October 11, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

We offer you autumn greetings in the name of Jesus-our Savior and Friend!

Yesterday in worship we welcomed two new members: Gage Homan and Justine Beard. Justine was baptized into the Christian faith and Gage joins us by reaffirmation of faith. A month from now, they will marry at St. Paul. When you see them, offer them a warm St. Paul welcome!

On Wednesday evenings, supper is served to all youth (grades 4-12) and their adult leaders at 6:30 p.m. Mimi Messick coordinates volunteers to cook and deliver these meals to church. We typically serve around 30-40 folk. If you are able to volunteer to provide a meal, please contact the church office so we can give you Mimi's information.

Pastor Becky and Jim will be on vacation from October 15-October 22. If you have a pastoral need, please contact the church office rather than Becky. Thank you!

October's Book Club book is David Gregory's Dinner with a Perfect Stranger. We are ordering copies of the book this morning. Instead of an in-person Book Club, we are encouraging readers to get together-possibly by email-for discussion. You should be able to pick up a copy of this book by the end of this week.

This packet is sent to approximately 510 households each week. Most of our recipients greatly appreciate the informationparticularly the worship bulletin that includes sermon and pravers and the weekly letter with financials. However, if you would like to no longer receive the packet, please email us at stpaulnb@nktelco.net or call the church office at 419-629-2502. The weekly bulletin, letter, and events calendar are available electronically on our website stpaulnb.org. You will not receive Council news and birthday/anniversary calendar if you elect to not receive the weekly mailing.

We thank you for your faithfulness to God displayed in your faithfulness to St. Paul Church during these uncertain times. Your prayers, your volunteer hours, and your generosity allows us to Love God & Love Neighbor extravagantly. Thank vou!

Blessings,

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Myra Hanenkratt Council VP

Rev. Becky Erb Strang Senior Pastor

| Financial Information as of October 11, 2021 | | |
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| Operating Fund | Local Aid | |
| Beg. Balance \$0.00 | Beg. Balance \$6,250.20 | |
| Giving Income \$9,074.69(weekly) | Income \$20,154.00 (ytd) | |
| Endowment Transfers \$17,610.00(ytd) | Expenses \$12,591.09(ytd) | |
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God Calls Samuel

October 17, 2021

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Lord whom we serve, Samuel did not recognize your voice when you called, but he eventually obeyed. Teach us to know your voice and to respond, "Here I am!" Amen.



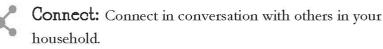
Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Samuel didn't recognize the Lord's voice when the Lord called him. God had a difficult assignment for Samuel-the condemnation of his mentor, Eli.



What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time God called you to do something you were reluctant to do. (When was it hard to do the right thing?) How did you find the courage to do it?

How would your 11-year-old self have responded to a call by God?

For the littles: What can you do to serve God?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you courage to come when called. Amen.



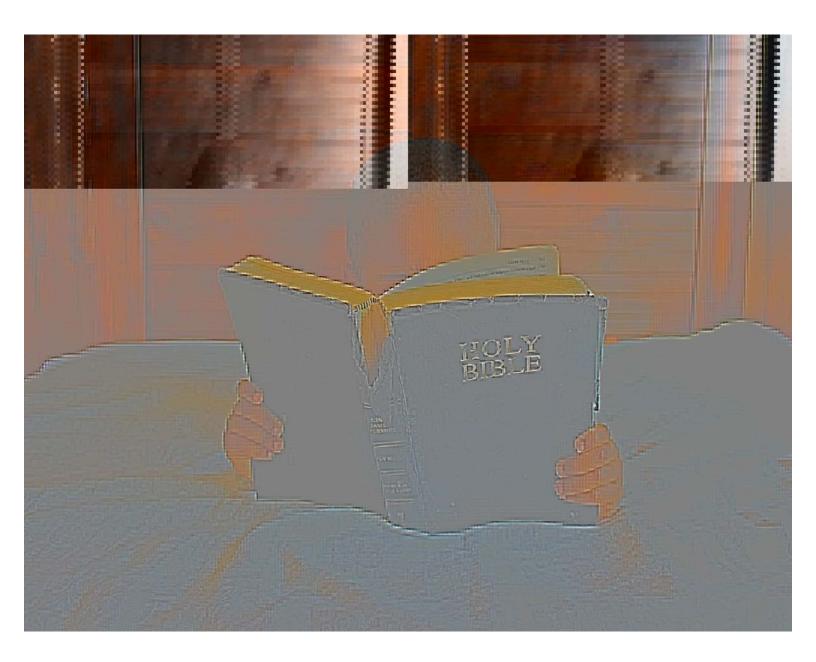
Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Compare a current news story in a variety of news outlets. Check the newspaper, TV networks, and social media. How is the story different depending on whose voice is speaking? Who do you believe? Why?



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, 1 Samuel 3:1-21, God Calls Samuel Monday, 1 Samuel 4:1-11, The Ark of God Captured Tuesday, 1 Samuel 5:1-12, Philistines and the Ark Wednesday, 1 Samuel 6:1-16, The Ark Returned Thursday, 1 Samuel 8:1-18, Israel Demands a King Friday, 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8, Samuel Anoints Saul as King Saturday, 1 Samuel 15:10-34, Saul Rejected as King



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Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, welcome, your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

October 17, 2021 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Children's Worship

Worship Leaders

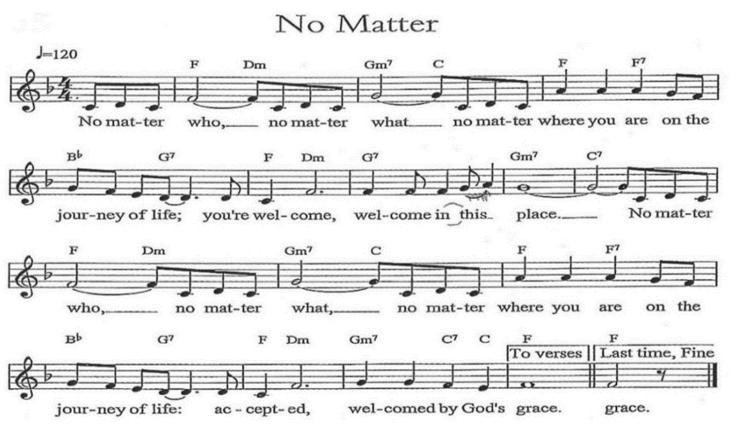
Ministers Rev. Becky Erb Strang Sunday School/Youth Cheyenne Olt Becky Quellhorst Jim Strang The Congregation Senior Pastor Worship Leaders Accompanist/Vocalist Organist Music Director

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES: You are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SONG



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God created all things.

People: We celebrate all that God created every time we worship—whether we are gathered or scattered.

Leader: As Samuel lived in the house of the Lord,

People: We come together to live, work and serve others in Jesus' name.

Leader: Let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE God's Holy Ways Are Just and True

WORD & TEACHING

God's Holy Ways Are Just and True 663



WORDS: Barbara Woollett (1937-); para. Psalm 111 MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Words © 1990 Jubilate Hymns (Admin. Hope Publishing Company) LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.Alleluias LITANY OF INVOCATION

(adapted from <u>lona Abbey Worship Book</u> by Wild Goose Publications) Leader: Creator of the world, eternal God,

People: We have come from many places to this place of worship.

Leader: Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,

People: We have come with all our differences, seeking common ground.

Leader: Spirit of unity, go-between God,

People: We have come on journeys of our own that we might worship together.

Leader: So here in this sanctuary, let us take time together. We celebrate your presence in our lives.

People: In your name, Three-in-One God, Pattern of Community: Amen!



TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US: Preschool/Kindergarten Class

PRAYER HYMN

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

GOD OF PROVIDENCE & CARE

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands 80



WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Eugene Thomas (1941-) Music Arr. © 1986 Word Music WHOLE WORLD Irregular

PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE **Joys:** Celebrating the gift of our children.

Concerns: We are continuing to pray for Sue Kettler, Martha Plattner, Kohneita Lear, Dorothy Wilkens, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Scott Kuenning, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Leader: Let us pray. Guiding God, today we pray for your presence in worship. Whether we are in the sanctuary or in our homes, we lift up to you prayers for our congregation, our community, and your world. We pray for all those in need. SILENCE

Leader: We do not always recognize your call, O God. Speak to us in ways we can understand and show us what new adventures you have in store for your servants. Guiding God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: The world is slow to hear your message, O God, even your message of salvation. Use us in ways that reach the far corners of the earth with the good news of your love for all of your creation. Guiding God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the adults in our lives—parents, grandparents, teachers and mentors. May they continue to love your children and youth. We pray for our children—that they continue to grow in wisdom and joy through your love. Guiding God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy One, you know our fears, our weaknesses, our illnesses and our good health. Extend your gentle hand to all who need your healing touch. Guiding God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask you, O God, to join us with all who have heard your call in every age and followed you. Make us one family of faith, undivided by space or time. Guiding God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you, Loving God, for bringing us so close that we can speak to you and for loving us so much that you hear us when we

pray. Gather our prayers and weave them into a tapestry of beauty and joy. We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

(A Dramatic Reading of the Text)

Narrator: Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room. The lamp of God had not yet gone out and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the Ark of God was. Then the Lord called:

Lord: Samuel! Samuel!

Samuel: Here I am!

Narrator: And he ran to Eli and said,

Samuel: Here I am, for you called me.

Narrator: But Eli said,

Eli: I did not call. Lie down again.

Narrator: So Samuel went and lay down. The Lord called again, Lord: Samuel!

Narrator: Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said,

Samuel: Here I am, for you called me.

Narrator: But Eli said,

Eli: I did not call, my son. Lie down again.

Narrator: Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Then Lord called to Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said,

Samuel: Here am I, for you called me.

Narrator: Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel,

Eli: Go, lie down. And if the Lord calls you, you shall say, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

Narrator: So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before,

Lord: Samuel! Samuel!

Narrator: And Samuel said,

Samuel: Speak, for your servant is listening.

RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God! People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

God Loves You!

Youth One: Let's play a game of telephone. I'll whisper something in (Youth 2's) ear, and they'll pass it on to the next person and so on down the line. Then, when it gets to (Youth 6), they'll come over to me and tell me what they think I said originally.

Youth 2: Sounds like fun! What's the word?

Youth 1 to Youth 2: God loves you!

Youth 2: Got it! (Turns to Youth 3) God loves you so much!

Youth 3: Got it! (Turns to Youth 4): God loves you so much that you can't keep it to yourself!

Youth 4: Got it! (Turns to Youth 5): Let's go show God's love to the world by serving others!

Youth 5: Okay! I think (Youth 6) could really use it right about now! Youth 4: Really?

Youth 5: Yeah. They've been having a really hard time lately.

Youth 4: Let's go.

(Youth 4 and 5 drop hands and stand by Youth 6)

Youth 5: Hey: I just want you to know that I heard something amazing today.

Youth 6 (sadly): What's that?

Youth 5: God loves you so much and you can't keep that love for yourself. You've gotta go out and show it to the whole world!

Youth 4: Wait! Was that the message?

Youth 5: Close enough.

Youth 6: I don't know. I've been having such a hard time lately. It's hard to believe anyone loves me.

Youth 4: Well, we love you. And we know God loves you.

Youth 5: You know what might help you feel better?

Youth 6: What?

Youth 5: If you went out and showed God's love to other people. It will remind you how much YOU are loved.

Youth 4: Yeah! Why don't we go to Elmwood and read to some folks. Or there are others things we can sign up for to help out.

Youth 6: Actually, that sounds great. I'll meet you there. But I have something to do first.

Youth 5: Okay. See you there!

(Youth 4 and 5 exit. Youth 6 walks across to the front of Youth 1)

Youth 1: Did you get the message I started?

Youth 6: Yep!

Youth 1: So what was it?

Youth 6: That God loves us so much we should go out and share that love with others. And when we do, we are reminded of just how much God loves us.

Youth 1: Wow. That's amazing!

Youth 6: What? Was it wrong?

Youth 1: O No. It was better than right. My simple word went out and grew into something even more amazing than I had thought. It certainly didn't come back empty!

Youth 6: Cool. I'm gonna go show some of God's love to other people now. (Turns to other kids) Wanna come?

All! Yeah! Let's go!

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: When God calls our name, we answer. When God nudges us to love others, we do our best. When God sends us into the world to bring change, we follow. All that we do is in response to God's love for us. Let us return that love by sharing our offerings, our talents, our time and our lives.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34



PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

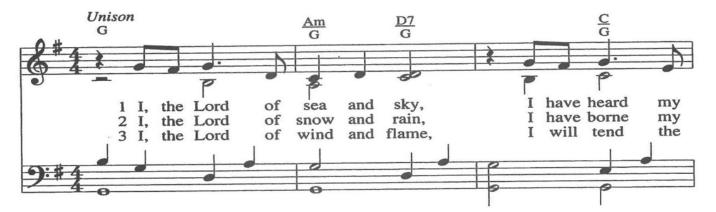
Holy God, we are blessed to be your servants. We are ready to respond to your call to provide for others. Accept these gifts to further your work in the world. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

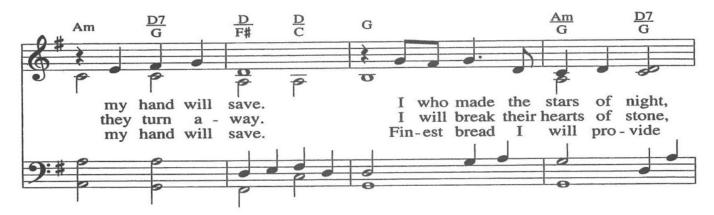
Here I Am, Lord

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Here I Am, Lord





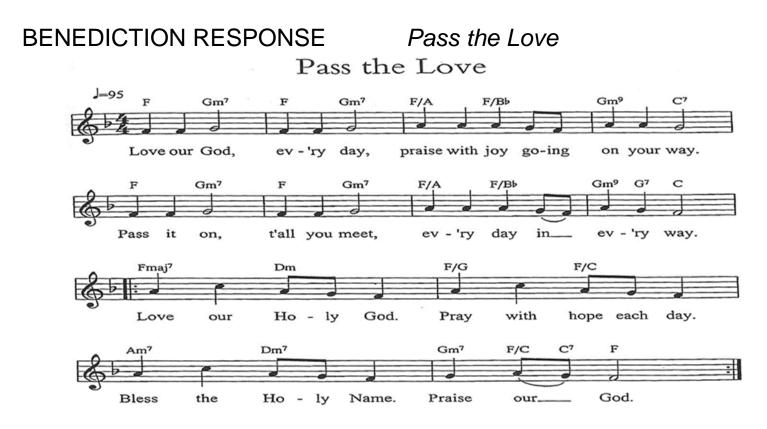




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BENEDICTION: Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold on to what is good. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the hurting. Honor all people. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Amen.



PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: In Christ, we are a new creation. Let us pass the peace of Christ with each other.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Donald Schneider and in honor of Megan & Chad Whetstone's Wedding Anniversary by Myra and Mike Hanenkratt.

Attendance-Daily Devotions-42, October 3-Sunday Worship Online-238, In Person-63, Sunday School-In Person-16, Teachers-6, Splash & Jr/Sr High Youth Group-21, Confirmation-6, Leaders-8.

Daily Devotions-Please join us, Monday-Thursday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

Sundays in October-Worship will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Sunday School** will be in person at 9:00am.

Chancel Choir-will be singing Sunday, October 24. Rehearsal begins at 9:00am in the Chapel on the 24th. Please join them. All are welcome.

All Saints Worship-During worship service on October 31, we will celebrate the saints in our lives: those who have gone before us to the Church Triumphant. Candles will be lit in memory of loved ones during the worship services. All are welcome to this meaningful service.

Veteran's Recognition November 14- Military veterans and active duty personnel will be honored at the beginning of the worship service November 14. Since, we plan to list the names of veterans and active duty folk from St. Paul UCC in the bulletin that Sunday, please call or email the church office to give us your name.

Stewardship 2021-Called to Serve: Love God & Love Neighbor Beginning October 24 and ending November 14 our worship services will focus on this year's theme, Called to Serve: Love God & Love Neighbor. **NEIGHBORS IN NEED-**October monthly mission: In 2021, Neighbors in Need "Unfailing Love" is focused on supporting organizations and projects serving our homeless and immigrant neighbors and communities. One third of NIN funds support the Council for the American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the Justice and Witness Ministries to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects in their communities. We have received grants in the past from this mission. Thank you for your contributions. The Mission Team.

Blessing Pantry-is accessible during these hours - Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm. The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. All Donations Welcome – Blessing Pantry Needs-Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Paper Plates, Napkins, Dish Soap, Storage Bags, Garbage Bags, Diapers (size 4, 6), Baby Wipes, Diaper Cream, Baby Shampoo, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothpaste, Deodorant (men's & women's), Feminine Hygiene Products, Cotton Balls and Q-Tips. Thank you! There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow BULLETINS box in the upper right hand corner.

Bulletin Mailing-No longer want to receive the weekly bulletin mailing? Please let the church office know, 419-629-2502, <u>stpaulnb@nktelco.net</u>.

November/December Upper Rooms-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Mailbox-There is a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to

drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. Thank you!

2022 Council Postitions-2022 will be here before we know it and we are looking to fill several council positions. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of the following: Jr. Elder, Jr. Deacon, Trustee (2 positions open) Questions or willing to serve, please contact Roland Dicke or Myra Hanenkratt. Thank you!

Open Table Free Community Meal When: October 18, 2021 Who: Everyone Where: St. Paul Assembly Room Serving: 4:00pm-6:00pm Menu: Fried Chicken, Potato, Vegetable and Dessert

Carry-outs Available, Free Chair Massages Prepared and Served by: New Bremen Legion Auxiliary Post 241

E-Giving @ St. Paul 3 Different Ways to Give

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org *Mobile App* – We are working on a new App-more information to come. Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048 How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25 (minimum amount is \$5.00)) For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send) For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send) For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send) \succ For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send) Once a text amount is sent: **Registration Link**- Sent via text the first time a donation is made. Thank you! Please visit (link) to register. **Donation Confirm-** Sent via text each time a donation is made.

Calendar-Week of October 17, 2021

9:00am Sunday School in person & via Sunday **Facebook Live**

| | 10:15am Worship in person & via Facebook Live | |
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| Monday | 11:30am | Devotions via Facebook Live |
| - | 2:00pm-4:00pm | Coffee Shop Hours- |
| | | New Bremen Coffee Shop |
| | 4:00pm-6:00pm | Open Table-Community Meal |
| Tuesday | 11:30am | Devotions via Facebook Live |
| | 5:30pm-7:30pm | Blessing Pantry Open |
| Wednesday | 11:30am | Devotions via Facebook Live |
| | 1:00pm-3:00pm | Blessing Pantry Open |
| | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Splash (4 th & 5 th grade) |
| | 6:30pm | Jr/Sr High Youth |
| | | -Vandemark Farm outing |
| Thursday | 11:30am | Devotions via Facebook Live |
| | 1:00pm-3:00pm | Blessing Pantry Open |
| Friday | Afternoon | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 8:00am-Noon | Mom to Mom Sale |





SHARE THE WARMTH

Accepting Donations of <u>NEW & GENTLY USED</u> ADULT & CHILDRENS WINTER COATS & NEW WINTER WATER PROOF GLOVES. Drop off Coats in the barrels (located in Sanctuary or outside church office) or to the Agape Client Services Building from 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday beginning September 19. If dropping off at AGAPE THRIFT STORE, you must specify it is for the Warm Winter Coat Drive.



Sweet Potatoes/Yams Instant Box Potatoes & Stuffing Pasta Salad Mixes Salad Dressing Egg Noodles Gravy Broth Muffin/Dinner Roll Mixes Can Beef & Chicken Can Pumpkin Brownie & Cake Mixes Fruit Pie Filling Jello Pudding

Drop off items to the Agape Ministries Client Services Building Monday thru Friday during the hours of 9 am to 4:30 pm