



## SUCCESSFUL SHOE BOX PACKING PARTY

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The joy of packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child has been part of Orwell Union Church for many years. This year on November 17<sup>th</sup> a dozen helpers gathered together to pack boxes. Items are gathered all year around and the donations were beyond all expectations. The goal this year was to pack 150 boxes.

A new tradition began with a meal to follow. The fellowship was such a blessing and a tradition we hope to continue. If you've never donated before or packed a box, we'll be glad to welcome you as a helper. We will post a list of items that are needed for next years packing party.



Shoe Box Assembly Line



Sharing a Meal After A Satisfying Job

Following a blessing given by Pastor Dave the packing began. We had some helpers who packed since the mission began. We were only three boxes short of our goal with the total being 147 boxes. After the packing the boxes needed to be loaded in cars to be delivered to the drop off point.

The suggested donation to help with shipping and distribution of the shoe boxes is \$10 each. Our Noisy Can fund along with a generous gift we had the \$1,470 to include with the boxes. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way.



The Crew Ready to Load 147 Boxes in the Cars



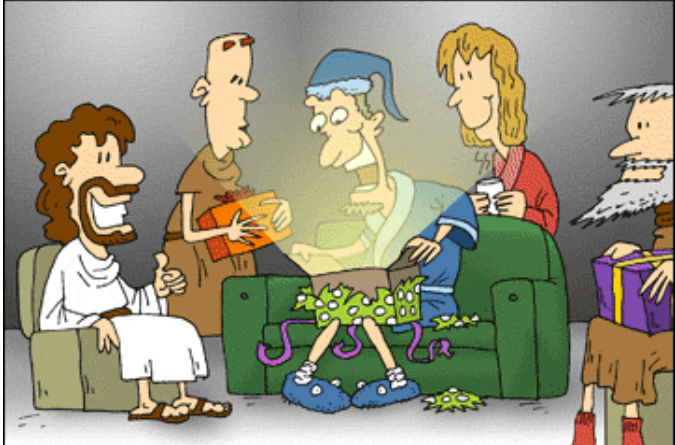


Was that you second or third helping  
Pastor Dave?

As Christmas Day is on Sunday this year, we decided to not hold services on Christmas Day. While this is one of the most important days of the Christian year, it is also very important for families to be together.

It is our hope that the important story that we share during the Christmas Eve Service gives your family an opportunity to ponder the miracles of the season.

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