

SHOEBOX SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

You are invited to help the less fortunate living in and around Ridgefield by providing a Christmas Shoebox filled with age-appropriate gifts to those in need.

As we did last year, we are working with Ridgefield Social Services and ARC (Associations of Religious Communities) to distribute our Christmas Shoeboxes locally. We need boxes for **children** AND for **older adults**.

Imagine the joy people will feel when they receive special gifts from you!

Deadline: *There will be two shoebox deadlines this year. As always, we will plan to have a majority of the shoeboxes completed by Sunday, November 24th so that the boxes may be carried up to the altar and blessed on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The second and final deadline will be Sunday, December 8th.*

A few guidelines: All items must be new (not used). Either purchase a pre-decorated shoebox from Michael's or Christmas Tree Shop or wrap the top and bottom of a shoebox separately (see samples on the table in the Narthex). Fill the shoebox full of approved items (unlike previous years, your box will not be sent to a distribution center to be checked and finished, so please be sure it is complete when you bring it to church). Please don't include weapons, items of war or easily breakable items such as glass. Gift receipts may be included so that an exchange for size or color may be made. Gift cards may also be included. You no longer need to include payment for shipping!

Labels: Please use the labels on the back of these instructions.

Suggested items for Children: Small toys, school supplies, balls, games, cards, candy, art supplies, books, stuffed animal/doll, mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, hair bands, Christmas ornaments, bows, personal care items, socks, shirts etc. Pinterest online has many creative ideas as well.

Suggested items for Older Adults: Chapstick, slippers, fancy tissues, mints, flashlight/batteries, socks, gloves, hats, scarves, puzzle books, hard candy, pens/pencils, greeting cards, stamps, notecards, hand cream, personal care items, nail care set, Christmas ornaments, games

Plan on bringing your shoebox to church on Sunday, November 24th (9:00 or 10:30 service) so that it may be presented at the altar and then distributed from there. Thanks! Please contact either Debbie Ahle dbahle@aol.com or Jennifer Mayette Jennifer.Winston88@gmail.com with questions.

SEE BACK FOR LABELS

SHOEBOX LABELS

Cut out as many labels as you need and affix the appropriate label to the shoebox. Check the correct box (man or woman, girl or boy in the correct age group)



	Woman
	Man

	Woman
	Man

	Woman
	Man

	Woman
	Man

	Boy 2-4 years old
	Boy 5-8 years old
	Boy 9-14 years old

	Boy 2-4 years old
	Boy 5-8 years old
	Boy 9-14 years old

	Girl 2-4 years old
	Girl 5-8 years old
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