

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Although the days are still warm and the trees are just barely changing – the holiday season is just around the corner!

Ronald Reagan once said “We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone”

Can you help? Believe it or not, Thanksgiving will be here soon enough, along with the cold days of winter! It would be wonderful if all the families in our community would be able to celebrate Thanksgiving with joy and a bountiful dinner. Unfortunately, that is not the case - not all families have the financial means to make this happen. To help, we will be providing Thanksgiving baskets to approximately 100 families and coats to those who need the warmth they will bring!

Starting on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> we will be collecting food for our Thanksgiving baskets. Now is not too soon to start thinking about that family (or families) you would like to help! So that the families will have a bountiful dinner to celebrate with their loved ones we will provide baskets that contain the following items:

Yams or sweet potatoes; cake mix and frosting; stuffing with gravy; biscuit or bread loaf mix; canned green beans; boxed or bagged mashed potatoes; cranberry sauce ; and of course 1 turkey!

To help keep us organized and your shopping list simple, we have made each week a focus week on a particular item(or items) as you go grocery shopping for your own family:

**Canned Yams or sweet potatoes - Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Cake mix and frosting - Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Stuffing and turkey gravy (canned or packets – No jars) - Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Biscuit or loaf bread mix and canned green beans - Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Boxed/ bagged mashed potato mix and canned cranberry sauce -Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**

What about the turkeys?? – To help cover the cost of the turkeys – Giant will be helping us but we need your help also. Donating Giant gift cards will be a true blessing! The cards will be used to pay for the turkeys (which will be sold to us at cost) – **please, only Giant** gift cards as that is where we will be purchasing the turkeys from. Every gift card will be a true blessing and you may turn them in any Sunday (place in an envelope and identify for Thanksgiving baskets) and place in the offering plate.

We will be also collecting gently worn coats (men, women, and children sizes) to be made available when the families pick up their baskets. So as you are doing your fall cleaning and the closets are being straightened – remember, those coats you wondered what to do with will bring warmth and peace of mind to another person.

We will have a collection box in the Fellowship Hall for basket items and a box for donated coats starting the week of Oct 1<sup>st</sup>!

Remember these true words from Mother Teresa of Calcutta: “The greatest good is what we do for one another.” Any questions, please call Dave or Laura Hanna at 410-529-2240.

### Thanksgiving Baskets schedule:

Pack bags for distribution: Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am

Given out Saturday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 1:00 pm

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