



**WHITE GIFT SERVICE
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10**

It is a tradition in the United Church to designate one Sunday during Advent as “White Gift Sunday”. **Using the list below**, children and adults are invited to bring an **unwrapped gift** on December 10. The gifts will be brought forward during the service.

Recipients of our donations will be **Centre 507**, a drop-in centre at Centretown United Church on Bank Street, the **Carlington Community Chaplaincy**, on Caldwell Avenue near the Experimental Farm, and the **Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy**, which works in the Pinecrest-Queensway area.

To assist in the distribution of the gifts, please:

- Tag gifts for a male or female, adult or child;
- Put bus tickets in an envelope;
- Put gift cards in an envelope, name of the store on the front;
- Use the white envelopes provided in the December 10 bulletin for monetary donations, cheques to “Barrhaven United Church”.

Thank you for sharing with others this Advent season!

Some reasons for supporting these ecumenical chaplaincies:

“Thank you for everything. You guys help in all these important things.”

“[Centre 507] has impacted me in such a way that I feel safe here and not judged, and can be myself.”

“Coming to the Chaplaincy has been very good for me. I’m now able to talk to more people, to be friendly with more people ... Without these programs, I’d be in my apartment, all by myself. I hope that the Chaplaincy continues to be here forever!”

“...allows me to be an active and valued member where I am listened to and heard.”

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

Centre 507 (adults, mainly men)

- Can of caffeinated coffee, medium grind for the Centre
- Gift Cards for fast food services or stores (e.g. Tim Horton's)
- Toiletries (disposable razors, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, Kleenex)
- First Aid supplies
- Socks, underwear
- Long underwear, thermal shirts
- Rain ponchos, rain coats
- Backpacks, duffel bags
- Can openers
- Jam (it's a luxury)
 - Bus tickets
 - Art supplies or picture frames (for creative art programming)

Carlington Community Chaplaincy and Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy (families, women and men)

- Gift cards for Dollar Store or Food Basics (really appreciated)
- Art supplies - acrylic or water-based paints, brushes, medium/large canvases or frames, art easels
- Winter gloves/mitts, hats, scarves, socks
- Toiletries
- Children's games, toys, books
- School or craft supplies (pens, pencils, scissors, pencil crayons, markers, etc)
- Colouring books, notebooks
- Bus tickets