



First United Methodist Church of Hanford

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*



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Hello Family in Christ,

What is Angel Tree? For those who are asking this question, Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship that serves incarcerated parents by providing a pathway for strengthening and restoring their relationships with their children and families. It gives us an opportunity to share Christ's love by giving of gifts on the behalf of the parent's. By purchasing a gift we can share the greatest gift of all "The Good News of Jesus Christ.

Last year and prior years you have chosen an Angel Tree card off the Christmas tree in the Mary Lane's Hall. Then you would buy a gift of a toy or clothes for the child on the card and bring in the gift wrapped and the Angel card attached. You would give the gift to John and at the Angel Tree Christmas party, planned by David; the gift was given to the caregiver and child. Well, due to COVID-19 We will do this entirely different and completely virtually {online}.

Don't panic your part is very simple. We are sponsoring 30 children in the program. Each child will receive a \$22 gift card, in their name, directly from Angel Tree. All you have to do is decide to sponsor one or more children for \$22 each and send the check to the church; First United Methodist Church, on the memo section of your check put "Angel Tree." If you are also sending in an offering for the running of the church, just indicate on the memo that \$22 or more goes to Angel Tree to sponsor a child or children.

At the end of October I will be receiving login information for our account with Angel Tree. Using the church's credit card and the login information I receive we will donate the funds to cover all 30 children's gifts. There will be no contact on our part with the families of these children.

Sometime after Christmas, I will receive a list of the children and the families we served. At that time we may want to plan on doing something else to help these children around Easter. Providing things are better with COVID-19.

$\$22 \times 30 = \$660$  Total amount of donations needed to sponsor these children.

Thank you for all your help and donations to make this year a success.

Any questions please call or text me at 559-707-3810 or email me: [dbrhlewis564@gmail.com](mailto:dbrhlewis564@gmail.com)

God Bless you  
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