There are many nondenominational organizations that vie for our attention during this time of year. While their intentions may be good, East Ohio Missions seeks to develop relationships and partnerships that are healthy and seek justice for the recipients. Giving through the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) www.midwestmission.org is an opportunity within our UMC connection to give in healthy and appropriate ways. We are encouraging all East Ohio congregations to collect items for MMDC, then bring to the drop-off site closest to you the week of Nov. 29-Dec. 5. MMDC will be driving through the Conference later that week to pick up the items collected at each site. All items have been requested by the receiving mission sites. MMDC seeks to advocate and empower its mission partners!

MMDC is also one of our Conference Advances. If you would like to send a financial donation, you can give online and choose Fund 9944 or send a check with "9944 MMDC Christmas" in the memo. The sites will NOT be taking monetary donations. More details online at https://www.eocumc.com/donate/index.html

> Together, let's reconsider what God's generosity can look like during this Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas season!

LIST OF CHRISTMAS NEEDS (new items only)

- ♦ Jump ropes
- ♦ All types of sports balls (soccer, basketball, softball, baseball)
- ♦ Pump for the deflated balls
- ♦ Simple musical instruments like a recorder, harmonica, or percussion
- ♦ Board games (Jenga, Trouble, Candyland, Connect 4, and other simple games that don't require batteries)
- NO bikes at this time

Providing these educational toys and much needed items will give all of us hands on ways to be generous donors. Kids can experience the life lesson of providing games for others in need and communities can come together to create cleaning buckets and hygiene kits for hurricane and flood relief projects.

OTHER MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- ♦ 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- ♦ 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray)
- ♦ 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap (no spray)
- ♦ Toothpaste 2.5 oz. or larger

ANY OF THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST OF UMCOR RELIEF KITS

Midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/umcor for kit contents

- ♦ UMCOR cleaning kits
- ♦ UMCOR hygiene kits
- ♦ UMCOR school kits

OTHER ITEMS THAT THE MMDC COLLECTS AND DISTRIBUTES (gently used is ok)

- ♦ Folding walkers
- ♦ Wheelchairs
- ♦ Crutches
- ♦ Canes
- ♦ Orthopedic supplies
- ♦ Non-electric tools
- ♦ Treadle sewing machines (No electric machines at this time)
- ♦ NO bikes at this time



MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

midwestmission.org

General questions can be directed to Melanie at (330) 499-3972 Ext. 102 or mthomas@eocumc.com

MMDC COLLECTION SITES AROUND THE CONFERENCE

- PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WEAR AN APPROPRIATE FACE MASK
- Contact the site to **confirm** its drop-off times and instructions. The most up to date instructions can be found online at https://www.eocumc.com/missions/news.html.
- No monetary donations at the drop-off sites, please. You can donate to MMDC directly or donate through the conference using Fund 9944 MMDC. Details here https://www.eocumc.com/donate/index.html.

CANAL | Family of Faith

Family of Faith | 800 E. Market St., Akron, OH 44305 | (330) 376-2141 | famfaithakron@aol.com Drop-off: Nov. 30-Dec 2., 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Enter west parking lot and go to lower Fellowship Hall.

FIRELANDS | Trinity UMC Sandusky

214 E. Jefferson St., Sandusky, OH 44870 | (419) 625-8669 | <u>sue@trinitysandusky.org</u> Drop-off: Nov. 29-Dec. 4, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Call before coming or drop-off during those hours.

MAHONING VALLEY | Boardman UMC

6809 Market St., Youngstown, OH 44512 | (330) 758-4527 | office@boardmanmethodist.org
Drop-off: Nov. 29.-Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Enter from the main parking lot, take to Fellowship Hall up the stairs, and to the right (follow the signs posted).

MID-OHIO | Trinity UMC Mt. Gilead

75 East High St., Mt. Gilead, OH 43338 | (419) 947-6040 | <u>trinityumcmtgilead@gmail.com</u> Drop-off: Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

NORTH COAST | Strongsville UMC

13500 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 | (440) 238-6135 | FeliciaW@StrongsvilleUMC.org Drop-off: Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Bring to the pavilion on the north side of the property and call after you drop-off.

OHIO VALLEY | First UMC Carrollton

253 S. Lisbon St., Carrollton, OH 44615 | (330) 627-7671 | office@yellowbrickchurch.org Drop-off: Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Bring to enclosed vestibule by parking lot.

SOUTHERN HILLS | Old Washington UMC

120 Old National Rd., Washington, OH 43768 | (618) 267-5226 | revclaytoncoffey@gmail.com Drop-off: Nov. 29-Dec. 5, anytime during the day. Bring to the parsonage garage next to the church.

THREE RIVERS | Roscoe UMC

475 High St., Coshocton, OH 43812 | (740) 622-7780 | <u>pastorbobmitch@gmail.com</u> Drop-off: Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Use gym entrance at SW corner of the building.

TUSCARAWAS | Bolivar UMC

256 Poplar St./State RT 212, Bolivar, OH 44612 | (330) 874-2930 | office@bolivarumc.org
Drop-off: Dec. 1-3, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Donations can be left on covered front porch or contact to arrange another time.

WESTERN RESERVE | Mentor UMC

8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060 | (440) 255-3496 Ext.102 | <u>TSimons@mentorumc.org</u>
Drop-off: Nov 29-Dec 3, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.. Items may be left at the Preschool Entrance on the west side of the building. This will be a no-contact drop-off site. If you need assistance unloading, contact the church office.

If none of the drop-off times work for you, contact the site to see if other arrangements can be made. You can use whichever location is closest, you do NOT have to drop-off in your district.