

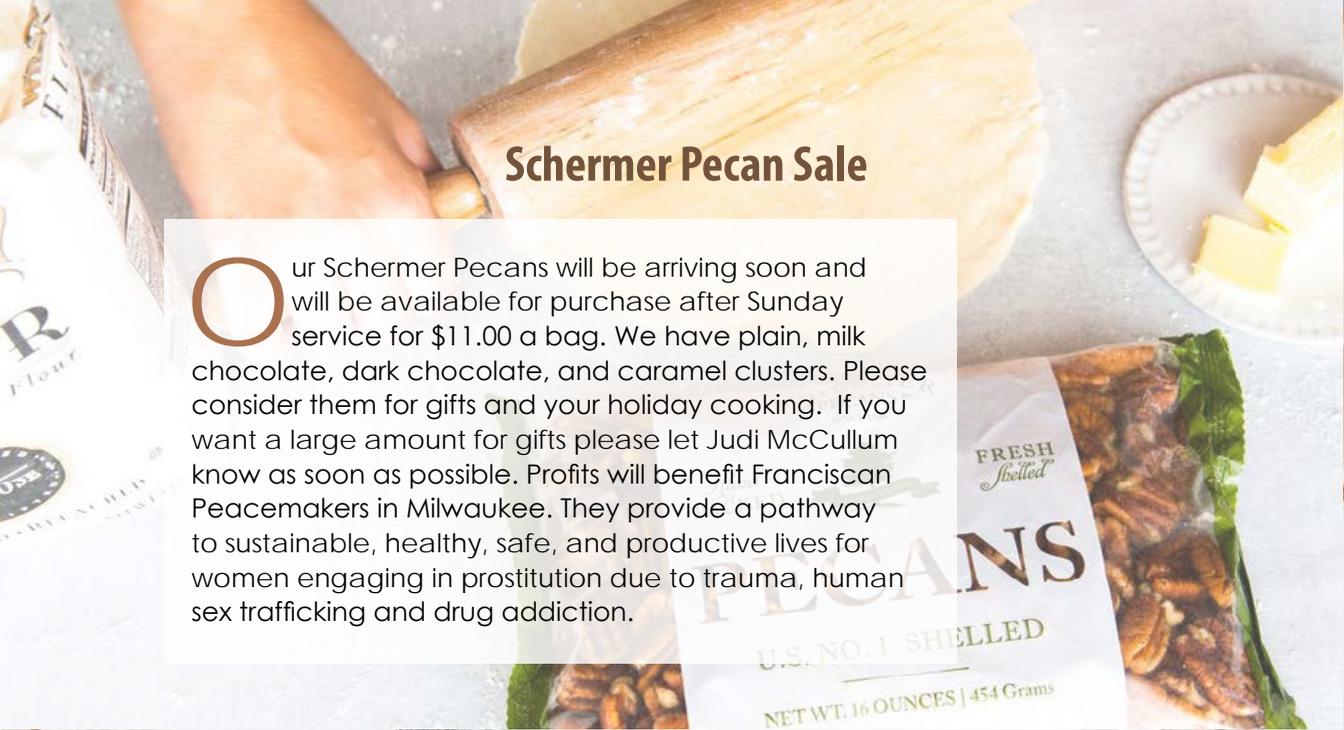
**M**ost of us are so blessed to live where we do and to have what we have. But not everyone is so fortunate. This includes our brothers and sisters overseas, in other parts of the United States, and in our own local communities. Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed giving opportunities, and consider prayerfully what help you would want if you were in such a situation. Thank you for your incredible generosity, and may God bless each and every one.

*Your Mission Outreach Team*



### *Deadlines*

Mittens/Hat/Scarf Tree - December 4  
Christmas Gift Cards - December 4  
Lasata Christmas Gifts - December 11  
Poinsettia Delivery - December 11



## Schermer Pecan Sale

Our Schermer Pecans will be arriving soon and will be available for purchase after Sunday service for \$11.00 a bag. We have plain, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, and caramel clusters. Please consider them for gifts and your holiday cooking. If you want a large amount for gifts please let Judi McCullum know as soon as possible. Profits will benefit Franciscan Peacemakers in Milwaukee. They provide a pathway to sustainable, healthy, safe, and productive lives for women engaging in prostitution due to trauma, human sex trafficking and drug addiction.



## Annual Mitten/Hat/Scarf Tree

**November 6-December 4**

As in the past, we will collect these items, and will share them equally with United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS) and Northcott. These can be homemade or store-bought items to help the recipients feel more comfortable during the winter months. The deadline to bring these items to church is December 4.



**T**hanksgiving Offering - This year our Thanksgiving Offering will go to support the Senegal Anti-Poverty Initiative. The Anti-Poverty Initiative is committed to working with poor, marginalized women to economically transform their lives through micro-credit loans and saving programs. The organization provides a practical way for women to generate income to support their families, thereby reducing poverty and supporting women in urban and rural communities in Senegal, West Africa.

**Christmas Offering** – Our Christmas Offering this year will go to Family Promise, the Ozaukee County-based organization that provides housing support for those who have found themselves in economic crisis. While Ozaukee County is one of the wealthiest counties in Wisconsin, you may be surprised to learn that the poverty rate in our county is 6%, which equals about 5,000 people. And the ALICE rate, which measures those who struggle to meet basic household needs, is 20%, or about 18,000 people! Please help us to continue the CUMC tradition of supporting this great organization by giving generously at Christmas.



**W**e will be collecting prepaid gift cards from Target and Wal-Mart. While any donations will be appreciated, we are suggesting gift cards in the amounts of \$10 - \$25. **Please indicate the monetary amount on the card.** These will be divided among UMCS and Northcott, and will help to make for a special Christmas for those who have so little. Please bring them to the church office before December 4.



## Lasata Christmas Gifts

Please help put smiles on the faces of residents of Lasata by giving gift donations. The residents look forward to opening their gifts with much anticipation knowing their packages are hand selected personally for each one. Please see the Christmas Gift List below. Place **unwrapped donations** in the donation box.

### Toiletries (Small Bottles, Please)

Aftershave lotions & colognes  
Soft toothbrush, toothpaste,  
denture brush, mouthwash  
Large boxes of Kleenex or Puffs  
Hair picks, brushes, combs  
Dove bar soap  
Hand and body lotions  
Cologne, perfume  
Chapstick

### Miscellaneous

Throw Blankets, Afghans  
Decorative Pillow  
(Please No Feather Pillows)  
Clip earrings, pins, necklaces  
Stuffed animals (a favorite)  
Large faced watches  
(men & women)  
DVD movies (Classics, TV Shows, Comedies)  
Picture Books related to Golf, Packers,  
Brewers, Badgers  
Music CDs  
(Elvis, Polka, Big Band, Country, 1950's)

### Clothing

Long Sleeved tops for Women & Men  
(Sizes M, L, & XL)  
Sweat Pants or Lounge Pants for Women & Men  
(Sizes S, M, L)  
Socks with Gripper Soles  
Sports Team Clothing (Hats, Jerseys, Shirts)

### Candy

Decorative tins of cookies  
and candies.  
Wrapped soft chocolates  
(Milky Way, Hershey, Reeses)  
Sugar-free candy

## Poinsettia Delivery



Poinsettias will be available for delivery to shut-ins on Sunday, December 11. This long-standing tradition in our congregation puts a smile on a face and reminds the recipient of our congregation's love and care. Watch for the flowers in Fellowship Hall and take this opportunity to reach out and bring joy and holiday cheer from our congregation.