
| Community Outreach Services | _____ |
| Grace Street Ministry | _____ |
| Habitat for Humanity | _____ |
| Seeds of Hope | _____ |
| TOTAL | _____ |

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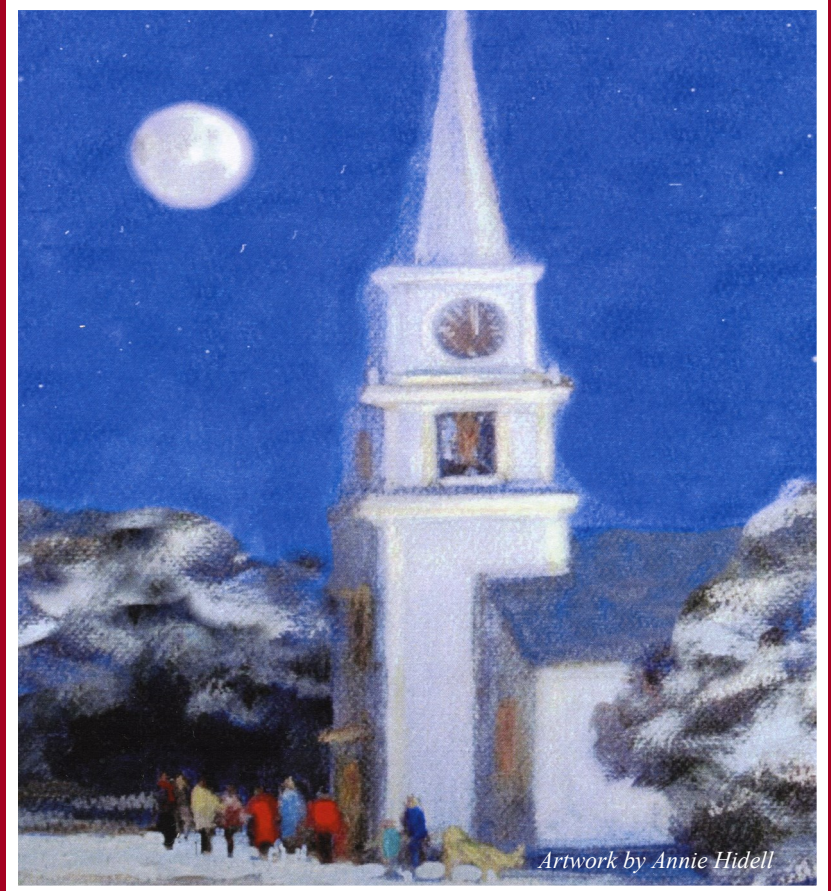
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Gifts of Love Church on the Cape, UMC December 1, 7, 8, & 15, 2024



The Missions Outreach Committee of Church on the Cape conceived of the Gifts of Love Campaign as a way to present our congregation and friends with an alternative to traditional gift giving, one that would support worthy organizations.

Here is our chance to put Christ's work into Christmas.

Gifts of Love Cards and donations may be purchased following morning worship on the first three Saturdays in December, and at the Annual Church Christmas Fair, held on the first Saturday of Prelude.

Church on the Cape, 3 Langsford Road, Kennebunkport, ME 04046.

Or you may donate online:

<https://www.churchonthecape.org/alternative-christmas-fair>

Scroll down to designate your choice of organization.



Bon Appetit

Bon Appetit is a dinner program in Biddeford that serves meals 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year. Clients arrive for a free nutritional dinner and companionship. During the summer between 40-50 people are served daily, with the numbers increasing during winter months. There has been a dramatic rise in numbers of children coming in family units. Additional funding is always needed to supplement the escalating costs of running this program. <https://www.bonappetitmealprogram.com/>



Camp Mechuwana

Mechuwana complements the local church ministry by providing a unique Christian setting for persons of all ages for personal growth and experiences that enhance one's relationship to God, neighbors, and the natural world. Everyone is welcome at Mechuwana. Many alumni often convey their connection to Mechuwana has been instrumental in their spiritual growth. it is important to give everyone an opportunity to experience Camp Mechuwana. Donations collected through the Gifts of Love campaign will be designated for the camp scholarship fund

Caring Unlimited:



Domestic violence is the most recurrent incident reported to the police in Kennebunkport, according to local police. Caring Unlimited is our answer to violence in the community. This organization offers hope to families in danger through 24-hour hot line aid, legal advisors, support groups staffed by kid workers, a donation center, temporary and transitional housing for women and their children, and hope for the future. <https://www.caring-unlimited.org/>



Community Outreach Services (Food Pantry):

Community Outreach Services consists of 12 churches of various faiths working together to help our neighbors in the three-town community of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel. Services include a food pantry, food delivery, holiday food baskets and fuel assistance program. They also partner with the General Assistance offices to provide financial aid to those with special requests such as eyeglasses, health care needs, auto repairs, rent/mortgage, electric bills, etc. <http://coskennebunks.org/>



Grace Street Ministry: An outreach ministry offering a consistent, compassionate, pastoral presence to the homeless and marginalized in downtown Portland, Maine - to relieve suffering, to address the spiritual needs in this ever shifting community and to decrease the prejudice between the housed and the homeless through preaching, education and experience. COTC is connected to this ministry through a sock and warm clothing ministry and Dunkin Donuts gift cards <http://www.gracestreetministry.org/>



Habitat for Humanity: For over 20 years, Habitat for Humanity in York County has been helping low income families obtain affordable housing. The three legs of support for this program are land, volunteers and funds. Church on the Cape has been an ever increasing and vital part of this Christian outreach through our gifts, our prayers and our participation. Gifts made to Habitat will help meet the objective of increasing the number of much needed homes built each year from a historical average of one per year to a targeted 2 to 3 homes per year.

<https://www.habitatyorkcounty.org/>



Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center is a drop-in center open Monday – Friday offering hospitality to all who pass through the door. Located in Biddeford, their efforts strive to offer hope for those struggling, care for those in need, provide advocacy and companionship. They serve an expanded continental breakfast/lunch five days a week, serving 60-7- per day. In 2024, Seeds of Hope began its transformation from an emergency winter warming center to become an overnight shelter. The renovation requirements require the installation of a sprinkler system. They are also adding a commercial kitchen to keep up with the growing demand for meal services in Biddeford. **The COTC Outreach committee has determined this non-profit to have a significant financial need this year.** <https://seedsofhope4me.org/>