

This Thanksgiving, Serve Your Neighbor!

Two community events are going on at FUMC-C that will bring hope to our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving season.

First, we will host the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** in the Family Ministry Center on Thanksgiving Day from 11 am to 1 pm. Planning is well underway... signs are going up, rotisserie turkeys are on order from Brookshire's, and sweet potatoes gleaned last month are coming out of storage. There are numerous ways to get involved in this community gathering:

- Make soup to provide an additional home-cooked meal for Meals-on-Wheels clients during the holiday weekend.
- Bake a pie for the Thanksgiving dinner.
- Set up and decorate the tables in the Family Ministry Center.
- Assemble Meals-on-Wheels Thanksgiving plates.
- Deliver a Thanksgiving meal and a blessing to homebound Commerce residents.
- Serve and share Thanksgiving dinner with others in the Family Ministry Center.
- Help underwrite the cost of the dinner.



To volunteer, stop by the sign-up table during the Sunday School hour and prior to worship, or contact the church office.



Secondly, on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 20, our church will serve as the **Commerce distribution site for Thanksgiving baskets** in Hunt County. Each basket includes all of the fixings from cake mix to green beans plus a 10-12 lb. frozen turkey. This mission project is called the Hartman House Thanksgiving Harvest. It is funded by the Hartman House Foundation, which has teamed up with Hunt County Shared Ministries (FISH) and the Hunt County Coalition of Pantries to help people connect to the Harvest and distribute the food. Hartman House is a California non-profit organization with local ties to Caddo Mills.

Last year, over 800 Hunt County families received Thanksgiving baskets. This year they're upping the number to 1,000 families. Our church will serve as one of the five pick-up locations in Hunt County. FUMC-C became involved when Wally Jeffers, executive director of FISH, contacted the church asking for logistical help.

We're **seeking Thanksgiving basket volunteers** on two different days:

- On the evening of Thursday, **November 18, unload non-perishable supplies.** Delivery time is to be confirmed.
- Starting at 8:30 am on Saturday, **November 20, perform final assembly of baskets and distribute to families** as they come into the Family Ministry Center. Childcare will be provided.

To help distribute Thanksgiving baskets, call Angela Roberts at 903.886.2142 or e-mail serve@fumccommerce.org.

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