



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE BELL

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At Church on Sundays:

- ♦ **8:30 am** Early Informal Service - Chapel in the Woods
- ♦ **9:30 am** Regular Service is available live on Facebook and YouTube. The Church's website has the links.
- ♦ Sunday School & Youth Group—see inside for details

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We interrupt this Pastor's Message space to give Pastor Danyal a break after a very busy Lenten season and an equally busy Easter holiday. He will return with a new message next month!

CHANGE THE WORLD

This year marks the tenth year that our church will be participating in Change the World. This is a program designed to get church folks out of their pews and into the community. It's really nothing new. Some call it putting your faith in action. Our congregation has been reaching out spreading God's love for **150** years now, and of course Christians have been involved for over 2,000 years.

Over the past 10 years we have visited shut-ins, built picnic tables for an area shelter, provided meals for the homeless, brightened up the lives of nursing home residents with flowers, done yardwork, made and delivered greeting cards to those who were hospitalized, donated food to area food pantries, worked in the former Goff Garden next to the church, and remembered the poverty-stricken families in Appalachia with shoeboxes full of basic necessities.

This May will be no exception. **We are excited to begin a new partnership with our latest Mission Field: Van Rensselaer Heights, a HUD-subsidized low-income senior housing facility located at 460 Forbes Avenue in Rensselaer.** On Change the World Sunday, May 21, following an abbreviated worship service, we will plan on meeting our newest brothers and sisters during a get-together from 10:30 am - 11:30 am at Van Rensselaer Heights. Car Pooling is available. Refreshments will be provided and our talented choir will lead a sing-along of some favorite hymns. Will you join us? We will return to church at Noon for a delicious luncheon provided by our Youth.

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A Reconciling Congregation

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Here is the schedule of all of our Change the World activities for the month of May. You are cordially invited to become involved in some or all!

May 6 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Community-Wide Garage Sale.....Church Garage
May 7 10:45 am - 11:30 am	Prayer Stations.....Church Classrooms
May 9 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon	Moonbee.....Fellowship Hall
Date, Time TBA	Potting Plants & Delivery..... TBA
May 21 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon	Food Drive.....Church Garage
May 21 10:00 am - 11:30 am	Card Making.....Fellowship Hall
May 21 10:00 am	Sunday School Delivery of Donations to Joseph's House Shelter
May 21 10:30 am - 11:30 am	Get Together at Van Rensselaer Heights, Rensselaer
May 21 12:00 Noon - 1:00 am	Luncheon for Volunteers.....Fellowship Hall

We will once again participate in the Red Bird Shoebox Project all month long. Shoeboxes will be available May 1. We will also have "Share the Love" May calendars available for those who are interested in sharing God's love with others. Copies are also included with this issue of The Church BELL. Contact the church with questions or for more information at 518-894-2496 or visit our website at fumceg.org.

"Kindness, combined with God's love, can change us and change the world."

Red Bird Mission Shoebox Project

Help to make a difference in someone's life. One of several **Change the World** projects during the month of May is to participate in the Red Bird Mission Shoebox Project. Over the last two years, we have donated over 100 shoeboxes!



Fill a shoebox with personal hygiene items for needy adults and children living in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky. As an alternative to filling a shoebox, you may be interested in donating an item from the list such as a small flashlight or a bar of soap. These loose items may be placed in a bin in the church foyer. Shoeboxes are available now at the church office/TSL entryway to the church or feel free to use your own plastic or cardboard shoebox. Lists of needed items are included in this issue

of The Bell and are also available at church. Please indicate on the top of the box if this is for an adult male, adult female, male or female child ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Please seal the box and return it to church by **May 31**. We will see that the boxes are delivered. Thank you for helping us **Change the World!**



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You're Invited to a Moonbee!!



In conjunction with our tenth annual **Change the World event**, our church is proud to host our first MoonBee in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 9 from 10:00 am until Noon. Moonbees are hosted in cities across the country, led by founder Ellie Wellsheim. These sewing bees bring together diverse groups of volunteers who make MoonCatcher Kits for distribution either locally or to girls around the globe.

Since 2011 The MoonCatcher Project has been making reusable, washable menstrual management kits - "[MoonCatcher Kits](http://www.mooncatcher.org)" - for distribution to girls around the world. They provide the information and supplies needed to manage menstruation with dignity and confidence, increasing the girls' chances of staying in school. Our "Made by Hand With Love" ministry will be taking the lead in this valuable project. Everyone is invited to participate. No experience is required and materials will be provided. Visit their website for more information www.mooncatcher.org or see Aleta Schweigert. We hope to see you there!



STORYTELLING NIGHT—PAST

Many folks enjoyed April's Storytelling Event with East Greenbush Town Historian Bobbie Reno. She spoke about the life and history of Edmonia Lewis, born in Greenbush, NY. Edmonia, of Native American and African American descent, moved to England and there became a world famous sculptor, with works in the Smithsonian and elsewhere. She was truly a woman of much talent and perseverance.

Ms. Reno through her hard work has had a USPS stamp created with Edmonia Lewis on it and helped find and restore the grave where Ms. Lewis is buried. Lastly, she also had Oberlin College grant Ms. Lewis her college degree as she was wrongly dismissed during her lifetime.

Very inspiring stories of both Edmonia's life and Bobbie's mission to have the world know Edmonia Lewis. Thanks to all who came to this event and again to Bobbie Reno for taking the time to share the story with us.



Bobbie Reno, Historian
George Herrick, holding picture of
Edmonia

STORYTELLING NIGHT—FUTURE



Join us for another Storytelling Event with our own Robert Thomsen, Director of our Church Choir, on Wednesday, **May 3** at 7:00 pm. He will share the rich history of music in our congregation, music that has lifted our spirits for 150 years. We will have light refreshments and a free will offering to benefit our youth who will be attending YOUTH 2023 in Daytona Beach, Florida, from **July 25-28, 2023!**

SOME NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP FOR MAY

This month of May we will celebrate Aldersgate Day. That day is an anniversary observed by Methodist Christians on **May 24**. It recalls the day in 1738 when Church of England priest John Wesley attended a [Moravian] group meeting in Aldersgate, London. . .

But first, let us go back to 1735 and hear what The Methodist Church in the United Kingdom has to say about an early meeting of John Wesley and members of the Moravian community.

[The brothers] John and Charles Wesley set out for America in 1735, enthused at the idea of preaching the Gospel to Native American people.



During the voyage the ship was struck by a terrifying storm. John was afraid. He prayed with the English passengers. . . Shortly afterwards he was at another service with a group of German Moravians when a huge wave engulfed the ship and water poured down into the cabins. . . While the English passengers screamed in terror, the Moravians continued singing - men, women and children seemingly untroubled.

Later he asked one of the Moravians if they hadn't been afraid. He replied that not even the women and children had been afraid. . . John knew that they had something he didn't, an absolute trust in God. . . John was deeply impressed. . .

Now 1738. The story may best be told by a Wesley journal entry for May 24, 1738.

In the evening I went very unwillingly to a [Moravian] society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

It was this experience that changed his life and ultimately lead to the development of the Methodist movement in Britain, Ireland, and America. . .

Here is more on the individual Sundays and other dates in the month:

With warmer days, our 8:30 am early service, weather permitting, has moved back out doors to the Chapel-in-the-Woods.

May 4 National Day of Prayer

May 5 May Friendship Day

May 7 *5th Sunday of Easter* - Holy Communion will be part of both Sunday services.
Pastor Danyal's theme: Not a human being but a human doer!

May 14 *6th Sunday of Easter* – Mother's Day, Festival of the Christian Home
Pastor Danyal's theme: "Who is my mother?" Jesus asked.

May 21 *7th Sunday of Easter* – Ascension Sunday, Heritage Sunday
Change the World Sunday. There will be no 8:30 am service. The shortened 9:30 service will be led by the Change The World team.

May 24 Aldersgate Day

May 28 *Pentecost Sunday* Look now to **be sure** you have **something RED to wear** to church this Sunday.
Pastor Danyal's theme: The history of the Spirit from Genesis to Acts; a journey from the Old Testament to the New Testament.

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May 29 Memorial Day

Pastor Danyal will be preaching each Sunday in May except for **May 21**, Change the World Sunday. Our 9:30 am Sunday worship service is live streamed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FUMCEG and on YouTube.

Here is the lectionary for May:

May 7 Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 14 Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 21 Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

May 28 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23; John 7:37-39

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hello Sunday School families. It's hard to believe summer is right around the corner! I hope everyone had a joyous and healthy Easter.

Sunday, May 7 we will have our annual Mother's Day store, free to all Sunday School students.



Sunday, May 14 we will be learning about 1 Peter 3:8-20.

Sunday, May 21 is Change the World Sunday. Sunday School students will be delivering coffee and baby items to the homeless shelter. This project will be led by Amanda and assisted by Pastor Danyal or Ellie.

Sunday, May 28 we will have a special Pentecost lesson.

The last day of Sunday School for the school year is Sunday, **June 4**.

Sunday, June 11 students will be Confirmed during the 9:30 service, followed by the garden party for all to attend.

Vacation Bible School starts on **Wednesday, July 12** from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. It will run for five weeks, until Wednesday, **August 9**. The theme is "God's Creation". We will be having dinner, enjoying music, and learning about Genesis through crafting and science. Please see me or email me to sign up your student or teen. Also, if you are an adult who is willing to volunteer, please reach out to me!

Blessings, *Amanda Trainor*

EGChristianEdFUMC@gmail.com

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

UMW - UWF. This title sounds like a wrestling team. What we wrestle with is women's issues. Our next meeting is **May 1** at 7:00 pm, wrestling with where the UWF goes from here. Our calendar of events are: **June 3** bake sale, **July 28** at 12:00 noon A TEA at Lorraine Beals' house. Yes, we are still busy, but we are down to one big fundraiser a year: Brooks Barbecue in October. Please attend this meeting. A big thank you to the five who cleaned the kitchen on April 15. It really needed it and the mice are not happy with us.



LADIES SAVE THIS DATE **JULY 29** for a Bridal Shower for Ellie, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. If you want to help with the setup, decorating and food prep on that day, come to the hall around 10:00 am or contact Patty Chartrand at pjdc560@gmail.com

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Can you believe it's May already. We only have a few more Sundays until Summer Break. In the Summer Youth Group will not meet but I encourage all youth to come and either participate or volunteer in VBS which is on Wednesday nights from **July 12 - August 9**.



May 7 We will be having prayer stations with the Junior High Youth Group, snacks and other fun things until 12:30 pm

May 7 The YOUTH 2023 Group will be holding a Can Drive from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm to collect bottles/cans for their trip. How many cars can we fill?

May 21 We will be having Change The World Sunday. The youth are welcome to help make lunches for the volunteers. We will be prepping lunch from 10:30 am -12:00 noon. Lunch will be served from 12:00 noon -1:00 pm. Change The World Sunday is a time for us to find one thing to do to change the world, we might not change the world fully but we will change one person's world. Please see the CHANGE THE WORLD news article for other activities.

June 3 FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL!! We will be looking for Youth to help with the Food Truck Festival. Set up will start at 9:00 am (Food Trucks will start serving at 11:30 am). We will need set up of tables and chairs under the pines. We will also need help during the day with a children's table. The food truck festival will end at 3:30 pm. We will also need help to clean up the tables and chairs. (We should also put out a bin for cans and bottles for the return).

June 11 Will be our last youth group meeting for this school year. We will have a junior and senior high meeting. We will have a tie dye walking taco party. Celebrating a great year with lots of memories. We will meet until 1:00 pm. Please bring an item to tie dye. We will also have a wacky scavenger hunt.

Thank you for a great year. I can't wait until September for another youth group year. We welcome youth from 5th grade to 12th grade, even if they are not part of our church. Our doors are open to all youth. Bring a friend!

If you have any questions, please email Amber at Youthleaderamber@gmail.com.

Blessings,

Amber Telford

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO TWO SPECIAL EVENTS

#1 Community-Wide Garage Sale for a one-stop shop. There will be over 15 garage sellers in our Parking Lot on **May 6** from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. We will have household items, toys, baby items, and more. Please spread the word around.

Save the Date!



#2 It's back! **The Food Truck Festival! June 3** from 11:30 am -3:30 pm. We will have Livin' the Dream, Heisenburgers, Nick's Light House, and more! There will be EG Police, Fire Truck, Corn Hole Game, face paint and music. The United Women in Faith will also have a bake sale. Invite everyone you know! This is open to everyone. Would you like to volunteer for this event, we will definitely need help, please see Amber or email her at youthleaderamber@gmail.com.

GOD'S RENEWED CREATION



In Genesis 1:28 God charged mankind with stewardship for creation. Tradition for United Methodists includes John Wesley's Three Simple Rules for living faithfully: **First**, do no harm; **Second**, do all the good you can; and **Third**, stay in love with God. Facing climate change and the call of the Three Simple Rules, the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church wrote the 2009 Pastoral Letter, God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action, [an excerpt from the Bishops' letter follows].

"...let us live and act in hope. As people in the tradition of John Wesley, we understand reconciliation and renewal to be part of the process of salvation that is already underway. We are not hemmed-in to a fallen world. Rather we are part of a divine unfolding process to which we must contribute. As we faithfully respond to God's grace and call to action, the Holy Spirit guides us in this renewal. With a resurrection spirit, we look forward to the renewal of the whole creation and commit ourselves to that vision. We pray that God will accept and use our lives and resources that we rededicate to a ministry of peace, justice, and hope to overcome poverty and disease, environmental degradation, and the proliferation of weapons and violence."

Source: <https://umcreationjustice.org/>.

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My faith demands -- this is not optional -- my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference. - President Jimmy Carter

MADE BY HAND UPDATE



Made by Hand With Love Group - **May 9** we will meet 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for a Moon-bee. We will be putting together fabric kits for menstrual products for girls around the world. Please join us to hear about this project. No skill required! During May we will be finishing afghans and shawls for delivery in June. The next dates are **May 9, 23, June 6, 20**.

NOTES FROM CINDY MCLAUGHLIN

Director of the CHIMEttes and EmbELLishments

I would like to give a giant thank you to the staff, congregation, CHIMEttes and EmbELLishments for all your encouragement, love and support this past year. I appreciate your patience with me as I have tried to fill amazing shoes. Every kind word, each minute of help and every smile you have given me has made this year so much easier!



Would you like to join in the fun of playing a chime or a handbell? Please consider becoming a member of our handbell choir or our student/adult chime choir. You **DO NOT** need to read music to play. We will show you how. Substitutes are needed regularly, if you can't commit to each week.

The EmbELLishments (our handbell choir), meet every Tuesday night 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm from September to May. Our CHIMEttes meet on Thursday nights at 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm from late October through May. Please email me, Cindy McLaughlin, at cincdyann@nycap.rr.com with any questions you may have. **THANK YOU!**

BIG NEWS!!

Zarina Nawaz Khan - Passed her Citizenship Test !!



JOSEPH'S HOUSE LUNCHES



We are starting our 30th month of providing sandwiches to the Joseph's House Outreach Van. Thank you to the volunteers who support this ministry. We are covered through April but need volunteers for the Mondays in May and June. If you can sign up to prepare and deliver 17 sandwiches to the shelter for distribution, along with vegetables or potato chips and a dessert, please contact Kevin Conley (email: e.kevin.conley@gmail.com; phone: 518-253-4907). Assistance with delivering lunches to the Joseph's House Outreach Van office at 242 Broadway in Menands is available, if needed, and you can be reimbursed for purchased food.

ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

May is designated Asian Pacific Heritage Month. Asian Pacific Islanders are not from one country, or even from one continent. The people we honor during this month are from the continent of Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Polynesia. This category includes people from China, India, Hawaii, and several places in between. During this month we remember the Japanese immigrants who were instrumental in finishing the transcontinental railroad. We remember the presence and contributions made in how we cultivate land, in developing technologies, and the influences in cooking and art.



As we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in our congregations, we are reminded that the image of God is revealed in all of us. This is why during this month we might experience worship in new ways and even sometimes in different languages. When we love one another with the love of God there is room for all to worship with our unique voices. When we worship with all of our unique voices, we are better able to reflect God's image.

A SPECIAL RECONCILING MINISTRY PROGRAM

First United Methodist Church of Schenectady
Is celebrating
Our

27TH ANNIVERSARY as a
Reconciling Congregation

Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th, 2023
with



Bishop Karen P. Oliveto,
Mountain Sky Conference
The first openly LGBTQAI Bishop in the UMC



Mark A. Miller
Lecturer in Sacred Music at Yale
Professor of Church Music, Director of Chapel, and
Composer in Residence at Drew University
Minister of Music of Christ Church (UCC & Am Baptist) in Summit, New Jersey.

Saturday, May 6th

10am—12 noon Carl Lecture Speaker: Bishop Karen Oliveto
We live in an age of intense political, social, and religious division. Where is hope to be found? How can we, in the midst of brokenness, dream a better world? Where can we draw strength for the journey as we create Beloved Community? Bishop Karen Oliveto will explore the importance of imagination and play as we rediscover hope and joy.

12noon—2pm Lunch
We are delighted to offer you lunch, for free! All we ask of you is that you register so we can be sure to have enough for all.
You can register directly at <https://forms.gle/CSrMSbVh8Z7MMeLQ6>. If you are unable to do that, you can contact our church office at fumcschenectady@yahoo.com or 518.374.4403. **Please sign up by April 28th!**

2pm—4pm Concert/Sing-along Mark Miller

Sunday, May 7th

10am Worship Bishop Karen Oliveto, preacher and Mark Miller, musician

 Website: [fumcschenectady.org](https://www.facebook.com/fumcschenectady); Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fumcschenectady>



□ In getting ready for summer vacations, a quick way to find a United Methodist church for worship on a Sunday when you are traveling is by going to <https://www.umc.org/en/find-a-church>. “Find-A-Church is an online directory of thousands of United Methodist congregations.” While you are off visiting, how about bringing back a picture of you and the church pastor, and more, that we can share with the other members of our church family?

□ Our church is located **next to a public school**, hence there are lower speed limits on the roads. Please remember to respect all posted speed limits in the area.

□ Upper New York Conference of The United Methodist Church, after three years of meeting virtually. Due to the COVID pandemic, we are looking forward to **gathering in-person** for the 2023 Annual Conference at Onondaga Community College’s SRC Area in Syracuse on June 1-3, 2023.



□ **Thinking about summer camp this summer?** Copies of the brochure for this summer’s Skye Farm summer camp program are on the table in the church foyer. Do remember our United Women in Faith group has some funds available for scholarships for the camping program. See Patty Chartrand for more information.

□ The **Coffee House** that had been scheduled for May 19 has been canceled. Watch for our new schedule for the fall.

□ The 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee is asking for volunteers to be part of the **Memorial Day parade on May 27 in East Greenbush and the parade on May 29 in Castleton**. We are looking for at least 4 adults and 4 young adults/children to participate. Some volunteers will ride on the float in 1870 costumes, and some will walk the route in present day clothing. We will need a commitment as soon as possible to secure appropriate costuming. Contact Aleta Schweigert aleta.schweigert@gmail.com or call 518-477-9120.



□ **Some unfortunate news from Cornerstone**, The Protestant Campus Ministry at SUNY Albany. Recently appointed Campus Minister, Rev. Dr. Becca Ehrlich has resigned the position. The retiring Campus Minister, Sandy Damoff, is still in Albany and she will be working with the Ministry Board to oversee the remaining Cornerstone activities this Spring semester.



CAN'T WAIT FOR THE CONVOCATION TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK, GO TO [HTTPS://RMNETWORK.ORG/](https://rmnetwork.org/) AND YOU CAN GET THE WHOLE STORY

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY SEEKS OUR SUPPORT



The Kairos Prison Ministry at Cossackie Correctional Facility has invited our support for Kairos Weekend #31, **June 8 to 11**, at this maximum-security facility. For those who do not know what a Kairos weekend is all about, please take a look at the short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkyGRSZ4sXM>. The whole thing is less than eight minutes long and is well worth the time. The picture to the left is a clip from the video.

Now that you have a better idea of the importance of Kairos, how about becoming part of the support team for

Weekend #31. We have been invited to be part of the Cossackie Correctional Prayer Vigil. It is something you can do right from your own home. For all the details and to sign-up, go to <https://bit.ly/KairosPrayerVigil>. Please check out the link before you say no.

If you have any questions about the Kairos Ministry, please ask George Herrick for an answer. He has been part of the Kairos Ministry at Cossackie since 1999.



WE HAVE A JOB FOR YOU

You may or may not be a professional, but that's not what is important. A willingness to take on a challenge.



That is. The church needs willing hands for buildings and grounds, for programs in the church and for efforts beyond our local church. Age is not what determines who can serve. Take a look at the two accompanying pictures. Susie Calyer weeding the island garden. One of the youngest of our church family helping set the mood for morning worship. They could use some help. Might it be you?

Speak to Pastor Danyal or other leaders in the church to see what job is just waiting for you to step up.



GOT A GRADUATE IN THE FAMILY?



Graduation time is fast approaching. We want to publish the names and information for both our high school and college graduates in the Summer issue of The Church BELL.

You can help by sending the name(s), schools, programs and other future plans of graduates to the editor at editor@fumceg.org by mid-June. We also need a small picture of the graduate.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Pictured left to right— Pastor Danyal, Daniel Morton-Bentley, Kaitlin Morton-Bentley, Beth Buckner, Blake Buckner, Laura Cesta, Judy Galvin, Imran Liaqat, Aleta Schweigert (in background), Martha Moffitt, Priscilla McCaughin, Shagutfa Liaqat, Masih Liaqat, Dena Thompson, Regina Wheeler

After inquiring into the faith of the candidates, Pastor Danyal turned to the congregation and said, “Members of the family of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.”

Please welcome these, our newest members, and support them in their spiritual journey.

Share the Love Challenge

Change the World

Put a person's name in each box. Send each person a personal reminder of how much he or she is loved and valued.

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SHARE THE
Love
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CHANGE THE WORLD

Red Bird Shoeboxes

RED BIRD MISSION – Adult Shoebox

**Mark box for:
Man or Woman**

Note: All items should be FULL size and in their original containers, as purchased. To help Items fit in the box, purchase flat bottles of shampoo, hand lotion, etc. & small round cans of shaving cream.

Comb and/or hairbrush
Shampoo
Hand lotion
Deodorant
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Chap stick
Full size bar of soap
Washcloth
Disposable razors
Shaving cream
Nail care items
Socks
Work gloves or mittens
Winter stocking hat or scarf

The mission is also accepting “gently used” and clean clothing items for men and women. All items must be sent in cardboard boxes. Plastic bags are not accepted. Thank you for your generosity!

Box should be returned by May 31

RED BIRD MISSION – Child’s Shoebox

**Mark box for:
Boy or Girl, Ages 2-4 or 5-9 or 10-14**

Note: All items should be FULL size and in their original containers, as purchased. To help Items fit in the box, purchase flat bottles of shampoo, hand lotion, etc.

Comb and/or hairbrush
Shampoo
Hand lotion
Child’s toothbrush and toothpaste
Chap stick
Full size bar of soap
Washcloth
Socks
Mittens
Winter hat
Small flashlight
2 or 3 small toys
2 or 3 school items
Christian bookmarks, wristbands, and other spiritual items are also appreciated

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