



Dear friends,

As we continue to prayerfully consider our financial commitments to the Lord through the Stewardship Season, "Grace, Gratitude, Generosity" imagine the gratitude of the children that receive the meals that we packed last Sunday. Imagine the delight on children's faces on Christmas morning that would otherwise not have Christmas if our congregation did not help. Imagine the gratitude of the Confirmands who are preparing to become full members of Nazareth in their walk with God through the contributions that provide for staff, retreats, and supplies for this venture. Then, with gratitude, make your 2022 pledge. Read John 12:1-8 to prepare for Sunday's sermon on gratitude.

Blessings,

Julie

Things to Remember

The Angel Tree for this year's children of Soup Kitchen clients is at the front door of the sanctuary. Please choose a child, if you feel called to do so, WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE PROVIDED SHEET, and follow the instructions on the tag. As of today, there are only two names left. HOWEVER, we will also be collecting \$25 gift cards for the teenagers. A basket will be placed on the table as you come in the Sanctuary if you would like to be a gift card "angel." All gifts, including gift cards, are due by December 12th. Please wrap gifts for children and bind them together with ribbon or in a bag with the identifying tag attached.

The Youth have assembled Homeless Helper Kits and they will be available beginning this Sunday in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Please take one to keep in your car and give out as needed.

Nazareth supports a local food bank called The Carpenter's Table, which distributes food to needy families in the community every Saturday. The Carpenter's Table is located next door to Tyger River Presbyterian Church, across the street from Walgreens in Duncan. One Saturday a month, Nazareth provides 100% of the workers for the operation. We are very lucky that the youth group consistently comes every month to help, but we are sometimes still a little short on volunteers. Our next two dates are November 13th and December 11th from 8:00AM - 12:00PM. If you are interested in helping, please contact Taylor Nunamaker at tynunamaker@gmail.com or 864-992-5708. In addition, The Carpenter's Table also needs help picking up food during the week. The needed weekly volunteers pick up a significant amount of donated food from the Sam's Club of Spartanburg. Each Tuesday and Thursday, TCT sends two volunteers to Sam's at 9AM to pick up whatever items Sam's deems ready to donate. The volunteers generally use a pick-up truck, large SUV, or van to transport the food back to The Carpenter's Table, where there will be additional volunteers helping to unload and sort the food. Some volunteers like to arrive earlier than 9AM, and if the Sam's staff is available, they will go ahead and pull the food for them. When you arrive at Sam's receiving dock (back of the building where the trucks unload) you notify the Sam's Club receiving staff who you are and what you are there for and wait for them to call for the departments to bring their donations to receiving. Normally, it takes about 10-15 mins for the food to be brought out. They will bring it out to the dock on pallets. (The quantity can range from 1 pallet to 5+.) Two plus pallets are typical. If the volunteer has a pick-up truck, the Sam's Club staff will just put the pallet in the back of the truck. Otherwise, the volunteers unload the boxes from the pallet and put them into their vehicles. This task does involve lifting boxes that can weigh as much as 50lbs each. The Sam's pickup volunteer's primary role is to transport the food back to TCT and help unload it. The entire process usually takes about an hour or so. The commitment is from 9-10:ish AM, one day per month, either on a Tuesday or Thursday morning. We have a standing schedule of volunteers that fill these slots. Right now, we are specifically seeking additional help on several days throughout the month. We can be flexible in trying to match schedules. If you are willing to assist in the Sam's pickup process, please contact Ryan Johnson at ryanwj@gmail.com or 864.641.8360.

IN OUR PRAYERS



- Bob Hatchette
- Dallas Schaaf
- Frances Lynch
- Faith Rodgers
- Dallas Schaaf
- Deb Ritzo and family, especially her cousins, Karen and Bruce
- Family of Angela Smith's cousin, Phillip Higdon
- Confirmation Class

The Mission of Nazareth Presbyterian Church is to worship and glorify God and make disciples for Christ.



Remember our Veterans today and be thankful for their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their families.

