



November 3, 2021

Dear Friends,

It's time for our **18<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Dinner Program**. Last year, with your help, we prepared and delivered about 200 meals; this year we are planning to deliver over 300 meals to people throughout our community and surrounding areas on Thanksgiving Day! In the hustle and bustle of our own lives it may be hard to imagine that there are those who may not break bread with family or friends on Thanksgiving or who are simply unable to prepare meals on their own, but many of these individuals are elderly or have physical limitations and might spend the holiday alone. We will do our own small part to help fill this void.

We are asking for your help with this impactful project by making monetary donations to be used to purchase items for these special holiday meals, like pies and side dishes. In the past, our Salem Preschool families have donated various canned goods and non-perishables to be used in the preparation of the Thanksgiving meals. This year, because of COVID-19, we sadly cannot offer the same opportunity and will rely on cash donations to purchase the supplies we need.

The cost of each meal is about \$8, but to the recipients, these deliveries are priceless. Every donation helps; we are grateful for your support – be it for one meal or ten—as we achieve our goal of raising \$2,800. You can use the link below to donate, or send cash or check to the Salem Church office (350 Manor Road, Wexford, PA 15090).

**DONATE HERE: <https://signup.com/go/vhsMBSn>**

We also invite you to participate in the delivery of the meals. You can help out at a time that is convenient for you and your Thanksgiving Day plans. We need help making deliveries on Thanksgiving Day between 11:30 and 1:30. Go to our Signup site, <https://signup.com/go/SaraXsU>, to choose a time slot. Or, if you prefer, email the Salem Church office at [CommunityLife@salem-umc.org](mailto:CommunityLife@salem-umc.org) to be included in the group of volunteers.

We also ask that you consider cooking a turkey for the meals. Turkeys are generously donated by the Cranberry Giant Eagle. They will be distributed at Salem Church after worship on November 21 (10:30 am—11:15 am) and cooked turkeys will need to be returned to the church on Thursday, November 25 before 8:30 am or on Wednesday, November 24.

Lastly, if you know of someone who would appreciate a special meal and a visit on Thanksgiving, please let us know.

To share a name, to further discuss ways in which you may help, or for any questions, please contact the Salem Church office via email at [CommunityLife@Salem-UMC.org](mailto:CommunityLife@Salem-UMC.org).

THANK YOU for supporting Salem's mission and outreach programs.

Gratefully,

Rev. Stephanie Gottschalk & The Salem Church Outreach Team

