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Dear Manitowoc Area Businesses and Organizations,

Community Dinners is a free meal hosted every Wednesday year-round at 5:30PM. This fall we started our **8**th **year** providing this service to any in need in our community. In addition to a nutritious meal, Community Dinners provides a much-needed social time for those who are lonely or marginalized. There are also regular presentations about healthy cooking and other food and health options, and referrals to other services when needed.

Depending on the time of year, Community Dinners serves between 60-85 people each week. Meals are supported by food donations from local businesses and organizations as well as hundreds of volunteer hours by church members, school students, and community organizations.

Once a year, we host a special Community Dinners Christmas Fundraiser, generally serving over 200 people. Community leaders, church and organization members, and others join our weekly meal guests for a special meal that includes the opportunity for those who are able to contribute financially to help support this program. This year's fundraising meal will take place Wednesday, December 16, starting at 5:30PM, and we invite you to attend.

We also invite you to consider donating for a gift basket raffle we'll hold on December 16. Products, apparel, non-perishable foods, gift cards/certificates, and other items will be gratefully received, and your business or organization will be recognized as part of the raffle. Financial gifts are also appreciated. All donations are tax-deductible.

Donations may be dropped off at the First Presbyterian Church Office Monday through Thursday 9am to 1pm between now and December 10. If you'd like us to pick up any donated items, please call Julie (242-0616) or Brenda (860-9166).

Sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Sauer, *Pastor* First Presbyterian Church, Manitowoc