



## St. Paul's Christmas Adopt-A-Family "Virtual Giving Tree" is ready for you!

St. Paul's continues to BE the Church through each one of you as we serve in Mission. We have adopted 20 Families for Christmas 2020! Our mission and ministry style has been adapted during the Covid-19 pandemic to more safely share God's love this Christmas season.

### You can safely choose your Virtual Gift Tags from the "Virtual Giving Tree"

Virtual Gift tags will identify the Family number, and the family member by gender, age, and gift desired. Each child will receive One gift of 'Need' (a clothing item), and One gift of 'Joy' (based on the child's wishes or interests).

- You can choose a gift from the Virtual Tree by following this link <https://forms.gle/pwbewXn4Aygsmtor8> to see the list of gifts needed. You can select as many gifts as you wish to give. You can then shop for the item(s) or let us know you want a "St. Paul's Shopper" to shop for you (see below).
- You can go to St. Paul's UMC website and find a link for the Virtual Tree on the "Serve" page. [www.umcstpauls.com](http://www.umcstpauls.com)

*Before you hit "submit" at the end of the Virtual Tree list, please make note of each gift you're giving: the family number, the person's gender and age, and the gift description. Once you have selected "submit", the item(s) you have chosen should disappear from the list. If you note that a gift you have chosen does not disappear after you submit your choices, please call the St. Paul's Office (208) 522-9076. If Kristina isn't there, please leave her a detailed message.*

- If you don't wish to select gifts on a computer, call St. Paul's Office during office hours (Monday through Thursday, 9am-1pm) and Kristina can help you "shop" over the phone.

### I don't want to select gifts, but I do want to contribute

If you would prefer to make a cash donation to assist with Christmas Adopt-a-Family, please contact Connie (208) 589-9646 OR send a check made out to St. Paul's UMC with "Christmas Adopt-a-Family" in the note line. You can choose to donate any amount to St. Paul's Christmas Families to help where needed. We will use these funds to purchase gifts or to purchase a WINCO grocery store gift card for each family.

### There are many ways you can personally shop for gifts!

- You can shop online at many local businesses. Just order and purchase the items you want and pick them up in person. Many businesses are able to deliver your purchase to your car when you arrive.
- You can shop online and have the gifts delivered to your home. If you choose this option, be sure to check the delivery date. Gifts MUST BE HERE before December 5.
- You can shop in person. Remember to wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands often. Practice smiling at fellow shoppers with your eyes .....

Please choose your gifts as soon as possible. **On Sunday, November 29, this list will be removed from the internet.** Any gifts not chosen will be assigned to our St. Paul's Shoppers to purchase using donated funds.



**Bring Your Adopted Family Gifts to St. Paul's  
"Drive-In Drop Off" Day is Saturday, December 5,  
between 9 am and noon in St. Paul's parking**

**lot. Bring your gifts!!!!** We will meet you (masked and gloved) to take your gifts from your car. **If you cannot drop off gifts at that time,** please call Connie at 208-589-9646 **BEFORE** December 5. Connie will be happy to make an arrangement to pick up your gifts, meet you at another time, or you can drop off gifts at her home at a more convenient time.

**Place each unwrapped gift in one individual bag** (like a shopping bag or grocery bag). Each bag will contain only the 'Want' or 'Need' gift. (For example: if a shirt and pants are requested for one 'Need', place both items in the same bag as one gift.) You may place the gift in a gift box before putting it in the bag if you wish. Remove the price tags. If you want to include a gift receipt, please enclose that in the appropriate bag. Close the bag with tape or a twist tie so the bag will remain closed in transport. **On the outside of the bag tape a note describing the person to receive the gift** Example: Family #15, Boy or Girl, age 11. All the gifts can then be placed in one large bag or box to deliver to the church.

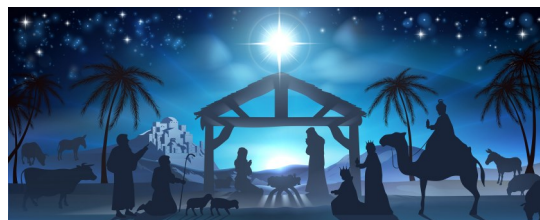
**At the church,** volunteer Christmas elves will identify each gift with the name of the recipient. They will pack each family's gifts together. Wrapping paper, tape and gift tags will be included so that parents will have the joy of wrapping gifts for their children. A gift card to WINCO will be provided and families can shop for their holiday foods. Our gifts and Christmas blessings will be tied up with a bow, ready for families to pick up the following week. Deliveries will be available to any family who is not able to come and pick up their gifts.

Thank you for your ministry and for blessing families in our community this Christmas. This has been a challenging year for everyone. Together we are the Church, sharing God's love in new and unique ways this Christmas.

May God's peace, love and joy be present in our hearts as we celebrate Jesus!

St. Paul's Christmas Family Ministry Team  
Helen, Jerry and Connie

**For questions, contact: Connie 208-589-9646**



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