



Operation Christmas Child 2017

Please help us reach our goal of 500 shoebox gifts for needy children around the world from Shady Grove United Methodist Church! Please take home and pack shoeboxes as a family and return your gift filled shoeboxes by **Sunday, November 12** for dedication at morning worship services.

Please also consider packing shoeboxes with your church family at our shoebox Packing Party on **Sunday, November 5** from 5:00 – 6:00 in the fellowship hall.

Shoebox gift ideas (new items only):

Wow items:

- Doll (consider including doll clothes or a small doll bed)
- Toy truck or boat
- Soccer ball + pump
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Backpack

Personal Care Items:

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container)
- Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed)
- Compact mirror
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant
- Washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads

School supplies:

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (do not include liquid glue)
- Small adhesive tape

Clothing Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Decorative hat
- Wrist watch
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Bead jewelry/bead kit
- Hair accessories (hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.)
- Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread)
- Bandana



Shoebox gift ideas (new items only) (continued):

Crafts and Activities

Puzzles
Binoculars
Compass
Chalkboard and chalk
Sewing kit, fabric (1-2 yards), and ribbon
Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger
Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool (Do not include gardening seeds.)
Playing cards
Skipping rope/Jump rope
Tool set with work gloves
Fishing kit
Brightly colored rope or twine
Magnets
Kaleidoscope
Marbles
Coloring books
Coloring pads
Watercolor set [Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper]
Playdough (Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.)
Stickers
Make-it-yourself Craft items or kit or finger puppets, hair bows
Building blocks

Toys

Foam ball
Kickball (include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated)
Finger puppets
Slink
Etch A Sketch
Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries)
Costume items to play dress-up, such as crowns and costume jewelry
Plastic toys and toy figures
Yo-yo
Small Frisbee
Small kite
Play cars/trucks/boats
Plastic tools
Hacky sack
Tennis ball
Plastic dinosaurs, animals, action figures (nothing war-related)

Personal Note

You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

From <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Like to Shop?

Please consider donating any of the above items for the Packing Party on November 5 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. At this church-wide mission event we'll be packing 300 shoeboxes and will need lots of goodies to fill up those boxes. Please go to tinyurl.com/sgumcocc2017 if you'd like to sign up to donate something specific or simply send in anything on the shoebox gift ideas list.

Most importantly, please pray for the children who will receive these gifts.

Questions? Contact Dottie Chilton 364-3563 or Dottie.Chilton@gmail.com. Look for more information on Shady Grove's website, www.shadygroveumc.net/occ.