 **Samaritan’s Purse ~ Operation Christmas Child**

**2018 Shoebox Collection Week November 12 – 19**

Samaritan’s Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan’s Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God’s love through His son, Jesus Christ.

**Operation Christmas Child** is a ministry of Samaritan’s Purse that provides shoeboxes filled with presents for needy children around the world. In addition to the joy of receiving gifts, each child has an opportunity to learn about God and to personally make a decision to become a follower of Jesus Christ.

You can help build God’s Kingdom by packing a shoe box yourself, by a donation of $9.00 (or any amount) to cover the shipping cost of a shoe box, or by helping out here at the church during collection week, November 12– 19.

This year we are excited to announce that First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah is once again an official Drop-Off Location for **Operation Christmas Child**. We are delighted to partner with Samaritan’s Purse in bringing joy to thousands of children around the world who are often forgotten or neglected. The goal for Lake and Mendocino Counties this year is 3,000 shoe boxes.

As children receive gift-filled shoeboxes they hear the Gospel. You can have a role in reaching millions of children with God’s love by supporting this project of Samaritan’s Purse.

Please join us by dropping off your filled shoeboxes during **National Collection Week: Nov. 12-19**

•  [Learn more about Operation Christmas Child](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)
•  [Learn how to pack a shoe box](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/)
•  [Print a tracking label and follow your box](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/)

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