

Winter Warmth Coats To Be Handed Out This Weekend

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For the Plain Talk

The coats collected from Grace Baptist Church's annual Winter Warmth Coat drive are set to be handed out this weekend at the church located at 1102 E Main St in Vermillion.

The distribution will be as follows:

- Friday, Nov. 6 from 4-8 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 8 from 2-6 p.m.

"So far so good," said Pastor Steve Miller of the coats acquired this year. "We've moved the date a little this year because we want to get coats out before it gets too cold. The risk there was that people wouldn't be expecting it yet. This is something we started doing a couple of years ago and moved it back a little each year but it seems like the word has gotten out pretty good and we're getting a lot of coats in so I think it's going pretty well."

Though official collection ended on Tuesday, Miller said it is never too late to give because the need persists throughout the Winter.

"Tuesday is the last day we're receiving coats but obviously if people contact us we'll continue to take them," he said. "Generally we end up by appointment giving some away as well but those are the three official public days."

The need for coats seen in Vermillion has changed the way the drive operates recently.

"We don't have a lot of storage in our facility so after the coat drive we gave them all away somewhere the first year," Miller said. "The last few years we decided to make some room and keep them on hand because some people come to us all throughout the winter needing the coats so we started this year with



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Grace Baptist Church will be distributing winter coats to anyone needing one this weekend. More donations are always welcome.

whatever was leftover from last year."

According to Miller, the drive has been running for about five years and involves numerous organizations throughout the community.

"We manage it but through the ministerial association all the churches kind of work together for the coat drive," he said. "We've been doing it enough years now that people kind of plan for it and look forward to it so when we put the word out for volunteers we usually get enough."

According to Miller, between 100 and 125 coats have been distributed through the drive each year it has run.

"Last year I think the official number was 118," he said. "We always have some extra because it's a matter of having the right size for everybody so you have to have more than what people need in order to meet all the needs."

Preparation for the drive actually begins when the weather is warm.

"What we generally do is at the end of the winter

when WalMart coats are on clearance we go and buy those so we have those available," Miller said.

"Then we collect coats in addition to that. We just made room in the attic and decided it was just something we needed to do."

It all started with one person according to Miller.

"There was a young man in our church that had been through some rough times himself and God had kind of rescued him from that and blessed him," he said. "He came to me at one point and said he had noticed that no one in Vermillion had done a coat drive and maybe we should do that. He kind of got it started and others have taken it since then and it has kind of grown year by year."

Vermillion has continued to give in various ways and make the drive a success.

"This year we have a special treat," Miller said. "There was a young man who's working toward becoming an Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout Project he designed coat racks for us that are kind of portable. They fold down nicely

and don't take up a lot of room. Always before we had hodge podged things together with ladders and iron pipes so now we've got some decent coat racks that we can use that are a lot nicer."

The difference the drive makes is clear every year.

"There's always good stories," Miller said. "People that come in on a very cold day and they've got just a little sweater on and are just so happy to get a coat. Often there will be a whole family that will come in. We take the dates over to Social Services so they refer people. Whole families come in that are new to the area and not used to the winters. We need coats for everybody and that's always a blessing to see."

The end goal is not just physical warmth according to Miller.

"Our hope always is as they receive the coats they'll realize they're coming from a God who loves them," he said.

For more information or to donate to the drive, call Grace Baptist Church at (605) 624-4949.

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first door on left). Description: Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for people with eating disorders & struggles

• 29th Annual Santa's Shack Craft Festival at Wakonda School Gymnasium, Sat., Nov. 7, 10 am-3 pm. Interested vendors should contact: Angie Logue, 605-661-8517 or email her: aklogue@yahoo.com.

• Art Storytime (4 yrs. & up) at Vermillion Public Library, Sat., Nov. 7, 10:15 am. Registration required; call 677-7060.

• Brave Kids Bold Cures Walk, Sat., Nov. 7. Join in a walk to benefit pediatric oncology programs & services at Sanford Children's. Registration at Sanford Vermillion, 102 S. Plum St. (Administration entrance) @ 11:00 am; walk begins at corner of Main & Plum @ 11:30 am. First 60 to pre-register receive complimentary ticket to Coyote football game vs. Southern Illinois. Call Jill @ 605-638-8465 or jill.christopherson@sanfordhealth.org to register.

• Movement Storytime-birth-3 yrs., Vermillion Public Library, Sat., Nov. 7, 11:15 am. Registration required; call 677-7060

• Picture This: a hands-on workshop in a variety of creative techniques, Sat., Nov. 7, 2-4:00 pm. To register, call 677-7060 or stop by the Circulation Desk.

• Gayville Hall's musical variety show, "The Hay Country Jamboree," Sat., Nov. 7, 8:00 pm at 502 Washington St., Gayville. For ticket information, call 605-267-2859

NEXT WEEKS HAPPENINGS SUNDAY, NOV. 8

• Pancake Sunday at The Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St., Sun., Nov. 8, 9:30-12:30 pm \$5 requested donation. Sponsored by members of the Center

• East River & Missouri Valley Bluegrass Music Association to feature "Monthly Open Jam," Sun., Nov. 8 (2nd Sun. of each month) from 1:00-6:00 pm at Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington St. All levels welcome-open to pickers & listeners. Event is free & open to the public. For more information, call 1-877-621-4118 (toll free)

• Classics for Band: USD Symphonic Band, Sun., Nov. 8, 2:00 pm, Aalfs Auditorium, Slagle Hall

• USD Volleyball vs SD State, Sun., Nov. 8, 2:00 pm at DakotaDome

MONDAY, NOV. 9

• Sustainability Series: In collaboration with the Biology Department, the Sustainability Program will be hosting a lecture "Global Change in the Northern Great Plains: Climate, Food Security and Landscape Industrialization" by Devan McGranahan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Range Science at North Dakota State University, Mon., Nov. 9, 3:30 pm, Churchill-Haines Lab., room 101.

• Oral Interp: Regional Qualifier, Mon., Nov. 9 @ 4:00 pm (H)

• Art Storytime (4 yrs. & up) at Vermillion Public Library, Mon., Nov. 9, 5:30 pm. Registration required; call 677-7060.

• Welcome Table serves a free meal on Mondays at the First United Methodist Church, 16 N. Dakota St. Public is invited to enjoy fellowship & food prepared & served by volunteer groups, Mon., Nov. 9, 5:30-7:00 pm. Groups interested in volunteering to serve at the Welcome Table can contact John Lushbough at 605-670-0958 or email: jlushbough@gmail.com. For more information, visit: www.welcometable.org

• Al-anon meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mon., Nov. 9 @ 7:30 pm. For more information, call 624-9764

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

• Movement Storytime for birth-3 yrs. at Vermillion Public Library, Tues., Nov. 10, 10:15 am. Registration required; call 677-7060.

• Technically Speaking Series: Digital Photo Basics at Vermillion Public Library, Tues., Nov. 10, 10:30 am-12 pm. Call 677-7060 for more information

• Code Club for elementary students (K-5), Tues., Nov. 10, 3:30-5 pm at Vermillion Public Library. Snacks included!

• Long Overdue: a series of presentations & discussions on a wide range of exciting topics, Tues., Nov. 10 @ 7:00 pm at Vermillion Public Library (adult programming)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

• Vermillion Veteran's Day Ceremony, Wed., Nov. 11 at Vermillion High School, 1001 E. Main St., 9:55-11:05 am. Guest speaker: Col. Ines White, US Army

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

• Financial Counseling presented by Lutheran Social Services Center for Financial Resources, Thurs., Nov. 12, 10:30-3:30 pm at Vermillion Public Library. To set up an appointment or for more information, call 800-568-2401 or email info@LSSSD.org

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• Teen Lounge at Vermillion Public Library, Thurs., Nov. 12 @ 6:30 pm in the Teen Room. This weekly social hour includes book clubs, films, crafts, snacks, & much more. Grades 6-12.

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