

ANGEL TREE – COMING SOON!



Dear GUMC Congregation,
GUMC brains have been working overtime to try to figure out how we could still have our Angel Tree in a Covid-ly Social Distanced Way! We’ve got it! Look for a Sign Up Genius link! On it, you will find Christmas Gift ideas for the families we will sponsor this year.

(Note: You can sponsor a gift anonymously by simply typing in the word “Anonymous” in the name field. Then enter your email address as requested.)
As you know, **the need is great – greater than ever before.** We will collect gifts for TWO area families and food gift cards for 20 families in the Lake Elkhorn Middle School Community. Thanks for shining love to the world in advance!



THIS SUNDAY!

“Fill the Van” UMCOR & Partner Missions Drive

Sunday, November 22 - Before and After Church - until Noon

We are collecting for the following:

Computer hardware and software, clothing, small kitchen appliances, medical equipment (walkers, crutches, wheel chairs, etc.), unexpired medical supplies (No medicines), school supplies (pencils, sharpeners, erasers, pens, colored pencils, scissors, crayons, markers), 16-40 oz. liquid concentrate household cleaner, travel size personal care items, and other items needed for UMCOR kits.

See the UMCOR website:

<https://missioncentral.org/current-needs/>

Agape is a Greco-Christian term referring to love, "the highest form of love, charity" and "the love of God for man and of man for God".



Drive & Drop Mondays – 1:00PM to 6:30 -
Choir Room Door Vestibule!
&
Donation Station Sundays!

Drop off items for:
-GUMC Food Ministries
-Encore Card Ministry
-UMCOR Disaster Clean Up Buckets!
“Thanks, Angels!”



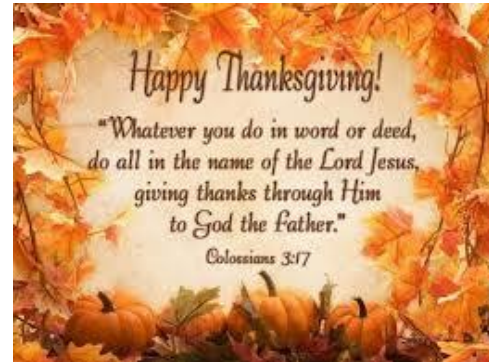
I am thankful for you, our GUMC Angels.

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On Thanksgiving

Yep. I pulled out my Thanksgiving recipes. You know, the ones I use every year. But this year I have to use my math skills to reduce the recipes to serve a 5th of the usual attendees. I'm still going to use the fine table coverings, my grandmother's china from 1929, and make a pretty centerpiece. We have already made plans for special things to do - just us - that day. We are blessed to have one another and will think with gratitude about those we know and love who cannot be with us for one reason or another.

This time of bountiful meals turns my thoughts to people who are not looking forward to Thanksgiving with special plans. There are folks who, today, are worried because school not be in session means their children will not have breakfast and lunch provided. Perhaps they are ill. Perhaps they are out of work. Perhaps they have used up all of their savings. Perhaps life situations are difficult. They will worry not about putting a fine feast on the table but about putting anything on their table at all.



Thanksgiving Day will be just another day of worry about food.

So I have something special about which to be thankful this year: you. Because of your generosity **40 families will have dinners this Thanksgiving** through our **Food Pantry and the Lake Elkhorn Middle School Community ministries**. Even better... there will be Christmas dinners, too! Because of you, **60 people at the Grassroots Shelter** trying to get their lives on track will have a meal made by your hands in December.

Think about that... that is **more than 400 people out there right now who will be able to give thanks because of you**.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank God for you: His love-filled hands and moving feet.

I am Giving Thanks, indeed. Happy, happy Thanksgiving!

In Peace, Hope, Light, and Thankfulness, Jackie Benner and the Outreach Committee

UMCOR Disaster Clean Up Buckets

It's our **LAST WEEK** to collect items for the Clean UP Buckets! (End date: Nov. 22)



SIZE SPECIFIC items for our cleaning bucket collection:

Item for our drive: #s reflect our collected count

- 3 mostly complete Cleaning Bucket Kits (many thanks to Girl Scouts)
- **5 gallon buckets:** 6
- **32-64 oz.** bottle liquid laundry detergent: 7
- **16-40 oz.** bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (No spray cleaners): 6
- **16-34 oz.** bottle dish soap: 14
- **4-8 oz.** pump spray air freshener: 4
- **6-14 oz.** pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also



- acceptable) Pump spray bottles must have protective covers: 0
 - Scrub brush (With or without handle): 3
 - 36-50 clothespins: 5 sets
 - 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line): 1
 - Sets of 18 re-usable cleaning wipes: 5 ½ sets
 - Scouring pads (no stainless steel or with soap): 1
 - N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3mm thickness/ not surgical): 0
 - Heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes): 27
 - Kitchen (rubber) gloves: 6 pairs
 - Work Gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather): 2
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Cards for Our Elders at Encore at Turf Valley

We feel bad at the thought of not having our traditional large Thanksgiving celebrations... imagine how our elders feel in continued isolation.

Let’s say, “We are thinking of you and remembering you.

Cards for our Encore seniors could include sayings like this:

“Thinking of you.” “Keeping you in our prayers.”

Please sign the missive

“Prayers and blessings from Glenelg United Methodist Church”

~GUMC FOOD MINISTRY~

Food Drive for Lake Elkhorn Middle School Community & Food Pantry

Wow!! Our initial 6-month goal to raise \$1000 a month for our Food Ministries was not only met but EXCEEDED! \$6191 was our 6-month total! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Now, the Holiday Season is upon us and our “Collection Clock” is reset for our next 6-month period. That includes Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter Seasons!

Please go to our GUMC webpage and click on the Online Giving link. Then click on the “Food Ministries” button to donate toward this cause.

SPECIAL NOTE for Lake Elkhorn Community FOOD NEEDS:

Christmas Dinner for 20 LEMS Families!

(Collection for the special dinner ends Dec. 14 on Drive & Drop Monday)

- “Stove Top” type boxed stuffing
- Cans of cranberry sauce
- Packets of gravy mix
- Cans of green beans
- Cans of sweet potatoes
- Hot chocolate packages
- Holiday paper plates and napkins



Think of the happiness!



This week we sent 10 Thanksgiving cards and our GUMC Preschool sent 7 paper plate turkeys and 4 classroom handprint turkey posters!

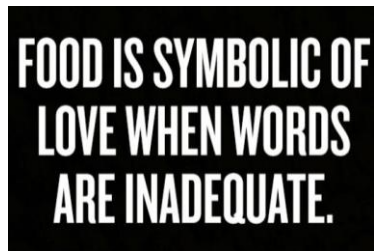
Our Donations Total is reset!
Nov. – April Total: \$100



Grassroots Shelter Meals – Helping Howard’s Homeless

The next meal will be on Saturday, December 5.

If you would like to be added (or removed) from the Grassroots email distribution list, please contact Julie Carignan (410-703-8672, carignanjulia@gmail.com) or Peggy Koele (913-233-6557, peggykoele@me.com).



The GO Team and GUMC Connect Help With Tasks Large and Small!



The GUMC GO Team is a wonderful bunch of volunteers awaiting something to do to help. If you need some help, please email Jackie Benner at bennerjbem@aol.com. We will do our best to help with things big or small in a socially distanced and Covid-ly mindful manner.

OR, you can also fill out the **Congregational Care Form** found on the GUMC website. Click on the **Blog link and go to page 2**. This form is confidential in nature.

Got Mask?

Contact GUMCwomen@gmail.com, and we will get you set up!



Sew-ists!

* Kernan Hospital is currently treating and rehabilitating COVID patients. They accept mask donations and are willing to provide fabric bundles. Reach out to **Jean Riley (cell 410-707-4434,**

email jeanriley63@gmail.com)

* UMW would love your help sewing too! Just let us know. GUMCwomen@gmail.com