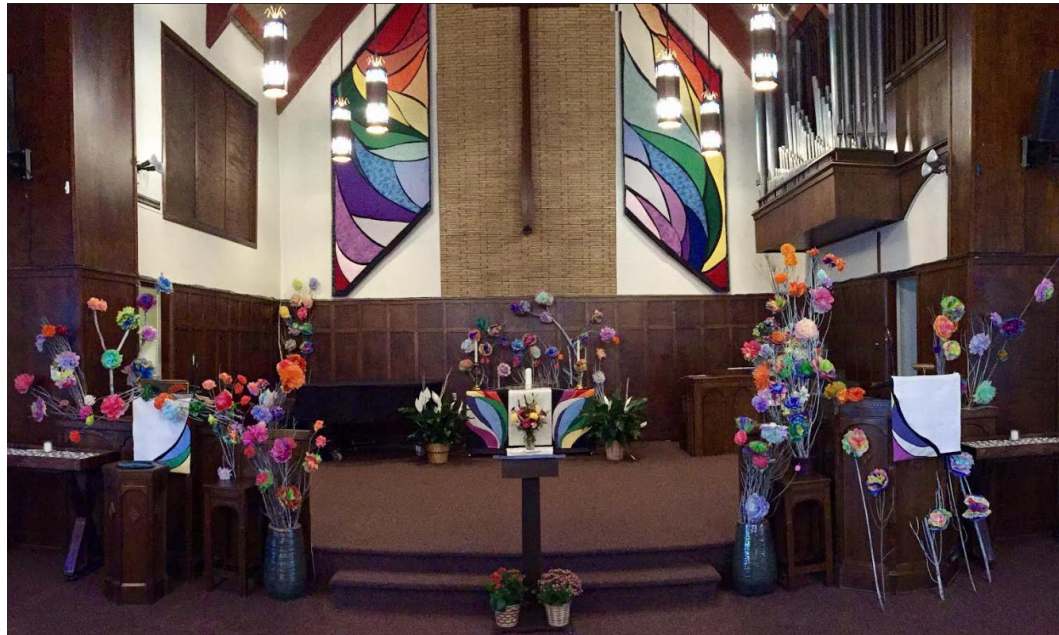


6th Annual  
ALTERNATIVE GIFT CATALOG  
2023 EDITION

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC ABQ





An Open and Affirming, Peace with Justice,  
Green Justice, Sanctuary, WISE Congregation  
for Mental Health, Racial Justice Church.  
Living God's Love, Justice, and Inclusion



## Welcome y Bienvenido to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual FCUCC Alternative Gift Catalog!

Thank you for your interest and for visiting our  
2023 Gift Catalog!!

This catalog is intended to give you and that  
person on your holiday list who already have all  
the “things” they need the opportunity to support  
some of the important efforts of our  
congregation.

Your reciprocal gift given on their behalf will  
directly impact the success of these invaluable  
ministries.

Feel free to scroll through the catalog, pick one  
or more items you would like to purchase  
(support), and then follow the instructions on the  
“How to Order” page.

This year, we have developed a unique QR code  
online payment.

**Enjoy your shopping!**

## Community Mosaic at First Congregational Church

We want to create a Community Mosaic for the beautiful courtyard gathering area and contemplative garden. In this exciting project, we will work with artist Lisa Domenici who has done this with a number of churches and organizations. We will imagine the design and then in a series of workshops put the mosaic together. The cost of this permanent work of art includes design, labor and supplies. We would like to be able to dedicate this mosaic along with the newly remodeled church courtyard on Easter (March 31) 2024.

### OUR GOAL

This project will foster building church community through the hands-on making and installing of the mosaic. This group achievement will also instill individual and community pride resulting in a lasting piece of art in our courtyard reflecting the church's mission.

**GOAL: \$4,000**  
**\$40/SHARE**



Sample mosaic from the artist



## Albuquerque Asylum Seekers Welcome

ABQ Asylum Seekers Welcome is comprised of volunteers who seek to welcome the stranger by providing warm and caring hospitality to hundreds of asylum-seeking families arriving by bus from the ICE Detention Center in El Paso.

When they arrive at the hotel, literally with nothing but the clothes on their backs, we let them know they have arrived at a safe place with friendly volunteers, many of whom are immigrants themselves, who will provide them with clothing, healthcare, food, travel arrangements and transportation to the airport, train, or bus station.

Our mission is to welcome them to this country while helping them reach their loved ones (sponsors).

### OUR GOAL

Support asylum seekers who have been legally admitted to the United States to pursue their asylum claims by helping fund the activities of Albuquerque Asylum Seekers Welcome.

**GOAL: \$1,000**  
**\$50/SHARE**



## Family Promise of Albuquerque “Welcome Home Kits”

Family Promise began offering programs to help families of all compositions with housing in 2003. They provide comprehensive and targeted services including extensive case management to assist homeless families transition to permanent housing. Family Promise’s shelter program provides families with a safe place to stay and three meals a day. While volunteers provide meals and other essential needs, their staff provides families with life skills, employability skills classes, intensive case management, and resource referrals. These rebuilt strengths and skills empower the promise and potential of each family. Ninety-four percent (94%) of FP families served secure housing within an average of 90 days!

### OUR GOAL

To fund “Welcome Home Kits”. These kits include toiletries, silverware, laundry bags, pillows, towel sets, kitchen items and more. These essential kits average about \$100 per family. The agency utilizes approximately 20 kits per year.

**GOAL: \$2000**  
**\$20/SHARE**



## Guest Musicians Funding

How does the sound of a string quartet during a Christmas Eve service sound to you? Does a jazz band performing old favorites make you smile knowingly and sway a little? Does a brass ensemble at Easter blow you away and make you rise to your feet? I imagine they can, do and will in 2024.

Singers, cellists, percussionists and violinists have enriched our worship in the past year. We honor the work that each guest musician has put into learning their craft by paying them for performing at FCUCC.

### OUR GOAL

We are so fortunate to live in a community with all this musical talent! Help us bring more wonderful musicians into our services with your donations.

**GOAL: \$500**  
**\$25/SHARE**





## Umoja Albuquerque

Umoja is the Swahili word for unity. It is an organization in Albuquerque driven by a single passion: To empower refugee women with tools and resources, to enhance and develop their skills through education, become self-sufficient, and integrate into American society while still maintaining their respective cultural values.

Umoja's administrative staff also believes that building relationships in the new community is equally important in reaching self-sufficiency and becoming active agents in their new lives.

They offer services in ESL classes, computer and financial literacy, driving manual classes (to defray the cost of behind the wheel instruction), healthcare and parenting seminars, mobile dental clinics in collaboration with community partners, assistance with interpretation, transportation, and navigating American educational institutions.

### OUR GOAL

Purchase ten Oxford Picture Dictionaries for the ESL class.

**GOAL: \$300**  
**\$30/SHARE**



## Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery

The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery is a group of Christians and faith communities who work together to mobilize and dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and follow Indigenous leadership. In 2022-2023, we mobilized Christian churches to defend the Indian Child Welfare Act. On November 4, the Coalition assisted in organizing a Prayer event at Oak Flat inviting people to pray with and for this sacred site that is threatened by a proposed copper mine, to be owned by two of the world's largest multinational mining corporations. The Coalition also aids Indigenous peoples in Latin America who are fighting for health, cultural restoration, and against mining and agrobusiness takeovers. *We proclaim a spirit of discipleship rooted in the call to love neighbor and seek right relationship and reconciliation through active non-violence.* We believe that what was done in the name of Christ must be undone in the name of Christ. It is now our responsibility as followers of Jesus to repair the damage of extinction, extraction, removal, and assimilation of indigenous peoples.

### OUR GOAL

Your donations will assist the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery in its persistence to support indigenous struggles for land, justice, and cultural sustainability. Contributions will help pay for operational costs, including travel and website development.

**Goal: \$1,000**  
**\$50/Share**





## Luther House Young Adult and Campus Ministry Meal Support

Help us provide delicious dinners for our young adult and campus ministry! Luther House UNM & CNM is an ecumenical campus ministry sponsored by the ELCA Lutheran churches in partnership with First Congregational United Church of Christ and other LGBTQIA+ inclusive denominations.

We offer young adults a faith community centered around their own unique perspectives and theological needs. Rev. Rhonda Newby-Torres offers a weekly dinner and spiritual activities on Wednesday evenings at Luther House. Your gift would support delicious, comforting, and inviting meals for our young adult community.

### OUR GOAL

Each \$50 gift provides a delicious and nutritious meal for our community. Our goal is to support a monthly meal for Luther House for a total of \$600 for an entire year!

**GOAL: \$600**  
**\$50/SHARE**



## Children's Garden

The Children's Ministry would like to create a permanent garden work area near the front of the church. This playful and educational project would serve as a space to teach the children of our congregation the connection we have to the Earth and provide "home grown" flowers for the church throughout the year. The initial structure would be a portable greenhouse (temporary). If interest *blossoms*, a permanent structure would be erected in the future.

Funds raised for this project would support the purchase of a small greenhouse and work area, soil, planting pots and seeds.

### OUR GOAL

Funds would help create a full permaculture garden created by the children of the congregation.

**GOAL: \$300**  
**\$10/SHARE**



## 2 WAYS TO ORDER

### 1. USING QR CODE FOR THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT CATALOG



- SELECT YOUR DONATION AMOUNT
- ADD A MESSAGE USING THE "Add note/comment" BOX
- INDICATE WHICH PROJECT AND THE NUMBER OF SHARES FOR THE INDICATED PROJECT

### 2. MAIL A CHECK

Mail a check to:

First Congregational Church  
2801 Lomas Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87106

PLEASE indicate Project and # Shares/Total amount in the **"Add note/comment"** box.

## THANK YOU!



## 2023 FCUCC ALTERNATIVE GIFT CATALOG ORDER FORM

- You may send payment via check to:  
 First Congregational Church  
 2801 Lomas Blvd NE Albuquerque, NM 87106

- You may order with a phone camera using the QR code pictured below.

PLEASE INDICATE ON **MEMO LINE:** project name and # shares/amount

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT	# SHARES
	\$ TOTAL AMOUNT
<b>Community Mosaic</b> \$40/Share	
<b>Asylum Seekers Welcome</b> \$50/Share	
<b>Welcome Home Kits</b> \$20/Share	
<b>Guest Musicians Funding</b> \$25/Share	
<b>Umoja Albuquerque</b> \$30/Share	
<b>Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery</b> \$50/Share	
<b>Luther House Young Adult and Campus Ministry Meal Support</b> \$50/Share	
<b>Children's Garden</b> \$10/Share	



- The catalog is available to view online at <https://www.firstuccabq.org>