

# 2026 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. The 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 suitable for the stated age (clothing, flip flops, toys). You may include gently used clothing (excluding underwear and socks which should be new).

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

1. Flip Flops
2. 1-2 pair underwear (new)
3. 1-2 pair socks (new)
4. shorts and t-shirt (boys or girls) **OR**
5. dress with shorts to wear underneath
6. Training bra for girls age 8-12
7. Washcloth (**NO SOAP**)
8. toothbrush, (in original packaging) **NO** toothpaste
9. large tooth comb, new
10. 5 crayons, (Please **ONLY** 5 crayons)
11. The Advent coloring book (provided by the project)

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

1. small mirror
2. ponytail holders, barrettes
3. 4 pencils (ages 7+),
4. a good pencil sharpener
5. small notebook
6. play jewelry (ages 7+)
7. sewing kit (ages 8+)
8. fishing kit (ages 8+)
9. stuffed toy or small ball
10. Matchbox cars
11. jump rope (age 5+)
12. Nail grooming kit

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

1. liquids or creams
2. toy guns, soldiers, or war toys
3. anything camo colored
4. books or Bibles in English
5. dice, Dominos, or playing cards
6. marbles
7. long sleeve shirts or pants
8. swimwear
9. food, candy, gum
10. Balloons or punching balls
11. Play dough
12. Make up, nail polish, chap stick

## **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

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. **CAREFULLY list all the contents and quantity on the Custom Manifest. THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. AN INCORRECT BOX CAN HOLD THE ENTIRE SHIPMENT IN CUSTOMS FOR MONTHS AND ACCUMULATE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN FEES.** Feel free to decorate your box but do not cover the Custom Manifest. Each box must have \$6 to cover shipping. **Make checks payable to The Disaster Relief Warehouse. DO NOT PUT MONEY OR CHECKS IN THE BOX.** Do not seal your box. I am asking that one person from your church serve as the quality control person and double-check each box and then **close with a rubber band.**

**ALL BOXES NEED TO BE AT FOREST HEIGHTS UMC IN JACKSON BY July 15<sup>th</sup>**

To arrange for your shoeboxes to be picked up, please contact:  
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