

Thankfulness Calendar

Celebrating our blessings and Giving to others in need

This four week calendar was created to give you and your family a way to reflect on the blessings that you've been given while raising awareness of those who are in need and what Middleton Outreach Ministry does to address those needs. Please adapt this calendar to suit your family by deciding what size coins you would like to use, explaining some of the more difficult terminology, etc. You can pick any denomination for the coins. If you aren't able to use coins, say a prayer for each coin instead. Collect the money in a small container. Donation can be brought to the MOM office. Contact Ellen Carlson, 826-3404, ellen@mompop.org, with any questions. **Thank you for participating and giving to your neighbors in need.**

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| Day 1 | Jesus says in Matthew 25 that whatever you do for those in need you are doing for Him – Add a coin for each time today that you helped someone. |
| Day 2 | On average, one out of every three Americans lives in poverty at least 2 months out of the year. Add a coin for every three members of your family. |
| Day 3 | MOM began as a ministry to the large number of apartments in the Middleton area. Add a coin for every apartment your family has lived in. |
| Day 4 | MOM serves over 250 families each month with bags of groceries. Add a coin for each grocery bag your household purchased this week. |
| Day 5 | There are many people who have no place to live. Add a coin for the home that your family lives in. |
| Day 6 | MOM's symbol, two hands holding on together, represents the hand of someone in need connected with the hand of someone in our community providing help. Add a coin for the number of hands in your family. |
| Day 7 | One of every six kids in America lives in poverty. Add a coin in for every six kids in your class at school or every 6 people in your workplace. |
| Day 8 | MOM provides a Christmas dinner for the community each Dec. 25 th . Add a coin for each person at the table where your family eats a special holiday dinner. |
| Day 9 | In some families, a mom or dad will not eat so that their child will have enough food. MOM's Food Pantry helps provide food so that no one in a family needs to go hungry. Add a coin in thankfulness for your mom and dad or the people who take care of you, and for MOM. |
| Day 10 | Middleton Outreach Ministry has been serving its neighbors in need for over 25 years. Add a coin for each year your family has lived in your neighborhood. |
| Day 11 | By September 2003, 2.1 million American jobless workers - nearly a quarter of the total unemployed population - had been out of work for half a year or more - the highest level in 20 years. Add a coin for each month this year you or your parents have been able to work. |
| Day 12 | MOM provides filled backpacks for children every August. Add a coin for each child and adult in your family who went to school this year. |

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| Day 13 | MOM provides assistance for people who need help paying for their medicine. Add a coin for each medicine someone in your family takes to keep them healthy. |
| Day 14 | The Project for Older People provides rides for about 25 elderly people each week. Add a coin for every time your family rode in a car or other vehicle today. |
| Day 15 | MOM distributes donated towels to families from its Distribution Center. Add a coin for each bathroom in your home. |
| Day 16 | Almost 300 families in need are connected to donors who purchase gifts through MOM's Sharing Christmas Program every Christmas. Add a coin for each family that your family gives gifts to at Christmas. |
| Day 17 | MOM helps provide energy assistance for those who cannot pay their energy bill. Add a coin for every appliance in your home that requires electricity or gas to operate! |
| Day 18 | Wisconsin had one of the top ten increases in poverty in 2003. Add a coin for every family member who lives in Wisconsin. |
| Day 19 | Around 20 families each month receive Rental Assistance from MOM. Add a coin for each \$100 your family spent this month on rent/mortgage (\$800 = 8 coins). |
| Day 20 | Thirteen core churches support MOM. Add a coin for your place of worship. |
| Day 21 | It is not until a family of four reaches twice the federal poverty level (\$37,700) that parents can provide their children with basic necessities, like housing, food, and health care. Add a coin for your home, for the meals you ate as a family today and for everyone in your family who is healthy. |
| Day 22 | MOM provides jackets for families who aren't able to afford to purchase them. Add a coin for every jacket in your family's closet. |
| Day 23 | At Thanksgiving, with the help of volunteers and donors, MOM provides Thanksgiving Baskets (complete with a turkey and all of the trimmings!) to approximately 300 families. Add a coin for the turkey or special meal your family will eat or have eaten this year for Thanksgiving. |
| Day 24 | MOM has over 300 active volunteers. Add a coin for every place your family volunteers. |
| Day 25 | The Stephen Ministry program supports the spiritual needs of some of our clients. Add a coin for every time you prayed today. |
| Day 26 | Food Rescue volunteers "rescue" food from local restaurants, grocery stores, bakeries and schools. Add a coin for all of the different places your family went this week to get food to eat. |
| Day 27 | People who speak all different languages come to MOM in need of help. Add a coin for every language someone in your family is learning or can speak. |
| Day 28 | Both children and adults can volunteer for Middleton Outreach Ministry. Visit our website for other special ways you can make a difference. Add a coin for every member in your family who can do something in our community to help someone in need! |