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| |  | | --- | | **Thanksgiving Day Baskets**  Thanksgiving is around the corner and once again the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting food items to make Thanksgiving Day Baskets. We were given the names of 20 area families in need from Ephrata Area Social Services. We need your help! Using your donations, we will provide these families with a Thanksgiving Dinner. Please bring in food items according to your last name.  A-D: canned peas or corn  E-H: canned sweet potatoes  I-L: seasoned stuffing  M-P: instant potatoes  Q-S: jello snack packs (premade jello in containers) or package cookies or applesauce  T-Z: apple juice or orange drink  We are also accepting donations of 10-14 lb turkeys. Contact the church office or Rob Gilbert if you can donate a turkey no later than **November 5th**. Monetary donations to purchase items will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the church and placed in the basket in the Gathering Area.  We have done this with Ephrata Area Social Services for several years and they need our help more than ever. Please let us not disappoint those in need. If you have any questions, please call Rob Gilbert at 721-3822.  **Two Important Congregational Meetings**  There will be an informational forum about the proposed 2024 Ministry Spending Plan (Budget) and our deficit financial situation Sunday, **November 19,** in the social hall following the worship service. Not only will current and projected financial information be shared at the meeting, but questions will be answered and ideas solicited.  The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, **December 3,**in the sanctuary following the worship service. At this meeting the 2024 Ministry Spending Plan will be presented for adoption.  Members are strongly encouraged to attend both meetings because of the financial implications. | |

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| |  | | --- | | Dear Friends, On behalf of Excentia Human Services, I would like to personally thank you for supporting Excentia Human Services! Your donation of $635.61 in support of our Ephrata preschools will make a true impact in the everyday lives of children with autism and developmental needs. Thanks to donations like this one, we have been able to implement many exciting changes to further our services. With these innovative services we continue to make great strides within the community and for those we support, thanks to the generosity of our wonderful donors, Again, thank you for your contribution and commitment to Excentia Human Services. Warm regards, Mary Godin, Director of Development and Marketing. | |

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