

Ways To Give Back After You Enjoy Your Thanksgiving Dinner

Northwood's Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is a vital mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church. We help serve the community by distributing bags of food to those families and individuals that come to the church seeking help. This mission is supported by YOU, the congregation, with your donations of non-perishable food items and monetary gifts. Each bag with the listed items helps provide a family with meals for 3 days.

Please place food in the Food Pantry basket, located by the double doors next to the playground.

SHOPPING LIST

1 Can of ham	1 Can of corn
1 Can of chicken	1 Can of another veggie
1 Can of other meat	1 Can of baked beans
1 Spaghetti sauce	1 Can of chunky soup
1 Can of pasta	1 Can of tomato/chicken soup
1 Can of chili	2 Cans of fruit
2 Cans of tuna	Peanut Butter
1 Can of green beans	Jelly

Beth-El Angel Tree

Northwood is supporting the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry in Hillsborough County again this year. You can select multicolored angels on the Christmas tree starting today, November 26, or you can select from the list of Angel Tree gifts noted below. Gifts range from \$1 and up. Please bring gifts unwrapped and place them under the tree by December 11th.

canned vegetables and fruit	jars of baby food
canned meats, tuna, chicken, ham, etc.	socks, any size
men's and women's long sleeved	diapers
flannel shirts, size small, medium	canned soup
warm clothing for boys and girls	baseball caps
underwear for boys and girls	children's shoes
hooded sweatshirts size small, med.	toothbrushes & toothpaste

(migrant workers are small Mayan people so we ask for small sizes)

Alternative Gifts for Christmas!

Are you challenged to find a perfect, affordable gift for someone who has everything? Do you want to show your children and grandchildren that you believe the greatest gift is helping others? Consider an Alternative Gift! For as little as \$5.00 you can honor a loved one with a donation to a local, national or international benevolence. The women of Lydia Circle will be in the Narthex during Advent (December 3, 10, 17 and 24) to help you select a PERFECT alternative gift. Questions? Contact Barbara Englehart (743-4886 or waspfinella@yahoo.com) or Nancy Johnson (366-7705 or njohnso1472@gmail.com).

Joy Gift Offering to be received on Sunday, December 17th

The annual Joy Gift of our denomination, (the PCUSA), is used to support retired church workers and missionaries with financial assistance in their time of need. It is also used to assist students of Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges so that they are afforded opportunities to learn, grow, and lead in their faith. Giving to the Joy Offering is one more opportunity to consider making a gift above and beyond our pledge to the church at Christmas.

Helping Hands Christmas Eve Offering

Gifts given to the Helping Hands Christmas Eve Offering are used to help those in our community with significant needs who come to our church office during the year. A number of our members and families place a stocking under their tree or by the chimney to fill up with gifts to bring to the Christmas Eve service at Northwood as a creative way to remember to give a significant financial gift to those in need. Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-46.

Be An Angel to Someone or Some Family for Christmas

You are also welcome to speak to one of the pastors at Northwood about ways you can adopt a person or family to assist at Christmas. If you do plan to do this, please contact one of the pastors no later than December 18th.

**Thank you for sharing the Christmas
joy and generosity of Christ in this way!**