Holiday Giving 2020

This Christmas, we will be supporting our partner school, Westerly Hills Academy, by both providing gifts to families experiencing financial hardship and providing monetary holiday gifts to all staff. We will be partnering with the Core Church to provide gifts to Westerly Hills students via a <u>virtual Giving Tree</u>. Unwrapped gifts (with name tags attached) may be brought to First Presbyterian Church on December 8 (10am-12pm), December 10 (2pm-4pm) or December 13 (12:30 -2pm). The Core Church will host a festive distribution in their parking lot on December 19th from 10-4, where families can safely pick up their gifts and enjoy hot chocolate and gift wrapping. Volunteers are needed to help with gift delivery, setup/cleanup, gift distribution, serving hot chocolate and wrapping gifts. <u>Sign up here</u> to help.

After a challenging year requiring additional work and flexibility, we want to make sure we acknowledge every staff member at Westerly Hills Academy with a holiday gift. You can support this effort by check or <u>online via Realm</u>. Checks should be mailed to the church with "WH holiday staff appreciation" in the memo line. \$4,000 will ensure that every staff member, including bus drivers, cafeteria staff and custodians receives a \$50 gift.

We are partnering with Promising Pages to provide books to students for winter break while we channel our resources towards gifts and staff appreciation. Promising Pages will be providing 2 books to every student, which will be distributed by school staff during in-person learning prior to winter break. Ten volunteers are needed to package books for distribution before December 8th. <u>Sign up here</u> to help.