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Give from the Heart Holiday Gift Drive, Benefitting APAH: St. Michael’s Mission and Outreach committee invites all parishioners to participate in this year’s holiday gift giving event benefitting Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing. Gift giving, especially during the holiday season, is a universal way of showing love, connecting with others, and sharing traditions. For families for whom finances are tight, giving gifts is often not an option, even during the holidays. APAH is collecting toys and gifts for children ages newborn-12 years who call an APAH community home. Donated items will make up a holiday gift shop that will allow parents to choose a gift for each of their children. Your donation will ensure that all children receive a gift during the giving season.

Ways to get involved:

- Contribute a gift (either directly online, or by dropping it off at St. Michael’s by **December 1**)
- Transport gifts from St. Michael’s to APAH on Monday, December 2 between 3-7 PM (Sign ups in the parish hall)
- Volunteer for Gift Shop set up on December 12 (Sign ups in the parish hall)
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- Or log in to amazon.com and search "APAH Give From the Heart Wish List".

Questions? Contact Lisa Harkins: lisa.harkins10@gmail.com

Men of St. Michael's: you are invited to a NOT A POTLUCK gathering. There is no agenda except to get to know each other better while raising awareness and participation in St. Michael's and non-St. Michael's events in the coming year. The first of these will be at the Rectory. Food will be served (see, not a potluck) but bring your own adult beverage. Monday, December 2, 7PM. Contact Nic Franklin with questions: nicfranklin@gmail.com

Christian Education: Sunday, December 1, 9 AM: Join us on Sunday, December 1 from 9:00-9:45 for our monthly Christian Education for ALL ages. This month we are focused on prayer. Participants will work collaboratively to write the Prayers of the People for the season of Epiphany. Please meet in the classrooms on the basement floor.

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December 15 – Dwelling in God's Word and Telling Our Stories

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XYZ Lunch: Anticipating Christmas in Carols and Story: Join us, **Thursday, December 5**, for a potluck lunch in the parish hall. Pretzels and punch at noon. Lunch at 12:30. We'll enjoy a carol sing and more—Dylan Thomas's "A Child's Christmas in Wales," as dramatized by our own Arthur Roach. All are welcome, especially seniors. Contact: Evelyn Bence or Jane Cook.

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