



Ministry Minute

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is an outreach mission intended to connect children and their families to Jesus Christ. This is done by filling shoeboxes with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies and shipping them to children in their own communities around the world. These simple gifts are shipped to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease. Boxes are even provided to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

The Aledo United Methodist Church has been involved in this mission since 2008. During this time, our congregation has provided 2098 boxes. This year, the mission begins October 4th and ends November 1st.

Instructions on “how to pack a shoebox” can be found at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operationchristmas-child/>. Postage and handling fees are still \$9 per box. The OCC boxes will be available in the Fellowship Café the last week in September. Please join us in spreading the joy of Christmas and God’s love this season!