

# Ways to Give this Christmas Season



## Give Comfort, Food, and Education!

Relationships and personal connections are the key components to making a lasting impact in the life of another. Stepping Forward is a place where we want all who are there to feel and see the unconditional love of Christ. On Tuesday, December 25 we will be hosting a Christmas dinner and would like to provide each family with a special fleece blanket made by our congregation. Offering this meaningful Christmas evening is a purposeful part of being a living example of Christ's love. **Ways to help:**



- 1) Make and donate a new 2-layer, tied fleece blanket, 2-yards in length
- 2) Donate solid and/or patterned fleece in 2-yard increments
- 3) Donate Joann Fabric gift cards or cash for the purchase of fleece

*See back for more ways to give...*



## Other ways to share love and spread joy this Christmas...

### \* **Help provide a special holiday meal for a local family**

Christmas is a special time for families to be together and we want to share the love of Christ with our Food Pantry families by giving them a gift of a Christmas ham or turkey. Donations of any amount can be given to help offset the cost of this gift to over 250 local families.



### \* **Feed local children on the weekends**

Every weekend over two thousand children in Butler County, who receive free or reduced lunches during the week, take home a backpack full of food to sustain them for the weekend. This program is sponsored by Shared Harvest. A \$5 donation provides one backpack of food for one child for the weekend, \$19 sponsors a child for a month and \$150 provides for a child for the school year.



### \* **Help provide a child in Guatemala with an education**

Guatemala is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere, after Haiti. Mayan Families is a grass-roots organization that Faith Community serves with to help educate, feed, shelter and heal the indigenous populations of rural Guatemala. You can help us sponsor a child with a monetary donation or go to [www.mayanfamilies.org](http://www.mayanfamilies.org) for other ways to get involved.



*Checks can be made out to Faith Community UMC, placed in the envelopes provided, and left in the main office or the offering plate on Sunday. Please let us know where you would like the donation to go on the memo line, as well as checking the appropriate box on the envelope. Thank you!!*