



UNITED METHODIST  
Neighborhood Centers

OF MEMPHIS, INC.



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We of United Methodist Neighborhood Centers of Memphis are grateful to be in continuous service ever since 1907, when Wesley House started in mission. As we now ask your support through the CHRISTMAS CATALOG of the Memphis Conference, a heartwarming story from the 1950s comes to mind.

Back then, one of our locations was the Bethlehem Center in South Memphis. As Christmas approached, a Pageant with stories and songs shared by the Children was arranged. All the characters worked hard to memorize their parts, especially the little guy who got assigned as Narrator.

The big night came. Marching to center stage, this Narrator's eyes got mighty big as he began the words of the Bible story. So it was that he spoke out strongly, "Now, when Jesus was born in BETHLEHEM CENTER . . ." His mistake was greeted with laughter and joy.

Think of it: Every Christmas, the Spirit of Baby Jesus really can be born anew in us! And so, we invite you to be a BETHLEHEM FRIEND of UMNCM! Here are some Catalog Choices:

#### BETHLEHEM FRIENDS

- ❖ Sponsor a Miriam Center Child for a week with a gift of \$25.  
[Note: It's okay to take more than one week!]
- ❖ Sponsor FOOD, which, along with donated items, will feed a family of four for over a week. \$25.
- ❖ Sponsor a child in the day camp and tutoring ministry in the impoverished town of Mason, TN, in our new project called MIM—Mason Initiative in Mission. \$50.

All donations go to the need you choose, to:

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WELCOME, BETHLEHEM FRIENDS!

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