

**CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES for 2021 offered at Covenant Presbyterian Church**

Last Updated: Nov 14, 2021, --- **TWELVE** Opportunities ---- Download from here: <https://covenantpcusa.org/advent-2021>

	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Drop Off-Deadline</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>
1	Layette Supplies	Covenant Presbyterian Women (CPW) partners with our local Church Women United (CWU) chapter who routes the Layette sets to families through the Columbus Health Dept. To participate, bring any of these items to the Christmas Coffee: <i>disposable diapers for babies 8 lbs and larger; wipes; bottles; bibs; burping cloths; receiving blankets; onesies; socks; sleepers; baby wash; shampoo; towels; washcloths.</i> Or, write a check to CPW or CWU with Layettes written on the memo line.	Marked bin in Covenant's Donation Center <sup>1</sup> or bring to the Christmas Coffee hosted by CPW on <u>Wed., Dec. 1, at 9:30am</u> in the lounge.	Sandy St. Martin <a href="mailto:carkin9th@yahoo.org">carkin9th@yahoo.org</a> 614-279-3689  Checks may also be sent to or dropped off at the church in an envelope marked, Attn: CPW.
2	Support for Holiday Wish	At the Christmas Coffee, CPW also collects donations for FCCS' Holiday Wish program which provides gifts to kids in foster care in our area. Checks can be written to CPW or FCCS (for Franklin County Children's Services) with Holiday Wish written on the memo line.		
3	Cap City Helping Hands' Holiday Shop	CCHH (formerly Westside Urban Ministry) partners with West High School on their Holiday Shop, where students cash in their "Cowboy Bucks" (earned for service, attendance) in exchange for an ability to Shop for gifts for their family and friends. CCHH is a ministry of our Presbytery. To help, donate gifts worth approximately \$10 to help stock the Holiday Shop. Gift suggestions include: <i>earbuds, chargers, candles, Bath and Body products, OSU stuff, slime, Fidgets, throws, and mugs.</i>	Marked bin in Covenant's Donation Center <sup>1</sup> by <u>Sun., Dec 5</u>	Susan Imel <a href="mailto:susanime1@gmail.com">susanime1@gmail.com</a> 614-813-7875
4	Adopt-a-Family from CATCH Ct	To participate, sign up online here: <a href="https://bit.ly/FreedomAAF2021">https://bit.ly/FreedomAAF2021</a> through the Freedom a la Cart organization, who supports survivors of human trafficking. Note that the different tabs in the online tool offer alternative ways to help with gift items or with serving your time.	Drop Off times and Deadlines are explained through the online tool.	Barbara Marshall <a href="mailto:bamarshall@aol.com">bamarshall@aol.com</a> 614-204-5665
5	White Socks for Homeless Men	Staff at the Open Shelter are creating care packages for the homeless men they serve for Christmas Time. Help us meet our goal of providing 150 pairs of men's white socks (various sizes).	Marked bin in Covenant's Donation Center <sup>1</sup> by <u>Wed., Dec. 8</u>	Betsy Sebastian <a href="mailto:grammyseb@gmail.com">grammyseb@gmail.com</a> 219-208-5602

<sup>1</sup> **Covenant's Donation Center** is in the coat closet nearest the sanctuary. If the marked bin for your donation is overflowing, please place your donation on the floor of the nearby coat closet and inform the contact person of the ministry of the situation.

6	Cause Cookies	With each \$25 donated to Freedom a la Cart's Cause Cookie campaign, you'll receive a beautifully packaged box of fresh, from-scratch holiday cookies. Each box contains a dozen assortment of chocolate crinkles, pistachio white chocolate cookies, raspberry rugelach, and a traditional Gingersnap holiday favorite. Each donation provides workforce training and wraparound supportive services for survivors of sex trafficking. Order on-line at <a href="https://freedomalacart.org/cause-cookies/">https://freedomalacart.org/cause-cookies/</a>	To pick up your order at Covenant on <u>Sat., Dec. 11, 11:00-12:30pm</u> , select Covenant under the "Pick-Up Date" tab.	Barbara Marshall <a href="mailto:bamarshall@aol.com">bamarshall@aol.com</a> 614-204-5665
7	Christmas Joy Offering	The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Learn more at the Minute for Mission on 12/12 or here: <a href="https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/">https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/</a>	Offering on <u>Sun. Dec. 12</u>	Beth Askue <a href="mailto:easkue@gmail.com">easkue@gmail.com</a> 614-284-1767
8	Covenant Deacons Adopt-a-Family	Covenant will receive six families. Buy gifts on a family wish list. One gift per person. Gifts given to families at Broad Street Presbyterian Church through a drive through event. Volunteers may also assist in the drive through event. Volunteers who adopt a family will wrap and put name cards on the gifts. Volunteers may bring the gifts to the 12/18 event at Broad Street Pres. at 9:30. Alternatively, deliver the gifts to Steve St. Martin's or Jim Buchanan's homes or have the gifts collected by Steve or Jim by Wed. 12/15. Contact Jim Buchanan to receive a family description and wish list.	Drop off to or pick up by Jim or Steve by <u>Wed. Dec. 15</u> , or bring to event at Broad Street Pres. on <u>Sat. Dec. 18 at 9:30am</u> (event to start at 10am).	Jim Buchanan <a href="mailto:jim.buchanan@juno.com">jim.buchanan@juno.com</a> 614-558-1845  Steve St. Martin <a href="mailto:skstmartin@hotmail.com">skstmartin@hotmail.com</a> 614-279-3689
9	Christmas Luncheon for Survivors	Help CATCH Court and Freedom ala Cart host a festive Christmas Luncheon in Covenant's Fellowship Hall for brave survivors of human trafficking. Multiple opportunities to help including setup, cleanup, cooking, serving, providing desserts, etc. Contact Barbara for more details and to volunteer.	Cook: <u>Wed., Dec. 15, 4pm</u> . Party: <u>Thurs., Dec. 16, 12-2:30pm</u>	Barbara Marshall <a href="mailto:bamarshall@aol.com">bamarshall@aol.com</a> 614-204-5665
10	Gift Boxes for Kids from MWA	The Mid-Ohio Workers Association (a group including people who are unemployed, underemployed, or underpaid) creates gift boxes for the children within their member families. To help, donate gifts (worth between about \$10 and \$35) appropriate for kids from newborn up to 17 years Or, help sort the donated gifts into boxes for each family in our Fellowship Hall with other MWA volunteers. Or, help host the Christmas Party in the Covenant parking lot when the Gift Boxes will be given to the MWA families. Sign up online at <a href="https://bit.ly/MWAGiftBoxesCPC">https://bit.ly/MWAGiftBoxesCPC</a> , after the church service at a table in the lobby, or by contacting Cathy.	Marked bin in Covenant's Donation Center <sup>1</sup> by Thurs., <u>Dec. 16, 5pm</u> . Toy Sort, same day, <u>5-8pm</u> . Party <u>Sat., Dec. 18, noon</u> setup, <u>2pm</u> party, <u>~4pm</u> cleanup.	Cathy Levy <a href="mailto:cathy.levy@gmail.com">cathy.levy@gmail.com</a> 614-506-8139

11	Christmas Party at HM3 (Hoges' Music, Message, Meal)	Hoge Presbyterian Church's Saturday night HM3 program includes a Christmas Party on Sat. Dec. 18. Help stock a Gift Table where participants (kids through the elderly) from the Franklinton area can pick out gifts for themselves or loved ones. Requesting various sizes of sweatshirts, long underwear, socks, and gloves/mittens paired with a hat and/or scarf. Any gifts not distributed will help stock Hoge's Personal Care Ministry.	Marked bin in Covenant's Donation Center <sup>1</sup> by <u>Fri., Dec., 17, 8pm</u>	Mona Connolly <a href="mailto:mrc2208@sbcglobal.net">mrc2208@sbcglobal.net</a> 614-888-4413
12	Deacons' Christmas Eve Offering	This is one of two offerings that support all the ministries of our Board of Deacons to help our congregation and community, sharing God's love. Learn more at the Minute for Mission on 12/19 how your offering supports these ministries or contact Terry.	Offering on Christmas Eve, <u>Fri. Dec. 24</u>	Terry Kennedy Mancini <a href="mailto:tmancini322@gmail.com">tmancini322@gmail.com</a> 614-481-8627