

CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES for 2022 offered at Covenant Presbyterian Church

Last Updated: November 12, 2022 --- **ELEVEN** Opportunities ----

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	Ministry	Details	Drop Off-Deadline	Contact Person
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 CWU with Layettes written on the memo line.	Marked bin in Covenant's Donation Center ¹ or bring to the Christmas Coffee hosted by CPW on <u>Wed., Dec. 7, at 9:30am</u> in the lounge.	Sandy St. Martin carkin9th@yahoo.org 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 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, OSU stuff, slime, Fidgets, throws, and mugs.</i>	Marked bin in Covenant's Donation Center ¹ by <u>Sun., Dec 4</u>	Susan Imel susanimel1@gmail.com 614-813-7875
4	Freedom a la Cart Holiday Donations	At Christmastime, Freedom a la Cart supports survivors of human trafficking in special ways, and we at Covenant are partnering on these efforts: a. Throwing Christmas party (see #8, below for how to help Covenant host) where survivors also receive... b. a bag of gifts. To support the project, Covenant is collecting <i>\$10 fast food gift cards</i> . Our goal is to collect 150. Members of Covenant's Anti-Human Trafficking Team will welcome your donations each Sunday morning before and after worship through December 4. <i>(Freedom a la Cart exists to "empower survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation to lead new lives of freedom and self-sufficiency.")</i>	b. Table in lobby before and after Sunday worship, weekly, through <u>Sun., Dec 4</u>	Barbara Marshall bamarshall@aol.com 614-204-5665

¹ **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.

5	Water Bottle for those served by the Open Shelter	Staff at the Open Shelter are creating Christmastime care packages for the people they serve. Help us meet our goal of providing 150 <i>stainless steel water bottles including loops</i> so people can attach to them with a carabiner clip to their backpacks or belt loops. Check out this website for an example of a sturdy water bottle that could work: https://a.co/d/86WV8ku (recommendations welcome; we haven't tried this one yet!) <i>The Open Shelter is an Advocacy Center & Day Services Shelter for homeless and marginally-housed people in Central Ohio.</i>	Marked bin in Covenant's Donation Center ¹ by <u>Wed., Dec. 8</u>	Cathy Levy cathy.levy@gmail.com 614-506-8139
6	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 12/4 or here: https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/	Offering on <u>Sun., Dec. 11</u>	Beth Askue easkue@gmail.com 614-284-1767
7	Deacons Adopt-a-Family	We will receive names and information on family's wishes from Broad Street Presbyterian Church through their neighborhood outreach programs. Stay tuned for more details and for how to get matched with family needs.	Drop off to or pick up by John Harder by <u>mid Dec. (date TBD)</u>	John Harder djharder2@gmail.com 614-906-0890
8	Christmas Luncheon for Survivors	Help CATCH Court and Freedom a la Cart host a festive Christmas Luncheon in Covenant's Fellowship Hall for brave survivors of human trafficking. Multiple opportunities to help including <i>setup, cleanup, cooking, serving, providing desserts, etc.</i> Contact Barbara for more details and to volunteer.	Cook: <u>Wed., Dec. 14, 4pm.</u> Party: <u>Thu., Dec. 15, 12-2:30pm</u>	Barbara Marshall bamarshall@aol.com 614-204-5665
9	Gift Boxes for Kids and Food Boxes for Families 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 <i>gifts (worth between about \$10 and \$35) appropriate for kids from newborn up to 17 years.</i> Or, <i>help sort</i> the donated gifts into boxes for each family in our Fellowship Hall with other MWA volunteers. Or, <i>help host</i> the Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall when the Gift Boxes will be given to the MWA families. Or, <i>help sort</i> food for food boxes in Covenant's Kitchen closer to Christmas, or <i>help deliver</i> them straight to members' homes. Sign up after the worship at a table in the hallway, or by contacting Karen.	Marked bin in Covenant's Donation Center ¹ by <u>Thurs., Dec. 15, 5pm.</u> <u>Toy Sort, same day, 5-8pm.</u> Party <u>Sat., Dec. 17, noon</u> setup, <u>2pm</u> party, <u>~4pm</u> cleanup. Food sort, <u>Fri. Dec. 23, 9am</u> , Food deliveries, <u>1pm.</u>	Karen Hjelm khjelm43@gmail.com 614-893-6577

10	Christmas Party at HM3 (Hoges' Music, Message, Meal)	Hoge Presbyterian Church's Saturday night HM3 program includes a Christmas Party on Sat. Dec. 17. Help stock a Gift Table where participants (kids through the elderly) from the Franklinton area can pick out gifts for themselves or loved ones. <i>Requesting Earthbreeze (or similar plastic-free) laundry detergent, books for kids, various sizes of sweatshirts, sweaters, long underwear, socks, and gloves/mittens paired with a hat and/or scarf.</i> Any gifts not distributed will help stock Hoge's Personal Care Ministry.	Marked bin in Covenant's Donation Center ¹ by <u>Fri., Dec., 16, 8pm</u>	Mona Connolly mrc7016@gmail.com 614-888-4413
11	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 (date TBD) how your offering supports these ministries or contact Bonnie.	Offering on Christmas Eve, <u>Sat. Dec. 24</u>	Bonnie James speedreader@columbus.r.com 614-481-8627

