



# Christmas Sharing

**December 4-8, 2018**

## **What is Christmas Sharing?**

A consortium of area churches collaborates in December to share the Christmas spirit with local needy families. Piles of clothing, household goods, shoes and toys are assembled at each church to distribute to the families who have been invited to participate. Along with these items, each child receives a new toy, and each family receives a large box of food. This is a community-wide event and many donations are needed to make this program happen.

## **Did you Know?**

Over 40 years ago, Gary United Methodist Church members began this program for seven needy families. With the addition of other churches and the input of Wheaton Warrenville School District 200 and the township offices, the entire program now serves over 1,000 families. Through this program, First Presbyterian will invite over 200 families to “shop” at our church. Volunteers sort the donations, prepare food boxes and assist during the distribution. Our mission is to provide a Christian connection to these needy families while we help clothe and feed them.

## **We Need Your Help!**

Please help by volunteering your time. Fill out the form on the reverse side and return it to the Church Office. You can also email Tanya or Sharon (see below.)

You can also help by donating items such as new and gently used toys, clothing, coats, shoes, boots and small household items. Most needed items are toys, children’s clothes and coats of all sizes. Please do not donate any TV’s or electronics. We could also use help with purchasing Target/Walmart gift cards of \$10- \$15 for our older teen guests. Or you can fill a box with food. Boxes will be available between church services or in the church office. We will provide you with a box and a shopping list. Donations may be brought to the church between Tuesday, December 4th and Thursday, December 6th.

Donations of money are also accepted. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian of Wheaton, noted “Christmas Sharing.” These checks may be dropped off at the Church Office or mailed to First Presbyterian Church, 715 N Carlton Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187.

If you have questions, please contact the Church Office at (630) 668-5147 or Tanya Downing at [downing4ga@yahoo.com](mailto:downing4ga@yahoo.com) or Sharon Carroll at [smc803@live.com](mailto:smc803@live.com).

## Volunteer Sign Ups

Check the item(s) you are interested in volunteering to do. Please return the form to the church office or email to Tanya at [downing4ga@yahoo.com](mailto:downing4ga@yahoo.com) or Sharon at [smc803@live.com](mailto:smc803@live.com).

### Sort Clothes, Organize Items, Fill Food Boxes, Set Up Tables/Racks

Tuesday, December 4

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 to 4:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Thursday, December 6

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 to 4:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 5

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Friday, December 7

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

### Greet and Assist Guests, Carry Food Boxes & Clothes Bags, Provide "Taxi Service" for Guests

Friday, December 7

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 to 9:30 pm Taxi \_\_\_\_\_ Carry boxes/bags \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, December 8

\_\_\_\_\_ 9 am to 12 pm Taxi \_\_\_\_\_ Carry boxes/bags \_\_\_\_\_

### \_\_\_\_\_ Bake Cookies for Guests

(Bring to the First Pres Ministry Center Friday, December 7 by 4:00 pm )

### Clean Up (Pack Leftover Clothes, Put Away Tables/Racks)

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, December 8: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

I can't volunteer, but enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (tax deductible, made payable to First Presbyterian of Wheaton and noted *Christmas Sharing*).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_