

## FOOD BANK REQUESTS – December

Please pick up a copy of the Advent food calendar on the table in the vestibule or welcome center.

### Christmas Meal List:

Please bring items to the Solanco Food Bank **by Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**.

ham or ham steaks	green beans (can)
bag of fresh potatoes (or canned potatoes/yams)	
butter or margarine	pineapple (can)
yellow or white cake mix (box)	container of cake icing

## MISSIONS OUR CONGREGATION SUPPORTS

Scott & Sally Glover                  Tamshiyacu, Peru Church

## SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

John Diller	Dave Garver	Tyler Hargraves
Curtis (CJ) Johnson	Chad Ankney	Joey Hamilton
Steven Hoffman	Sean Lefever	Orryn J. Smyth

## PRAYERS

Pastor John – health concerns  
Colton Boyd – great nephew of Elaine Ressel-health concerns  
Jeff Evans – health concerns  
Donna Garver – health concerns  
Barry Girvin – health concerns  
Carol Girvin- large variety of health concerns  
Herb Girvin – health concerns  
Robin Hammond – health concerns  
Mike Herr – health concerns  
Hurricane victims  
Dick Keene – health concerns  
Linda Kushlan – health concerns  
Margarita-nurse in Peru-family health concerns & loss of family members  
Shyanne Moore – health concerns  
Jodie Mylin-health concerns  
Joan Probst – health concerns  
Wade Sheaffer –health concerns  
Erik & Ethel Walden – health concerns  
Aaron Williams – recuperating from spinal surgery

## MIDDLE OCTORARA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

### **OUR MISSION**

*To provide a place of fellowship where a community of believers come together to be spiritually renewed and enabled to effectively witness for Christ through service to others.*

**Worship Service** begins at 10:30 a.m. You may follow along with the paper bulletin or the PowerPoint.

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**ROMEO Club** Quarryville Family Restaurant **Wednesday morning @ 9:00a.m.** “RELATIVELY Old Men Eating Out.” **This is not just for Middle Octorara members, please invite others in our community!**

**Prayer time** – Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**Poinsettias will decorate the church throughout the holiday season. A list of those who purchased them is included in today’s bulletin.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR December 1, 2024**

**Today** we will celebrate the beginning of Advent season with **Communion** during the morning worship service.

This week on Wednesday (December 4) at 11:30 **Silver Sisters** will be going to Conestoga Wagon Restaurant for lunch. All widows are welcome.

Come join us for an **Advent video series** by Adam Hamilton during the 9 am Sunday School time in December. It will be a great way to celebrate the 1st coming of Jesus and prepare for His second coming. Four Sundays in December excluding December 8. See announcement below.

Dec 8: For the 9 am Sunday School time Boni will provide a program on **Operation Christmas Child**. Come to learn about this wonderful ministry including some tear jerking videos from children who received a shoebox and came to accept Jesus as their Savior.

### **Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> COMMUNITY MEAL-4:00 p.m.**

Variety of soups.

The Octorara Covenanter Presbyterian Foundation's annual Celtic/Traditional **Advent service** will be held at Middle Octorara at 3:00 PM on Sunday, December 8. Performers including Ruth Fisher, a premiere bagpiper, the Hendersons sextet, Boni and Shirley, and Solanco students will be featured. There will be music and readings with a taste of Scotland, but with many traditional selections. There will be congregational carols including Auld Lang Syne. It will be a time of reflection, joy, and thanksgiving as the true meaning of Advent is felt deeply by all. Refreshments will be served in the education building following the service.

**Address for Betty Book:** QPRC, 625 Robert Fulton Highway  
Apt. T- 007, Quarryville 17566

**Pastor's Christmas Gift** If you would like to give a donation for a monetary Christmas gift for Pastor John, please give it to Deb Hoover before Christmas Eve. It will be presented to him at the Christmas Eve service.

**Sunday December 22nd** at 2 pm we will go Christmas Caroling to home bound folks. Invite your friends and family. The more the merrier. When we return to church there will be delicious refreshments for everyone.

The **Board of Trustees** announce that the **prices are going up** on January 1, 2025 **for cemetery plots**. If you are interested in purchasing plots before the price change, contact James Williams at 717-517-6968.

The **Trustees** are planning on having the **carpet** in the church replaced. The current carpet is at least 50 years old. We don't yet have a schedule for it, but want to start collecting donations to help with the cost. If you would like to make a donation towards it, put carpet on the memo line or on the envelope. We do want to have it installed before our anniversary. Thank you in advance. We have received \$700.00 so far.

### **Southern End Gift Drive**

There is an opportunity to make Christmas more joyful for students in the Solanco area.

1. Take a tag off the giving tree in the Welcome Center and purchase the gift or gift certificate. Return to the giving tree.
2. Purchase a gift for a child from birth to 18 years old and place the gift under the tree in the front of the sanctuary.

Do not wrap the gifts or the gift certificates. The deadline to return the gifts is Sunday December 8.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Jesus and bless students who otherwise may not get a single Christmas gift.

**Peru Medical Supplies Project.** Again this Christmas you have the opportunity to make use of the Alternative Giving at Middle Octorara. If you want to give a gift to someone, but that person has everything, you may donate towards Medical Supplies Project in their name (checks payable to Middle Octorara Church). This will provide much needed medical supplies to our friends in the Amazon. Just take a donor card from the table in the Welcome Center and put in the offering plate or give to Deb Hoover. (Please do not include this with any other offering.)