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This year, with the leadership of the Outreach Service Committee, Knox is embarking on a **“Christmas Caring” program**. With this, Knox members are invited to bring **gifts of money** that will go toward **cash gifts for families and individuals** who are in particular need this season to make their lives fuller and more comfortable this Christmas. By using cash rather than material gifts, we afford these folks the dignity and self-responsibility to make their own decisions about what will make their lives better at this time.

To make this work, we need your help in supplying Rev. Brian with names and contact information (and # of adults and children) for individuals and families who would benefit from this program. We are embarking on this program **in cooperation with our sister church, St. Thomas Wesley United Church**, which is also doing the same program. The Knox list of recipients and our money will be combined with theirs to make a real difference in the lives of many folks in our community.

We will be collecting these gifts on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th**, our **CHRISTMAS CARING SERVICE**. That Sunday, please bring an envelope with your gift of cash or cheque (made to Knox United Church, and marked “Christmas Caring”) for collection. The ministers of the two churches, and the chairs of the two Outreach committees, will make decisions about how the money is to be distributed.

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