

## **Backpacks for children**

It's hard to believe that it's already time to start getting ready for school and stores are stocking their shelves with supplies. But not every child in our community will have a new backpack filled with paper and brand new crayons. St. Mark's will once again be collecting backpacks and school supplies for children in need in grades K-6.

For the next four Sundays, we will be collecting as many new backpacks and school supplies as we can. We will bless them on August 1 and deliver them on the following week.

There are three ways you can help:

- 1) If you just love back to school shopping we will give you a list (see below) of what to buy and you can bring it to church. Shop locally - (maybe take your children or grandchildren along) and take advantage of the sales that are starting.
- 2) Donate money to St. Mark's for backpacks. For \$25.00 per student you can provide everything a student needs on the first day of school. We will do the shopping for you.
- 3) Visit [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/349LTN7Z6E3KW?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/349LTN7Z6E3KW?ref_=wl_share) and order supplies from the list. They will be delivered directly to St. Mark's.

Needed Supplies: backpacks, crayons, markers, rulers, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, spiral notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, erasers.

Look for at coffee hour after church if you would like to donate. If you have any questions or would like to help please talk to Deacon Jan.