

**Subject:** Holiday Gift Donations

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Good morning church family and friends,

Due to the pandemic and the schools being closed, we will be changing up how we do our Thanksgiving basket mission and Christmas Angel mission. With schools not being in session and people not able to interact, it would be difficult organizing and distributing our usual way. But, unfortunately, there are still many people in need.

Each week, we are asking those who would like to help during these difficult times, to give specific items for that week. For each week, the items will be given to a different organization.

**Week 1: (November 29) Gifts of Hygiene** - for guests of Waynewright Community Meals

- shampoo,
- bars of soap,
- body wash,
- razors,
- washcloths,
- toothbrushes,
- toothpaste,
- body lotion,
- chapstick.

**Please leave in bins on the back porch of the parsonage.**

**Week 2: (December 6) Gifts of Warmth** –

- hats,
- gloves,
- mittens,
- scarves,
- coats,
- socks,
- blankets.

**Share with our own soup kitchen, or the Wyandotte Board of Education. To share clothing gifts or meet other needs for a child in need of assistance, you may also contact Wyandotte Board of Education (734)759-6002.**

**Week 3: (December 13) Gifts of Shelter** –

- share a monetary gift with Christnet Rotating Homeless Shelter ([24356 Eureka Rd Taylor, MI 48180](#)),
- sign up for a date to help prepare their bagged lunches for people who are homeless in 2021 ( ([734](#)) [287-8890](#)), or
- drop off "convenience foods" at our own soup kitchen so that we can share them with our homeless guests (canned meats, ramen meals, tuna kits, pasta meals, fruit cups, etc.).

**Week 4: (December 20): Gifts for the Baby** –

- formula,
- diapers,
- new and gently used clothing and toys and baby gear.

**Contact Downriver Foster Closet (734-493-6764) or Vista Maria [\(313\) 271-3050](tel:3132713050) Foster Care Agency.**

**So, let's be our own "Wise Men" bringing our gifts to the "stable". Any donation would be greatly appreciated.**

**Blessings & Peace**

**First Congregational Church and Waynewright Community Meals**