



News from the Hill

The Presbyterian Church Of Chestnut Hill

GIVING IN ADVENT

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S VILLAGE *Gifts needed by Sunday, December 13*

Presbyterian Children's Village requests new, unwrapped gifts for the children. PCV social workers select gifts appropriate to each child; family members and caregivers have the pleasure of wrapping the gifts for their own children. Select an item or items from the Christmas tree in Widener Hall. Place gifts in the large Christmas box located in Widener Hall. Items requested are:

- **Gift cards** (please note amount, but not child's name) – JC Penny's, Kmart, Kohl's, Lane Bryant, Marshall's, Old Navy, Ross, Sears, Target, T.J. Max, Wal-Mart, Foot Locker, 5 Below, Best Buy, Modell's Dick's Sporting Goods, Old Country Buffet, ShopRite, Pathmark, Acme, Fresh Grocer and prepaid gift cards from Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.
- **Clothing (infants to late teens)** – shirts, sweat shirts, sweatpants, flannel pajamas, gloves, socks, slippers.

REMEMBERING WITH GRATITUDE

Flower forms needed by Wednesday, December 16

You are invited to remember a loved one on Sunday, December 20 as we fill the Chancel with an offering of flowers in memory of those who have died or to honor those who are living. Names should be submitted to the church office by Wednesday, December 16.

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Groceries needed by Saturday, December 19

Brown bags with the grocery list attached will be made available up at the Narthex, or from the table beneath the Social Witness bulletin board. Please check off on the grocery list the items that are included in the bag.

Grocery List: *Meat:* turkey, turkey breast, roasting chicken; *Starch:* rice, corn stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, macaroni and cheese; *Veggies:* green beans, green peas; *Breads:* bread mix; Cranberry sauce; *Dessert:* cake mix, icing, cookie mix, Jell-O, pie crust, pie filling, *Misc:* seasonings, sugar, flour, juice, iced tea.

ACHIEVEABILITY GIFTS

Gifts needed by Sunday, December 20

It's that time of year, and once again, we are asked to help fulfill the wish lists of the children at ACHIEVEability. Each child puts three items on his/her wish list. Sponsors purchase two new gifts for each child, total expenditure not to exceed \$50 dollars per child. A sign-up sheet, with the names of the children, is posted on the church office door. An envelope that holds the individual wish list for each child is attached below the list. Each individual wish list will have a child's name and a number corresponding to the number next to each child's name on the list.



GIVING IN ADVENT, CONTINUED...

OUR BROTHER'S PLACE

Sunday, December 27

Our next serving at Our Brother's Place is Sunday, December 27th and we will be collecting Christmas cookies to serve for dessert--a dessert the men look forward to and so appreciate. Christmas cookies may be dropped off at the church kitchen any time up to December 27th. Please mark them for Our Brother's Place (OBP). Thank you to the many who have provided this special treat in past years.

With the increase of men being served each month we now need 30-35 bags to cover one dinner. If you are able, please consider making a bag or two. **Recipe: 2lbs of ground beef browned, one large can of Sloppy Joe sauce. Mix the meat and sauce, place in a double zip lock bag.** Bring your Sloppy Joes to the church at any time and place in them in the church freezer.

Volunteers are also needed to fill-out a monthly team of servers. On the fourth Sunday of each month, we meet at the church at 2:30 p.m., serve the meal from 4:30-5:30 p.m., and are back to the church between 6 and 6:15 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to perform a service together. Please consider joining us one Sunday! There is a sign-up sheet on the table beneath the Social Witness bulletin board. For more information, contact Sylvia Studenmund at sylvia.studenmund@verizon.net.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE BACK!

*Purchasable through the office or
during Sunday Coffee Hours*

Honor those special people in your life, with a gift that makes a difference. Here's how it works: Stop by Widener Hall after worship, or pick up an order form at the Social Witness Bulletin Board, and choose from the many deserving projects that help people in need. Make a gift, in whatever amount you choose, in honor of your loved one. With your donation, you will receive a lovely card, to include in your own holiday card or gift box, which tells the recipient that a gift has been made in their honor and gives a detailed description of the chosen mission project. Alternative Christmas gifts are eco-friendly, ethically sound, and can change lives. They are sure to bring smiles to the gift recipient and to the faces of our mission partners. Celebrate the joy of Christmas with the gift that gives twice!

WARMTH DRIVE

It's going to be a cold winter my friends. Thus, give the gift of warmth to those in need! Please bring old coats, blankets, sheets, gloves, scarves, and other warm clothing. New underwear for all is also needed! There are boxes at the ends of the hall in the church school wing. All items donated will be given to the Norristown Mission Shelter and Clothes Closet. Please consider giving to this ministry, as they are in dire need of our support.



Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds us

