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Stewardship Update

Thank you to the 87 SsAM members who have pledged \$282,128.96 towards our goal of \$559,000 for next year's work. If you haven't already sent your pledge, please send it in as soon as possible so the budget for 2021 can be developed.

Angel Tree – Covid Style

This year we will support the mothers and children from Friendship House's Transitional Housing. Since we are currently not at church, we are asking members of SsAM to participate by donating either \$25 or \$50 gift cards from either Visa or Walmart so that the mothers and older children can purchase gifts. In addition, eight members of SsAM have agreed to adopt a child and fulfill their wishes. Please send the gift cards directly to Alice Smith, PO Box 622, Odessa, DE 19730, who will collect all the cards and deliver them to the transitional housing on Union Street. Please do not send them to the church. Also write your name either on the front of the envelope or inside so we can track the contributions. Final date to receive the gift cards: Saturday, December 12.

Our Advent Wreath

We thank Jenna Christy for making our Advent Wreath. This year, SsAM families are recognizing this first season of the church calendar at home. We thank Valerie and Johannes Chow (and parents Cecilia Man and Peter Chow) for doing a virtual lighting of the Advent Wreath on video.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Children and families in our community are going hungry. The SsAM Advocacy Ministry presents a new initiative. The coronavirus pandemic has turned food-insufficiency into hunger all across America. Locally, more than 121,000 Delawareans are struggling with hunger, and over 38,000 of them are children. Kids, adults, and seniors in our own communities – our friends and neighbors – are going to sleep with empty stomachs, day after day. As the coronavirus hit our community, local food pantries sprang into action to ensure that children, families, and individuals would not go hungry. The virus presented challenges that some of them could not overcome. Others shifted operations and trained staff to safely provide groceries and even takeout meals to those who need it. All of them are in desperate need of donated goods to continue to support our neighbors struggling with hunger. For more information on how you can help, contact Athena Jolly atj1132020@gmail.com or 484.354.9183