

2022 Holiday Get Help Guide

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 **12/19/22**. 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. Some program information was not available at the time of this publication. 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

The Salvation Army in Wausau distributes gifts for children. Christmas presents are available for eligible children age 17 and under. Applicants should call 715-845-4272 to make an appointment for registration. Appointments will be held between Oct. 11-Dec. 16, 2022. Applicants should call as soon as possible.

Calls will be accepted throughout the entire application period as availability allows. 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. No children at distribution. Children should not attend registration appointments.

Saint Mark Lutheran Church holds a toy giveaway Friday, Dec. 2 5pm-7pm at 600 Stevens Drive, Wausau. First come, first served. No pre-registration.



Food Pantries

See other side for pantries that help.

Holiday Meals

Thanksgiving:

St. John Lutheran Church: 901 11th St, Mosinee. **Saturday, Nov. 19.** Drive thru meal pickup at church 4pm-5:30pm. Delivery to City of Mosinee by reservation. Number to make reservations TBD.

First Presbyterian Church: 406 Grant St, Wausau **Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24.** Dine in at church 2pm-3:30pm without reservations. Delivery to City of Wausau and Town of Rib Mountain only. Call Nov. 1-18 to reserve delivery: 715-216-9360.

Christmas:

St. Paul United Church of Christ: 426 Washington St, Wausau. **Saturday, Dec. 24.** Eat-in and carry out meal. Reservations requested for eat-in. Reservations required for carry out. Call 715-842-3733 for reservations. Carry out reservations accepted through Dec. 20.

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church: 1806 Weston Ave, Schofield. **Sunday, Dec. 25.** By delivery only to Wausau, Rib Mountain, and DC Everest area (Schofield, Rothschild, Weston, Kronenwetter). Reservations required. Call 715-359-6467 or email ccpc@covenantcommunitypc.org by Dec. 20.

Tine & Cellar: 3806 Schofield Ave, Weston. **Sunday, Dec. 25.** Eat in meal 11am-2pm. Reservations recommended but not required. Call 715-841-0080.

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.



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Give Time ~ Volunteer

Adopt a Resident/Client - North Central Health Care and 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. Call Volunteer Services at 715-848-4450 or email volunteer@norcen.org for information.

Bell Ringing - Wausau Salvation Army needs bell ringers to help fill the kettles. Choose from 17 locations throughout the Greater Wausau Area. By giving two hours of your time, you can raise \$100 or more to help others in our community. Contact Colleen at 715-845-4272 ext. 110 or colleen.hilber@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Christmas Festival (Mosinee) - Volunteers are needed Friday, December 2nd from 6-9pm (set up) and Saturday, December 3 with shifts beginning at 7:30am & ending at 3:30pm, at the Mosinee High School cafeteria for the Saturday Craft sale and Milk and Cookies with Santa event. Call 715-693-4330 or email events@mosineechamber.org.

Empty Bowls - The Neighbors' Place needs help with tasks supporting a hybrid Empty Bowls event in November-December. Call 715-845-1966 or email general@neighborsplace.org.

Faith in Action Gifts of Hope - Make homemade Christmas cards for senior care-receivers. Drop off cards at 630 Adams Street, Wausau, WI 54403 at the Faith in Action office in Immanuel Lutheran Church by Thursday, November 17th. Contact Faith in Action at 715-848-8783 or WausauFIAinfo@gmail.com.

Spread Holiday Cheer - Help those experiencing homelessness celebrate the holidays by volunteering or providing special food or simple gifts this holiday season. This opportunity could be for individuals or groups. Contact Mark at the Wausau Community Warming Center at 715-849-3311.

United Way of Marathon County Turkey Trot—5K Run/Walk to benefit the Marathon County Hunger Coalition. Help with registration, set-up, timing, refreshments, or serve as course marshal. Volunteers needed on Nov. 23 and/or Nov. 24. Online sign-up; visit www.UnitedWayMC.org or call 715-848-2927.

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.

Holiday at the Houses -The Marathon County Historical Society is looking for festive volunteers to help with their annual Holidays at the Houses Saturday, December 10 from 11 am- 4 pm. Serve as a greeter, tour guide, lead the children's activity and photo fun area, or share a collection whether holiday, culturally or religious-themed that can be at the event with their collection to answer questions. Contact Sheryl

Give Gifts to Children, Families, Elderly, & the Disabled

Catholic Charities
Erin, 715-849-3311

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

Greater Wausau Christian Services
715-842-5635

Marathon County Head Start
715-845-2927

North Central Health Care Volunteer Services,
715-848-4450

The Salvation Army
715-845-4272

The Women's Community
Samantha, 715-842-5663



Give Strength ~ Donate to Food Pantries**

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

The Neighbors' Place
745 Scott St, Wausau
715-845-1966

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

Wesley United Methodist Church
1101 Elm St, Wausau
715-842-3768

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

Saint Agnes Catholic Church
6101 Zinser St, Weston
715-359-5675

Christ Community Church Food Assistance Program
8100 Alderson St, Schofield
715-241-7335 Ext 3

Community Center of Hope
607 13th St, Mosinee
715-693-7145

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

Edgar Circle of Joy
Edgar Village Hall
224 S 3rd Ave, Edgar
715-352-2532

Community United Pantry (CUP)
Zion Lutheran Church
301 N 2nd St, Colby
715-223-2166

Spencer King's Pantry
Christ the King Catholic Church
107 E Wendell St, Spencer
715-659-5181

Stratford Area Pantry
Donations accepted at the Stratford State Bank and area churches.
715-687-3126

****For a complete list of food pantries, contact United Way's 211 using information on the opposite side of this guide.**

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.