



This year, St. Andrew's will have opportunities to give to those in need ~ and indeed ~ to show our love and concern for those within our own community. As we each consider how we might participate in the upcoming 'Season of Giving', here are some upcoming opportunities.

Angels for Christmas

If you knit or crochet, you can participate in this initiative that will gift 'angels' to people who will be attending the 'Surviving the Holidays' event, sponsored by the Life After Loss Team Dec 7. Watch LinX for details of how you can participate.

Children/Youth Gift Bags

Children and youth attending the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service will be putting together Christmas Gift Bags for children and youth in need. Items we will be collecting will be included in upcoming LinX articles.

Christmas Blessing Stockings

This year, we will be delivering a Christmas Blessing Stocking to each of our homebound friends. Items to be collected include lip balm, tissue packs, individually wrapped candies, a pair of socks, a new toothbrush, a small magnifying glass, small word search or crossword book, motion detector light, LED flashlight, hand cream, lens cleaner for eye glasses, fine tip Magic Marker to label clothes, retractable, zippered pouch (like a pencil case), small spiral note pad and pen, sticky notes, non-metal emery board, small packet of Band-Aids, hot apple cider packet, or any other small items that would bring a smile to someone's heart. Items need to fit into a 7- or 8-inch stocking that is wide enough for a mandarin orange. Stocking patterns are available in the Foyer.

Claire House Gift Cards

For those who wish to donate \$25.00 (or an amount of your choosing), we will be distributing gift cards to those who live in the Claire House building that we support throughout the year. These cards enable families to purchase groceries for a Christmas dinner, as well as providing children/youth with a gift card to brighten their Christmas.

The Mitten Tree

This year (on a Sunday yet to be determined) you can bring warm weather items like mittens, gloves, scarves, tuques, for every age and every stage of life. These articles will be donated to the Aboriginal Friendship Centre to distribute to those who need some warmth in their lives on those cold winter days.

We've been blessed to be a blessing. Please give as you are able. ~ Deb