

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Dear St. Martin Family and Friends,

Regarding our church's support of the Brown family after their house fire and loss belongings/home: Immediate needs (clothing, etc.) have been met. Heather and Gerald are both home from the hospital. The entire family wishes to thank everyone for their support and prayers. **They are giving their thanks here due to the overwhelming response.**

In addition to continued prayers for physical and emotional healing, we are collecting cards/notes of encouragement (and cash donations) in the church office for Browns. Gift cards that would be most helpful:

- MEIJER – DON'S FOODLAND – WALMART
- RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS – FUEL CARDS
- AMAZON GIFT CARDS See Amazon Wishlist on reverse.

Drop-off: 12278 Albee Rd | Burt or: 10995 Canada Rd | Birch Run

St. Martin also hopes to host a future giving effort when the Brown's home is rebuilt (approximately 12–18 months from now). Thank you ALL for your compassion and outpouring of kindness. Knowing the good people of St. Martin, this is not at all surprising! God bless you.

In Christ's Service,
Stephanie Revard—St. Martin's Support Coordinator for Brown Family

Donations or additional questions may be given to family friend, Sarah Cline, via email during this effort: sarahpchef527@gmail.com

Note: For those not previously aware, Heather lost her crafting business, Midnight Serenity, (including all supplies, products, orders, and future order slips.) This was the family's additional income source while both Heather and Gerald were unable to work due to medical conditions. It was something she took great pride in and was very good at. She fully intends to rebuild and wishes to thank her customers for their patience and understanding with completed products and future order slips that were lost. Additional ways to help her rebuild this important income source are also available on reverse.

Previous Online Update from Heather (January 10, 2021):

“I don't know where to even begin!!! I'm sorry that I have been absent on Facebook. For those of you who haven't heard, on early Wednesday morning, we had a house fire and have lost everything including our two indoor fur babies! :-(And I sure do miss them so much!!!

We all got out safely by jumping out our bedroom windows (even with a broken fibula). Gerald and I went to the hospital due to smoke inhalation. I stayed one night for observation and they checked my leg [Heather's leg injury from a previous accident]. No additional injuries. God was definitely watching over us.

Gerald was on a ventilator for two days and came home today. The outpouring of love from our community and people from afar that we don't even know has been nothing short of overwhelmingly heartwarming. We are truly blessed to have so many prayers and we need them. So, keep them coming.

If you sent me text messages or called, I haven't gotten them. I am trying to keep up with [Facebook] messages, so [bear] with me. Even comments are hard to keep up with, so please be patient. Many people have asked how they can help. Here are some links. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!

Previously Established Giving Options (Heather's Business):

- Venmo: @midnightserenity
- Cashapp: \$midnightserenity
- PayPal: brownheather@charter.net

Newly established online giving options to support the Brown Family:

- Amazon Wishlist: <http://bit.ly/MidnightSerenity2021>
- Facebook Fundraiser: <http://bit.ly/HopeBrownFamily>
- GoFundMe Fundraiser: <http://bit.ly/HeatherBrownGoFundMe>

