



December Ministry Project Golden Oaks Store

We will invite you to gather good used items or new items for the annual Christmas Store at Golden Oaks. We provide gifts for children to give to their parents, grandparents, siblings, or friends. Each child is able to select a gift for someone special in their life. If we have enough items, they are allowed to select a second item. This is the only way most of the children can get gifts for their family members or friends. We also provide gift wrap and tape so they can wrap these gifts at the store. We can also use help at the school the day of the store. If there are questions, please call the church office at 816-453-0975.

Shoe Box Update

Englewood packed thirty-one shoe boxes. The boxes were sent to children in Mauritius, Dem. Republic of Congo, Abkhazia, Niger, Macedonia, Malawi, Honduras, and Dominican Republic. Thank you for your generous support. Here are a few amazing facts about Operation Christmas Child, which began in 1993:

- It is the world's largest Christmas project.
- This year Operation Christ Child will hand deliver some 8 million shoe box gifts to hurting kids worldwide.
- Lined up end-to-end 789 million shoe boxes collected since 1993 would stretch from Honolulu to Hong Kong.
- Wrapping 8 million boxes would require an estimated 470,588 rolls of wrapping paper.
- There are more than half a million Operation Christmas Child volunteers worldwide.
- If the 798 million children who have received shoe boxes since 1993, stood hand-in-hand they would form a line stretching 47,033 miles and would reach around the world more than one and a half times.

Recycling

Thank you for recycling. In November, we recycled 3.01 tons and received \$30.10 for our ministries and saved 9.39 cubic yards of landfill space. Please recycle your paper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, etc.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat was a great success. We had twelve cars decorated – three from Englewood and nine for the Northridge Neighborhood Association. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated candy.

Baptist Home – Chillicothe

The following items were donated and delivered to the Baptist Home in October: 4 boxes of Kleenex, 3 pieces of fabric, 30 wash cloths, 3 toothpaste, 2 Poligrip, 3 denture cleanser, 2 cans of hair spray, 3 bars of soap, 5 spray cans of deodorant, 2 puzzle books, 64 sympathy cards, and 100 Christmas cards.

Collection for Homeless

We are collecting hats, gloves, scarves, and coats for the homeless.

Food Pantry

In November we provided food to 17 households which helped a total of 68 people (30 adults and 38 children).

The Stories of Christmas

December 13 – *Mary's Story*

December 20 – *The Stories of Simeon and Anna*

December 24 – *Christmas Eve Service*

December 27 – *Special Guest Preacher –
Soomie Kim*

Children Celebrate Christmas

The children and youth will sing during worship. All of the children are invited to stay after church to help make Santa Sacks. We start with a lunch sack and decorate it for Christmas and then stuff it with candy and small toys. The sacks are then made available for families who visit the food pantry.

