



**“It is more blessed to  
give ...  
than to receive”**

Acts 1:35

## Food Bank Christmas Campaign – 2017

As we approach the season of Advent our hearts fill with hope and anticipation. Young and old, we long for the promised peace and love that only God’s grace can provide. At Christmas we received the gift of God’s grace in the birth of the baby Jesus. But this gift isn’t just for us: we are called to offer the peace, pardon, presence, and power known through Jesus Christ to our neighbours – especially those in need of experiencing the comfort & joy of the Miracle of God’s love in Jesus!

Sadly, many of our neighbours struggle to experience this miracle – at this or any other time of year. As part of our **Christmas Campaign**, the Food Bank is hoping you will consider providing a gift for them – but a gift that will make a difference. In past years the Food Bank had a gift room filled with all sorts of gifts for children. This changed two years ago when the Food Bank Committee chose to go with Gift Cards as a way of being both fair and generous. It proved to work well.

Instead of purchasing a toy we ask that you donate a **gift card – or more – for \$20.00** (from Wal-Mart only please!), so that the parents would be able to choose what the child really wanted or needs. **NOTE:** Tax receipts are available for cash/cheque donations using Food Bank envelopes only – not Gift Cards.



**Bring your “Loving our Neighbours” Gift Cards to Church on Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for our**

**Loving our Neighbours Sunday!  
Love God... serve others this Christmas!**

## “Reverse Advent Food Drive”

What is a ‘Reverse Advent Food Drive’? This Advent place 1 item on the list below into the Helping Neighbours Food bags (available at the doors to the church) each day during the Advent season and bring the bag in after Christmas. If you fill your bag sooner, the bags can be left at the church entrance doors, on the stage or by the food room door. You don’t have to get all the items printed on the bag and duplication’s are acceptable.

**Important: please try to buy the items as requested.**

| Quantity:   | Food Items:  | Size: |
|-------------|--|-------|
| • 2         | KD Macaroni & Cheese                                   | 225g  |
| • 1         | Dry Pasta - elbow noodles or spaghetti                 | 650g  |
| • 1         | Pasta Sauce  | 680ml |
| • 1         | Puritan Beef Stew                                      | 124g  |
| • 1         | Canned Tuna or Ham                                     | 170g  |
| • 1 each/of | Cream of Mushroom, Vegetable, and Chicken Noodle Soup  | 284ml |
| • 1 each/of | Canned Mixed Veg, Peas, & Corn                         | 398ml |
| • 1         | Canned Tomatoes  | 398ml |
| • 1         | Peanut Butter  | 500g  |
| • 1         | Jam – Strawberry or Raspberry                          | 500ml |
| • 1 each/of | Baby food Jars for Beginners, 6 Months, or 1 Year olds | 128ml |

**Let us show our love for God...  
by loving our neighbours  
this Christmas!**

**Please bring your bags  
on Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Thank you!**

