

Making a Difference This Holiday Season

There are so many ways in which you can make a difference in the lives of babies, children, teens, and adults both locally and abroad this holiday season. A special thank you goes to our wonderful volunteers and ministry leaders at Christ Church, along with our community partners who support those in need. Please take a moment and see how you can help this holiday season.



The Outreach Committee is asking parishioners to donate diapers during the month of November to the **Diaper Bank of the Ozarks**. You may bring diapers of any size to church and leave them in the gathering area by the sign. The average monthly cost for disposable diapers is between \$80 and \$100 and there are no federal or state programs that assist with diaper purchases. You can make a difference in the life of a local family and baby by donating diapers this November.

Crosslines is collecting gifts for the **Toy Store** and starting earlier this year. They are seeking gifts for the 14 to 18 year age range in particular. You may, of course, bring any age toy, but the 14 to 18 year age group needs the most help. You will find the donation box in the gathering area, along with flyers with gift recommendations. Please **DO NOT** wrap your toy or gift item. Leave the price tag on as that helps volunteers with sorting; they will be removed later. Donations of gift wrap and bows are also needed so parents can wrap the items. Monetary donations may also be made. Please make your check to Christ Church with "Toy Store" in the memo line. The toy drive will end on Sunday, December 12.



Ambassadors for Children's (AFC) purpose is to restore dignity to all local youth in foster care. AFC is an outreach service of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks and is supported by the Christ Church Outreach Committee. Over 1,000 children are in foster care in the Ozarks. Thanks to AFC, kids in foster care never have to worry if Santa will find them at their new home. AFC coordinates the collection and delivery of Christmas gifts for all children and youth in Greene County foster care.

If you would like to support AFC, please make a check to Christ Church with "AFC Christmas" on the memo line **by December 7**. If you would like to help or have questions please contact the church office at 866-5133 or email frontoffice@christepiscopalchurch.com.

Christ Church will support **Bissett Elementary** this holiday season by providing a new book for each child. A Christmas Book Tree with book ornaments will soon be available in the gathering area. Each ornament will have a donation amount that will go towards book purchases. You may purchase as many as you would like. Checks can be made to Christ Church with "Bissett Books" on the memo line. In December, Christ Church will be the primary supporter of the Bissett Cents of Pride store. For more information, Cent of Pride donations, or other questions please contact the church office at 866-5133 or email frontoffice@christepiscopalchurch.com.



Please continue with your donations to **Safe to Sleep, Crosslines, and Rare Breed**, especially during the holiday season. Safe to Sleep donations can be placed in the boxes past the church offices. Donations for Rare Breed can be labeled and placed in the kitchen for pickup (visit bit.ly/3hkSaSX for donation needs). Donations for Crosslines can be taken directly to Crosslines at 615 N. Glenstone Ave, or placed in the basket located in the back of the nave (near the baptism font). If you have any questions about donations or what to donate, please contact the church office at 866-5133.

It has been a difficult year for the people of Haiti. Between COVID-19, the assassination of President Jovenel Moise, to the August 14 earthquake that killed thousands and injured thousands more, the Haitian people could use your help more than ever.

Please visit our friends over at **Light From Light** (lightfromlight.me) and see how you can help. We encourage you to read their stories and see how your support can make a lasting impression on the life of a child and family.



Emma's Homeless Helper Project is a non-profit formed by Emma when she was eight years old. At age 10, Emma has continued her work to help the homeless community in our area, and recently visited us at our Thanksgiving Community Dinner where she distributed blankets and hygiene kits to our guests. If you would like to help support Emma and her wonderful project, please contact the church office at 866-5133 and be sure to visit and like Emma's Facebook Page (search Emma's Homeless Helper Project).