**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**September 23, 2018**

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Once again, we invite you to bring **GIFTS OF HEALTHY FOOD**

for those who do not have enough! **From the fields & orchards:** Potatoes, squash, turnip, brussell sprouts, apples, beets, cabbage, carrots, oranges, onions, corn on the cob. (foods with a little staying power) **From the grocery store:** Healthy canned goods (low sodium), spaghetti & tomato sauce, beans, lentils, tuna, salmon, soup, juices, mac & cheese, peanut butter, coffee, tea, sugar, crackers, peanut butter, dry pasta, rice, salt, pepper, Cereal and hot cereal, granola bars, etc. for lunches, garbage bags, saran wrap, sandwich bags.

**Personal Hygiene Products:** Tooth Paste, dental floss, hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorants sans aluminum, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, razors, diapers, baby lotion, and Women’s Hygiene Products. ***Thank you for sharing!!***



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