

UNITED CHURCHES OF GALENA APPLE TREE PROEJCT

July 13, 2021

Dear United Churches of Galena Board Member,

Even though Galena is recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic, a large number of families are still struggling to provide basic school necessities. But together we can continue to meet the ongoing needs of our community's children.

In past years, many congregation members contributed by shopping for school supplies, and others donated funds in person. But last year, in order to observe social distancing practices, we asked for only monetary contributions to be made. We also set up a *gofundme* campaign so that people could make on-line contributions. With all these funds, items were purchased in bulk and/or when on sale, making everyone's contributions go as far as possible.

Through the Apple Tree project, an amazing number of caring people helped make it possible for Galena's disadvantaged students to begin the 20-21 school year with all necessary items. And because of the success of last year's approach, we are again asking for anyone who wishes to support the project this year to support the project to make monetary contributions.

Some congregations may choose to make "church" contributions through their mission committees, women's groups or other special organizations. But even if this is the case, individual church members may wish to make a personal contribution. So, Apple Tree envelopes will be provided to each church; and because of the success of last year's *gofundme* effort, that opportunity will continue this year.

Anyone who is unable to make a contribution in person or is unable access the online method, can make a contribution by sending a check, payable to United Churches of Galena to:

Pam McKinsey
1721 Donegan Street
Galena, IL 61036

We all know that, post-pandemic, everyone continues to struggle. But all donations, regardless of size, make a difference.

So please share this information with your congregation at your in-person, or online services, through your bulletins and newsletters and/or through an email blast.

Together we can make sure that again this year, no child has to face the first day back to school unprepared.

Yours in Unity,

UCG Apple Tree Committee
Pam McKinsey
Helen Carroll
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APPLE TREE PROJECT

2021-2022 School Year

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You can contribute to this important cause in several ways:

_____ Place your check or cash donation in an Apple Tree envelope provided at the church

_____ Make a contribution through our online campaign at www.gofundme.com

_____ Mail a check, payable to **United Churches of Galena**, to:

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THANK YOU!