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This issue provides financial insights, member stories, local partnerships and upcoming events happening in your region.

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## **Financial Health in the New Year: One Guide, Three Ways Forward**

Our mission at Thrivent is to help Christians be wise with money and live generously. To do that, we promise to guide you on your journey to being wise with money. There are three things that can move you forward on this journey, and we're here to show you how to navigate each one:

- Own your story.
- Practice wise financial habits.
- Give of yourself.

No matter where you are on this lifelong journey in 2020, we can guide you one step at a time so you can live a more content, confident and generous life. To find a Thrivent Financial professional near you visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) or email [heartlandtmn@thrivent.com](mailto:heartlandtmn@thrivent.com).

## **A Morning of Generosity Makes a Big Impact in McLean County, Illinois**

Over 115 Thrivent members and guests joined together on Saturday, December 7, for A Morning of Generosity at Midwest Food Bank in Bloomington, IL. Together we:

- Repackaged **180** cases of toilet paper to go to local shelters.
- Repackaged **62** cases of animal cookies that will bring smiles to under resourced children during the holiday season.
- Completed **27** cases of Tender Mercies – which equals 1,080 families fed or 4,320 people.

Guests also enjoyed breakfast and heard a presentation about the impact that the Thrivent Member Network has made in the Heartland Region. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers! To view pictures from the day visit our [Facebook](#) page.

# Over \$90,000 Raised for Local Non-Profit, Righteous Rides

Did you know that one of the biggest challenges for missionaries on home assignment is finding reliable and affordable vehicles to drive while in the states? A St. Louis area nonprofit, Righteous Rides, works to meet that need.

Thrivent partnered with Righteous Rides on Giving Tuesday 2019. Together the organizations hosted a Christmas Around the World event that featured Christmas decor from around the World, a family friendly service project, food, crafts, live music and a live nativity. Around 130 people attended the event. Thrivent matched all donations made that day, online or at the Christmas Around the World event, up to \$20,000 with some exclusions. Together the organizations raised over \$70,000 in donations before the match from Thrivent.

The money will go towards purchasing eight new vans to add to the 150-van fleet that Righteous Rides currently has. This will help them serve more missionaries, as they currently turn down about two requests for transportation each day.

Thanks to all that attended the event, prayed for the organization and to those that gave donations. To learn more about Righteous Rides and the great work that they do, visit [righteousrides.org](http://righteousrides.org).



Guests making Christmas cards and letters at the event to send to missionary families during the holiday season.



## Special Online Events: More Than Money Matters Web Series

Join Thrivent online to kick off your 2020 financial goals by attending the More than Money Matters Web Series. We are here to help provide financial clarity and encourage wise money habits that help you achieve your goals. Register for each webinar by going to your [region's events page](#). All webinars are 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (CST).

**February 6** – Economic Update

**March 5** – Identity Theft: What You Need to Know



## Are You Ready to Be In Business for Yourself – Not By Yourself?

Are you seeking a career that allows you to make a significant income while helping Christians be wise with money? We want advisors who can make a difference in our members' lives. Are you a good fit? If so, we'll provide the compensation, benefits and support you'll need to succeed. We have openings available across the Heartland Region.

Take the next step. Connect with a local field leader by emailing [heartlandtmn@thrivent.com](mailto:heartlandtmn@thrivent.com) or search for financial advisor positions in your area and apply now at [Thrivent.com/careers](http://Thrivent.com/careers).

## Volunteers Brave the Cold for Third Annual Thrivent Day at the Kettles



Thrivent member, Cathy Chapin and her daughter Adria ringing a bell at the kettle outside Bass Pro Shops, St. Charles, MO.

Over 65 Thrivent volunteers joined us for the Third Annual Thrivent Day at the Kettles on Friday, December 6. These volunteers rang Salvation Army bells at nine different kettle locations across the Heartland Region throughout the entire day. Thank you to all that braved the cold to help the Salvation Army's 2019 Red Kettle Campaign.

To view more upcoming volunteer opportunities, visit our website, [thriventfinancial.com/member-network/heartland](http://thriventfinancial.com/member-network/heartland). Opportunities are open to everyone, you do not have to be a Thrivent member to attend.

# Are You Passionate about Educating Others and Comfortable Leading Small-Group Discussions?

Thrivent members have access to workshop kits designed to help participants take steps to improve their financial well-being. These workshops are designed to be led by a Thrivent member or volunteer in places like a church, community center or even a living room.

The workshops incorporate Christian values with timely financial topics such as protecting against identity theft, building a credit history, talking to elderly parents, and more.

No financial expertise is needed to lead the workshops. Use the workshops to enhance existing education programs or build something new. Choose one topic or create a series that meets

your needs.

Thrivent provides all of the tools you need:

- Discussion guide with step-by-step instructions.
- Invitations and flyers.
- Companion workbooks for 15 participants.
- All the ingredients for interactive learning and engaging discussions.

To explore topics and order a workshop kit visit [Thrivent.com/workshops-and-events/small-group-workshops](http://Thrivent.com/workshops-and-events/small-group-workshops).

## 2020

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For additional events, details or to RSVP, visit our website [connect.thrivent.com/heartland-tmn](http://connect.thrivent.com/heartland-tmn) or email [HeartlandTMN@thrivent.com](mailto:HeartlandTMN@thrivent.com).

#### FEBRUARY

##### 04 Faith Build Info Meeting/Breakfast

Church leaders or representatives interested in partnering with Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity of McLean County, IL are invited to join us for information and a complimentary breakfast.

*Lodgic, 1807 S. Neil St., Champaign, IL, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.*

To RSVP, email [Liz.Mikel@thrivent.com](mailto:Liz.Mikel@thrivent.com) with first and last names as well as the church you represent.

##### 06 Economic Update

The Thrivent Member Network – Heartland Region and Thrivent are coming to your computer to help you navigate the headlines and how they influence your financial strategy. Join us to learn about how to use economic data to make wise decisions about your money.

*Online webinar, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.*

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

#### MARCH

##### 05 Identity Theft: What You Need to Know

The Thrivent Member Network – Heartland Region and Thrivent are coming to your computer to help you understand what identity theft is and how to protect yourself. Join us to learn about how identity theft can occur, how to take steps to prevent it, and what to do if your identity is stolen.

*Online webinar, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.*

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

##### 31 Five Keys to Retiring Fearlessly

After years of hard work, retirement may finally be in sight. This workshop helps attendees discover five keys to unlocking a retirement where they could have confidence in their ability to live out their dreams.

*The Lodge Des Peres, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.*

For more information and to register, visit [thriventfinancial.com/member-network/heartland](http://thriventfinancial.com/member-network/heartland).

#### STAY CONNECTED

To receive the most up-to-date information on events, activities and communication, please update or add your email address by logging on to [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) or calling 800-847-4836.

#### About Thrivent

Thrivent is a not-for-profit financial services organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live a life of contentment, confidence and generosity.

To learn more, visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com).



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