

Gifts of Honour



What do you give the person who does not need more things? How about honouring them by making a special gift to some of the least in God's world? *Gifts For Change* is a series of special projects that congregations, church groups and individuals can fund through the agencies of Food for the Hungry Canada. The booklet, *Gifts For Change*, offers many specific examples of what a donation can do. For instance, you could provide the following items to several different developing countries:

- † provide school supplies for a child
- † provide health and nutrition training & medical fees
- † bicycles for community workers
- † provide livestock for families
- † dig wells in developing countries
- † fund women in to receive vocational training and start a small business

Donations may be made through your envelope offering. More detailed information is available in the *Gifts For Change* catalogue or from the national church website PovertyRevolution.org/gifts or call 1-800-667-0605



*A community of faith inviting all
to real life in Jesus*

"Over and Above"

Perhaps this year you would like to make an "Over and Above" donation to either St. Andrew's Building Fund or to our Congregational General Fund. Donations can be made through your offering envelope. Donations to the Building Fund can also be made in honour of someone special – simply speak to Liz in the Church Office and request a "Gift made in Honour" Certificate.



Gift Giving Options for Christmas

*St. Andrew's offers
a range of creative
and helpful ways by
which you can do all your Yuletide shopping*

- * Giving a Fundscrip Gift Cards to the "hard-to-buy-for" person
- * Giving to St. Andrew's Christmas Hamper Fund
- * Filling a Christmas Gift Bag for local families
- * Making a mission gift through the *Gifts For Change* program
- * Making an "Over and Above" donation to either St. Andrew's Building Fund or to our Congregational General Fund



Gift Cards

Not really sure what that special person on your gift-giving list might like? Why not give them the gift of a Fundscrip Gift Card to their favourite store? Fundscrip cards are available at the Church Office in a variety of amounts, and a portion of the value of your purchase is returned to our Building Fund from the participating retailer. With Fundscrip cards, you can give a gift to St. Andrew's at the same time as completing your Christmas shopping!

November Deals: Gap 7% (from 5%), Old Navy 7% (from 5%), The Keg 8% (from 5%), Starbucks 7% (from 5%), Way Spa 15% (from 7%)

Participating Retailers include: (Sobey's is Thrifty's)



St. Andrew's Christmas Hamper Fund



Every year our congregation provides a number of Christmas Hampers as a special blessing. If people prefer to donate non-perishable goods, these may be brought and placed in the Blue Box in the front entranceway. These gifts will be donated to the food bank under the care of Bob Gray. Items especially needed: canned tuna/meats, peanut butter, pastas. Cash donations are always helpful. Donations will be used to provide Fundscrip Gift Cards, which will be provided those in need, enabling them to purchase those items which best meet their needs. Donations may be made via your church envelope, with designation made to: Christmas Hampers

Christmas Gift Bags for local families



At the Advent Festival, Gift Bags will be decorated and made available (you can also ask for a gift bag to be set aside for you for pickup at the office during the week). These gifts will be distributed via Cowichan Family Life to families in our community. The greatest need is often the mundane. A list of age/gender appropriate items will be attached to each bag. Bags need to be returned to the office by Sunday, December 5, in order to get them to Family Life in time for early distribution. See Jan McIntyre for more information. Essentials needed for this year are: toothbrush/paste, shampoo, comb or brush, soap, underwear (in package), socks, Mitts and hats. Our age groups are as follows: Under 36 months – 3 boys & 6 girls; 3-4 years – 8 boys & 4 girls; 4-5 years – 2 boys & 5 girls. Our gift bags will be going to Kuper Island this year. Please register your bag and name so we can keep track of where the bags are.