

2023 United Methodist Christmas Shoebox Project

Christmas in June??? YES!!!



For several years the Purchase area has participated in a Christmas Shoe Box ministry that is sponsored by the [North Alabama Disaster Response Warehouse](#). United Methodist Churches throughout the southeastern United States have worked together to provide our United Methodist missionaries and local pastors with Christmas gifts and the Christmas story to children they minister to. Recently, over 13,000 boxes were distributed in 9 different countries: Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Ecuador, and Mexico.

The Christmas Shoe Box Project will run for 5 weeks, from June 1st through July 5. Boxes can be picked up and returned to the Purchase District Office.

Some of our churches are already involved with the [Samaritan's Purse Shoebox](#) project. It is not our goal to pull support away from other projects. The Christmas Story will be told across the world regardless of whose name is on the box. We wish you continued success in your ministry.

The exciting thing about this project is that it does not have to be a large group activity. Individuals can pick up a box, pack it, and bring it back to the church. Some churches gave a financial donation and a small group of people did the shopping and packing for the entire church. There are a variety of ways your church can participate even in these challenging times.

We are asking that persons packing the boxes include a check for \$6 to cover the shipping. Please make the check out to: Disaster Response Warehouse. **DO NOT PUT THE CHECK INSIDE THE BOX.**

Please [click here for instructions](#) on what to include in your box. We are asking for specific items to be placed in the boxes so that each child receives a similar box. This decreases the chance that the child will be targeted for bullying. **PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK YOUR BOXES BEFORE SEALING THEM TO BE SURE THE INSTRUCTIONS WERE FOLLOWED. COMPLETE THE CUSTOMS DECLARATION ON THE SIDE OF THE BOX.**

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