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## MAT FOR HOMELESS MADE FROM PLARN

Being the reader of our churches monthly newsletters (at least those that are sent to us) there are times when a church shares something with their members that is worth sharing Conference wide. The following idea is from **St. John's (Hain's) UCC in Wernersville.**

A project St. John's (Hain's) UCC is undertaking this winter, is making sleeping mats for the homeless out of Plarn (Plastic yarn). The plarn is made from plastic grocery bags that are cut to size, and crocheted into a mat. Here are more details:

Who knew that this PLASTIC BAG which we all have in abundance (and sometimes do not know what to do with), COULD OFFER SOME COMFORT TO A HOMELESS PERSON.



We can turn these plastic bags into...sleeping mats for the less privileged. They are waterproof, bug proof, and easy to keep clean. They also hold body heat and are lightweight and easy to carry. A blessing to a homeless person.

You can help, by collecting plastic grocery bags, or have your church take on this project yourselves. Members could collect bags, help cut the bags and prepare the "plarn" and those with crochet skills are free to crochet the mats.



The leader of this project at St. John's (Hain's) is more than happy to work with you to get your own project off the ground or to assist them with theirs.

You can reach out to Pat Roberts at [PatRoberts@stjhains.org](mailto:PatRoberts@stjhains.org).

As Pat is quick to say..."I will be happy to assist you. It is very easy, and very much needed. Contact me with any questions or comments. I will tell you what you will need to crochet a mat, or tell you how to cut the bags for PLARN. Thank you in advance for your love and kindness."



## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal  
December 2 - peanut butter  
December 3 - stuffing mix  
December 4 - boxed potatoes  
December 5 - macaroni and cheese  
December 6 - canned fruit  
December 7 - canned tomatoes  
December 8 - canned tuna  
December 9 - dessert mix  
December 10 - jar of applesauce  
December 11 - canned sweet potatoes  
December 12 - cranberry sauce  
December 13 - canned beans  
December 14 - box of crackers  
December 15 - package of rice  
December 16 - package of oatmeal  
December 17 - package pasta  
December 18 - spaghetti sauce  
December 19 - chicken noodle soup  
December 20 - tomato soup  
December 21 - can corn  
December 22 - can mixed vegetables  
December 23 - can carrots  
December 24 - can green beans

Looking for a way  
to supplement  
your Food Bank?

Why not share  
this "Reverse  
Advent Calendar"  
with your  
members?

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