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GIVING AT
CHRISTMAS

At Advent and Christmas, we celebrate God's gift of love through his son, Jesus Christ. It is a time when we experience the light of God's great love and count our blessings. This Advent Season you are invited to let God's love shine through you and bless others by participating in any or all of the following giving opportunities:

Ahuas Advent Calendar: Celebrate the 75th Anniversary the Moravian Clinic in Ahuas, Honduras by counting down the days from the beginning of Advent to Christmas. Each day brings you an opportunity to count your blessings as you read a new message of life at the clinic that serves rural indigenous patients who otherwise would not receive proper medical care. On Christmas Day, you add up your blessings and then bless others by donating to the clinic. The Advent calendar is attached to this email, or you may pick up a hard copy at the church. Pastor Matt will also be posting the daily messages on the CMC Facebook page.

Mustard Seed: CMC will continue its support of the Mustard Seed as it provides hope and encouragement as well as warm meals and a safe place to sleep for those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Mustard Seed no longer has need for stockings as we have prepared in the past, preferring to receive backpacks or loose items. Please refer to the attached document for details and watch for upcoming news about handwritten notes and cards to accompany donations.

Christmas Offerings: Christmas is a time when many of us throw a few more dollars into the offering plate. In normal items, CMC has been fortunate to receive large sums of loose offerings on Christmas Eve. Traditionally, these offerings have been split equally between a local and global mission project. In 2021, the Moravian Clinic in Ahuas has been selected to receive the global portion of this offering in recognition of its 75th Anniversary. The Calgary Food Bank has been selected as the local project as it endeavours to feed an increasing number of people who are unable to provide enough food for themselves and their children. If you plan to make an extra donation to CMC this Christmas and wish to have your donation go to these projects, please be sure to mark the donation, "Christmas Missions".

*Merry
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