

# Opportunities for Reaching Out at Advent & Christmas

## **Giving Opportunities This Advent/Christmas Season**

The Micah 6:8 Outreach Committee invites everyone to donate to the following initiatives during the season of Advent. **On the dates and times listed below, members from the Outreach committee will be in the church parking lot to collect your items.** Please ensure all donations are packaged in a plastic bag. We thank you for your continued support.

### **Drop off times each week will be:**

Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00pm

Thursdays from 5:00-7:00pm

Sundays from 1:00-3:00pm

### **Week 1: November 25, 26, 29 “White Gift Sunday Week”**

For the past many years our White Gift Sunday offerings have focused on gifts of CASH and CHEQUES (*payable to Holy Family SSVF or St. Paul’s Social Services with ‘Christmas Share’ written on the memo part of the cheque*) to be used to support a variety of ministries (described below). Tax receipts will be given for all those donations accompanied by name, address and postal code.

**Christmas Share** - Our congregation partners with St. Paul’s Anglican Cathedral to provide financial help. Gift cards are purchased for families in need.

**St. Vincent de Paul** - (formerly known as “The Giving

Tree”). Our congregation partners with Holy Family (Roman Catholic) Parish. Your gift will be used to purchase gift cards for families in need at Christmas. This is done through the Holy Family volunteer organization known as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Week 2:** Dec 2, 3, 6 “Toy Drive Week” (gift cards only these days please)

\*As an extra initiative to support the London Firefighters Association, Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-11:30am we will be collecting toys and gift cards.

### **Toy Drive and Gift Cards\***

The London Firefighters Association is doing a large toy drive. The toys that are donated will be delivered to the fire hall on Colborne St and will be part of their annual Christmas Lights and Sirens event. All toys and gift cards will be brought to Life Spin.

The mission of Life Spin is to provide information and support for low-income families/individuals. They stand as a pillar of empowerment for self-development of these individuals in their efforts to attain self-sufficiency. Furthermore, in their efforts to help others overcome poverty, they provide programs and resources that are geared towards enhancing the lives of low-income families thorough education, advocacy, and community building.

**Week 3:** Dec. 9, 10, 13 “Mitten Basket Week”

### **Mitten Basket**

The Mitten Basket is traditionally located in the Narthex. During our parking lot drive, we will gladly accept your donation of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and warm socks. These gifts will be distributed by Rotholme Women’s and

Family Shelter. Warming a child's hands or feet will warm your heart!

**Week 4:** Dec 16, 17, 20: "Canned Food Drive Week"

**Canned Food Drive**

Donations of canned food and cereal will be delivered to St Paul's Social Service Food Bank.