

## ***Care for our Sisters and Brothers in Need***

Many of us have felt stymied in our desire to reach out to others as we, once again, are called upon to quarantine ourselves. But there is some good news to share as we enter this season of gratitude and sharing. Gwen Baccus has figured out a way in which we can engage both our yearly Thanksgiving and Christmas Angel Tree Outreach programs.

### **Donations to Purchase Turkeys**

Once again we will be providing turkeys in time for families to have a Thanksgiving meal. This year, however, because of COVID-19 we can only accept cash gifts. We would like to meet the needs of 75+ families.

If you feel called to give, please have your donations (NO TURKEYS, PLEASE) to the church office by Monday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A special thank you goes to Don and Beth LeHeup for their contribution and championing of this project.

### **Donations for the Christmas Angel Tree**

We will have a Christmas Angel Tree this year, but due to the stress and challenges of COVID-19, we will accomplish our mission to provide gifts to many needy children in a vastly different way.

This year we won't be selecting gift tags off a tree in the Narthex; we won't be shopping and wrapping packages; but we will still be making a child's Christmas a little brighter--something sorely needed in this tough year--when many of our parents are struggling to pay their rent and buy food and have little left over to purchase Christmas presents for their children.

In lieu of the traditional presents we are asking for cash and/or gift cards from Wal-Mart, Target, or Kohl's (or a check made payable to Grace in the Desert). These donations will provide some holiday cheer for the children. They will be distributed by school staff through a safe, sanctioned, contactless COVID-19 method of delivery.

Thanks to your generosity, the cash and gift cards will make a child's and their families' Christmas a little brighter.

**All cash and cards for the Angel Tree are due by November 30th.**