

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

August marked the kick off of Operation Christmas Child. You can help in many ways:
~You can donate items to fill the many shoe boxes we have collected.
~You can volunteer to go to either Duluth or Minneapolis (destination to be determined) to help organize and ship the collected shoe boxes from the Midwest.
~You can fill a shoe box with the following items and bring it to Church.

Below is all you need to know. This is a project for all ages.

1. SHOE BOX

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

2. BOY OR GIRL?

Label the box as to whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

3. FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the bottom of this page.

4. INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.

5. DROP OFF YOUR FULL SHOE BOX AT HAYWARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

GIFT IDEAS

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoo's, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.