



Endwell United Methodist Church

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The Mission team at Endwell United Methodist Church is again coordinating the collection and delivery of shoeboxes for the Red Bird Mission, located in Beverly, Kentucky. The Red Bird Missionary Conference is one of three United Methodist missionary conferences in the United States. It is the most comprehensive mission effort of the United Methodist Church, providing outreach and services that minister to the whole person (spiritual, physical, social, and economic).

In December of 2021, four volunteers drove two 26-foot trucks to the mission in Kentucky. They transported over 2700 shoeboxes, over 120 sheet sets and bedspreads, as well as numerous books, school supplies, and cleaning supplies.

The need is even greater this year. The mission center was spared from the flooding that hit Kentucky this summer, but they gave many needed supplies to surrounding communities to help in the recovery effort, which depleted their supplies.

Our goal for 2022 is to transport at least 3,500 shoeboxes and other supplies to the Red Bird Mission the last week of November.

There are two different styles of shoeboxes-adult and children. Items needed for the adult shoeboxes include: a comb or brush, shampoo, hand lotion, deodorant, a toothbrush and toothpaste, chapstick, a full size bar of soap, a washcloth, disposable razors, shaving cream, nail care supplies, socks, a pair of work gloves or mittens, and a winter hat or scarf.

Items needed for children's shoeboxes include: two or three small toys, two or three items needed for school, a comb or brush, shampoo, hand lotion, a child's toothbrush and toothpaste, chap stick, a bar of soap, a washcloth, a small flashlight, socks, a pair of mittens, and a winter hat.

Christian bookmarks, wristbands, and other spiritual items are also appreciated.

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The Red Bird Mission would like the items put in clear plastic shoebox- sized storage containers with locking lids. If you are unable to purchase plastic boxes, cardboard boxes will work. Please **do not wrap** the boxes.

The mission also needs **new** pillows, **new** sheet sets and **new** blankets for full and twin beds, and **new** bath towels. Used sheets, blankets, and towels **cannot** be sent.

Books, school supplies, and new backpacks are also in need, as well as cleaning supplies.

Donations of money can be made payable to the Endwell United Methodist Church to help cover the cost of the truck rental, fuel, and lodging and meals for the volunteers who will deliver the shoeboxes and other donations to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky the last week of November. All funds will be deposited into a dedicated account for this mission. A suggested donation is \$1.50 per shoebox. Please **do not put money inside the shoeboxes**. Place the money in an envelope and attach it to the shoebox.

We are in the process of compiling a list of drop-off sites if you are unable to bring items to either the Upper New York Conference Center in Liverpool, NY or to the Endwell United Methodist Church in Endwell, NY. This list will be sent out within the month

Please consider being a part of this vital mission. You can learn more about the mission by going to EndwellUMC.org and clicking on Missions. If you have questions please contact Dave Alexander at [607-743-8955](tel:607-743-8955) or Endwell United Methodist Church at [607-754-5735](tel:607-754-5735).

Blessings,

Dave Alexander, Coordinator