

# 2023 United Methodist Christmas Shoe Box Project

**AGE:** Shoe boxes are designed for children ages 2 – 12. Please do not include clothing smaller than 3T or adult or junior sizes. Age range should not be greater than 2 years (example Girls age 4-6 or Boys age 6-8). Please be sure the boxes are age appropriate. Example: toys with small parts would not be appropriate for children under 4 due to a choking hazard. Please be sure the entire contents are appropriate for the stated age (clothing, flip flops, toys)

## **EACH BOX MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:**

Flip Flops	toothbrush, (keep in original packaging or place in a zip-lock bag) (NO toothpaste)
1-2 pair underwear (new)	large tooth comb, new
1-2 pair socks (new)	5 crayons, ( <b>Please ONLY 5 crayons</b> )
shorts and t-shirt (boys or girls) OR dress with shorts to wear underneath (gently used items are great!)	The Advent coloring book (provided by the project)
full sized bar of soap (in original package) and wash cloth	

## **You may include some of these items to fill the box:**

small mirror	small pad of paper, notebook	stuffed toy or small ball
ponytail holders, barrettes	play jewelry (ages 7+)	Hot wheels/Matchbox cars
4-6 pencils (ages 7+), a good pencil sharpener,	sewing kit (ages 8+)	jump rope (age 5+)
	fishing kit (ages 8+)	Nail grooming kit

## **Please DO NOT include the following items:**

liquids or creams	books or Bibles in English	swimwear
toy guns	dice, Dominos, or playing cards	food, candy, gum
toy soldiers, war toys or anything camo colored	long sleeve shirts or pants	Balloons

## **Helpful Ideas:**

Fill your boxes but do not overfill. Bulging boxes are difficult to pack. Someone will have to open your box and remove items. Be sure to mark the age and gender the box is intended for (BOTH SIDES OF THE BOX), List the contents on the Custom Manifest. Feel free to decorate your box but do not cover the Custom Manifest sticker. Each box must have \$6 to cover shipping. **Make checks payable to The Christmas Shoebox Project. DO NOT PUT MONEY OR CHECKS IN THE BOX.** I am asking that one person from your church serve as the quality control person and double check each box before sealing them with clear packing tape.

**ALL BOXES NEED TO BE AT THE PURCHASE DISTRICT OFFICE BY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Please call 270-527-8282 to set up a drop off appointment.**