



The Social Action Ministry Holiday Basket Distribution Plans for 2020

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The Annual Montgomery County Holiday Giving Project provides Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, gift cards, and toys for Montgomery County residents in need. The People's Community Baptist Church (TPCBC) will again participate in the Project, which is coordinated by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. A coalition of schools, churches and nonprofit organizations refer the names of families in need to a centralized database. Then, based on where the family lives, they are directed to the appropriate distribution location. TPCBC is committed to serving more than 500 families living in Zip Codes 20904 and 20905.

We also assist members of our church family who are in need, but who may not have been referred to the database. If you need support this holiday season, please contact Jacqueline Dennard at: jacky327@cs.com, or call the church at 301-384-2601.

All Thanksgiving Baskets include a SHARE package, which is the traditional Thanksgiving meal, and may also include a grocery store gift card, an additional food package, or a combination of the two. The Christmas giveaway for families with dependent children in the home may include a food package, and a Christmas gift or a gift card, depending on the donations the church receives. Giveaways for households with adults only may include a grocery store gift card, a food package, or a combination of the two.

Due to COVID-19 and the Social Distancing mandate, we will be doing things a little differently this year. We will use the "Grab and Go" method, where giveaway recipients must stay in their cars and drive through designated areas to collect their packages.

The People's Community Baptist Church's **Thanksgiving Basket distribution** will be held on **Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon**. Volunteers from our congregation, including members of the Men's Rights of Passage program and Boy Scouts, along with volunteers from the community will help set up the bulk food packages from 8:30 am to 10:00 am; serve as greeters; carry packages to waiting vehicles; and distribute tracts as needed (10:00 am to 1:00 pm).

The TPCBC **Christmas distribution**, also a "Grab and Go," is scheduled for **Saturday, December 19, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon**.

To offset the costs of the Holiday Baskets and gifts, we are asking for your support in the form of a \$22 gift to cover the cost of one SHARE Package. Please make checks payable to TPCBC, and write "Holiday Giving" on the memo line. You can also give through the church website (www.tpcbc.org),

CashApp and Givelify. Please be sure to enter “Holiday Giving” in the appropriate field. Thank you for your support!