

# Outreach News

## The spirit of Christmas is coming!

Please consider participating in one of the many outreach opportunities provided throughout the month of November:

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### Operation Christmas Child

**Shoeboxes will be collected Nov 12-18.** Please include a label and the \$9 shipping fee. Or go to [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org), make a donation for the cost of shipping a box, then print off a special label. You will later receive an email stating where your shoebox went.



**Items to include:** stuffed animal, sport item such as a small frisbee or deflated soccer ball with manual pump, clothing items including flipflops or slippers, fun toys/activities such as puzzles, coloring books, colored pencils with manual sharpener, school supplies including solar calculators, hygiene items such as cased toothbrush, soap with soap dish, and washcloth.

**Items to avoid:** all food items, including candy, toothpaste, lotion, breakables, and war related items.

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### Angel Tree

It is time to shop for Angel Tree gifts! Please take an ornament from the tree in the narthex and purchase the gift listed. Be sure to leave gifts



unwrapped and attach the ornament to the gift. Help make sure that children in foster care have a wonderful Christmas!

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers throughout this holiday season. Our Angel Tree children are those in the foster care system of Butts County Department of Family and Children Services. St. Joseph's is the Episcopal Church for both Henry and Butts counties. Once again, we will be supporting these children and the families housing them, by helping to provide a Merry Christmas through gifts of clothes, toys, books, and food.

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### **Additional Outreach Opportunities**

**Donate holiday gift wrap** (preferably for children) to go to Connecting Henry's Toy Shop! Families in need have the opportunity to shop for presents for their kids through this charitable service and we have the opportunity to help provide the gift wrap!

**Warm & Toasty blanket drive!** A grass-roots helping-agency that distributes blankets to our homeless population.

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