



# MISSION & OUTREACH NEWS January, 2020



## JANUARY 1 FREE ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEAL

This is an all-church event and we need your help. Please help us make our guests feel welcome and help us clean up after this event.

We will be serving traditional pork and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and desserts.

**PLEASE JOIN US. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY 2020 KICK OFF IS JANUARY 5!

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

**WHAT?** Please join Trinity's Mission Committee this year as we participate in this ministry by collecting gifts to be packed in shoeboxes that will be delivered to needy children all over the world. Look for posters displayed in our buildings. We will collect gifts for boys and girls ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 and have a "packing party" on October 4th and November 1st after worship. Many items can be found on sale or clearance throughout the year especially after holidays. Items of the month will be published and posted on bulletin boards in the upcoming months, but some suggestions (not limited to these) of items to purchase are:

**TOYS:** dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, puzzles, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, 5" x 8" tablets, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, water bottles, plastic cups, etc.

**CLOTHING/ACCESSORIES:** T-shirts, shorts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, etc.

**A PERSONAL NOTE:** We will enclose a personal note from the congregation of Trinity in each box.

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakables such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans, toothpaste.

**WHY?** To help spread the GOSPEL message of Jesus Christ throughout the world, one child at a time!

**HOW?** You can participate in Operation Christmas Child by donating items to pack in shoeboxes or by donating money to purchase essential items. Come to our packing parties in October and November and join in the fun! Please pray for the millions of children in more than 100 countries who will receive a shoebox gift this year. Pray for the children who enroll in [The Greatest Journey](#), the 12-lesson follow up discipleship program for shoebox recipients. Please pray that God will change the lives of children, their families, and communities through these simple shoebox gifts.

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### DROP IN CENTRE NEEDS

Our new ministry could use YOUR help! We have started a “Blessings Box” that contains items such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, socks, hats, gloves, etc. for folks who are in need of these personal products. If you would like to donate to the Box, please bring your items to the Gathering room or contact Linda Mundy Boone for more information.

Fruit, pastries and baked goods would also be great donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



### THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

On December 31, 2019, we completed our “Year of Mission.” In a few weeks, I will have a report to share with you that will list many of the ministries we served and some new ones that we started. Thank you to all who supported our ministries by providing food, donations, time and service. We cooked, baked, shopped for, packed and delivered countless blessings to people in our local community, in this country and across the world. I am humbled by your constant generosity and support of both large and small requests. I know it is inadequate to say, but I am **SINCERELY GRATEFUL** for each and every one of you.

-Linda Mundy Boone, Missions & Outreach Chairperson

### THE GATHERING

Each Wednesday at 6:15 pm, we gather together for food, faith and friendship. Our group is growing and so is our need for help with the meal preparation. If you could provide an entrée, side dish or dessert, please contact Wendy Albright. The Gathering is open to all so we would love to have you join us for some mid-week praise and worship!

### JANUARY FOOD PANTRY ITEM

#### SOUP

Please place your items on the white shelves in the HUB room. Donations go to the Faith Centre Food Bank.



### LOOKING AHEAD

January 27 -  
February 2 -

Community Lunch at Presbyterian Church  
Souper Bowl of Caring