HOLIDAY GET HELP GUIDE 2026

Many agencies, businesses, churches, nursing homes, schools and neighbors provide a little extra help over the holidays, but people who are in need sometimes wonder who can help them. Here are some ideas for getting holiday help in Marathon County as of **11/24/26.** For more information contact United Way's 211 using contacts at the bottom of this page.

NOTE: Program information may be subject to change. Listed organizations reserve the right to make adjustments to scheduled programming at their discretion. This publication may be updated occasionally as more information comes to light about holiday programs. Visit www.unitedwaymc.org/211 to view the most current version of this publication. Contact United Way's 211 for a complete updated list of holiday programs using contacts at the bottom of this page.

HOLIDAY GIFTS SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army in Wausau distributes gifts for children. Gifts are available for eligible children age 17 and under. Registration is on a walk-in basis, first come, first served. Anticipate waits. Walk into 202 Callon St., Wausau during scheduled registration hours:

- October 26 10am-1pm
- October 28 9am-1pm
- November 2 9am-1pm
- November 5 9am-1pm
- November 9 9am-1pm
- November 12 3pm-7pm

Bring IDs for everyone in the household (medical cards or birth certificates okay for children), **proof of last 30 days income** (can use FoodShare benefit letter), **proof of address** (utility bill), and **gift ideas/sizes for children**. Distributions take place by appointment. **Children should not attend registration appointments.**

FOOD PANTRIES

See other side for pantries that help.

For more information about helping programs and volunteer opportunities contact United Way's 211.

- Dial 211 or 715-848-2255. Phones are answered 24/7
- Text your zip code to 898211, M-F, 8am-4pm. Standard message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to opt out.
- Email your question to askus@unitedwaymc.org. Emails are answered M-F, 8am-5pm.
- Visit www.unitedwaymc.org/211 to Chat with an information specialist M-F, 8am-12pm or search the database online 24/7.

HOLIDAY MEALS

THANKSGIVING

St. John Lutheran Church: 901 11th St., Mosinee.
Saturday, Nov. 21. Drive thru meal pickup at church 4-5:30pm. Use Short St. entrance.

First Presbyterian Church: 406 Grant St., Wausau
Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. Dine in at church 1:30-3pm without reservations. Delivery to Wausau, Schofield, Weston, Rothschild, Rib Mountain. Call Nov. 1-20 to reserve delivery: 715-571-8452.

CHRISTMAS

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church:
1806 Weston Ave, Schofield.
Friday, Dec. 25. Eat-in and delivery. Delivers to Wausau, Rib Mountain, and DC Everest area (Schofield, Rothschild, Weston, Kronenwetter). Reservations required for eat-in and delivery. Call 715-359-6467 or email ccpc@covenantcommunitypc.org by Dec. 21.

St. Paul United Church of Christ: 426 Washington St, Wausau.
Friday, Dec. 25. Eat-in and carry out meal.
Reservations requested for eat-in and carry out. Call 715-842-3733 for reservations. Carry out reservations accepted through Dec. 20.

Tine and Cellar: 2806 Schofield Ave, Weston.
Friday, Dec. 25. Eat in meal 11am-1:30pm.
Reservations requested, not required. Call 715-841-0080. Check social media to confirm meal time: https://www.facebook.com/tineandcellar.

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Give Time this holiday season ~ Volunteer

Adopt a Resident/Client - North Central Health Care / Mount View Care Center are looking for volunteers to purchase a holiday gift for a resident or client that might not receive a gift over the holidays. There is also a list of generic gift items that are needed if volunteers would prefer to do a collection of items for residents and clients. For more information, please call NCHC Volunteer Services at 715-848-4450 or email volunteer@norcen.org.

Holiday Decorating Assistance - Help Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area decorate the Club for the holiday season. Volunteers will put up decorations, lights, and festive touches throughout the facility to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere for kids and staff. Contact Taylor at taylorr@bgclub.com or 715-845-2582 ext 205 for more information.

Hospice Holiday Joy - Drop off donations of small gifts for hospice patients who may be experiencing their last Christmas. Small gifts and stocking stuffers are accepted, including treats, cozy items, puzzles, personal care items, and other stocking-size gifts. Items can be dropped off no later than December 17 by 4:30pm at Aspirus Hospice, 520 N 32nd Ave, Wausau. Contact Brenda at 715-847-2600 ext. 52436 or brenda.trapp@aspirus.org with questions.

IMPACT: Holiday Edition – As part of the ongoing student volunteer program at Good News Project, students age 12-18 can help with Christmas decorations and Christmas related projects for aging community members December 3 6-8pm. Meal is provided to student volunteers. To sign up, call or text 715-409-6019 or email rouleen@goodnewswi.com.

United Way of Marathon County Turkey Trot–5K Run/Walk to benefit the United Way's Hunger Coalition. Help with registration, set-up, timing, refreshments, or serve as course marshal. Volunteers needed on Wednesday, Nov. 25th and/or Thursday, Nov. 26th (Thanksgiving Day). Please email MaiGer Moua at mmoua@unitedwaymc.org to volunteer.

Write Letters from Santa - Help McLit (Marathon County Literacy Council) respond to children's letters to Santa in December by handwriting letters using a sample template. Also accepting cash donations toward stationary, envelopes, and stamps. Call 715-679-6170 or email mclitofwausau@gmail.com.

Give Gifts This Holiday Season

Catholic Charities Wausau
Shannon, 608-519-8011

Children's Wisconsin Family Resource Center
715-848-1457

Greater Wausau Christian Services
715-842-5635

Marathon County Head Start
Angie, 715-318-6923

North Central Health Care Volunteer Services
715-848-4450

The Salvation Army
Colleen, 715-845-4272

The Women's Community
715-842-5663

Give Strength ~ Donate to Food Pantries

First Presbyterian Church
406 Grant St, Wausau
715-842-2116

The Neighbors' Place
360 Grand Ave, Ste 200, Wausau
715-845-1966

The Salvation Army
202 Callon St, Wausau
715-845-4272

Saint Paul United Church of Christ
426 Washington St, Wausau
715-842-3733

Christ Community Church Food Assistance Program
8100 Alderson St, Schofield
715-241-7335 Ext 4

Community Center of Hope
607 13th St, Mosinee
715-907-2576

Mosinee Circle of Joy
603 4th St, Mosinee
715-693-2811

Edgar Circle of Joy
Edgar Village Hall
224 S 3rd Ave, Edgar
715-432-3044.

Athens Caring Circle
704 Pine Street, Athens
715-997-3957

Saint Florian Parish
500 Church Ln, Hatley
715-446-3085

Zion Lutheran Church
301 N 2nd St, Colby
715-223-2166

Spencer King's Pantry
Christ the King Catholic Church
306 S LaSalle St, Spencer
715-659-5181

Stratford Area Pantry
Zion Lutheran Church
213501 Legacy Street, Stratford
715-506-0020 or
715-897-0313

For a complete list of food pantries, contact United Way's 211

Suggested Food Pantry Donations

Canned Goods: canned tuna or other meats, hearty soups, beans, fruit, vegetables, fruit juices (100% juice), baby food, formula.

Dry Goods: healthy cereals, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly/jam, rice, noodles, spaghetti sauces, salad dressings, condiments.

Personal Care Items:
diapers, toilet paper, tampons/sanitary pads, shampoo, soap, deodorant.

Household Supplies:
laundry detergent, bleach, dishwashing soap, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, paper towels.