



## "Share the Gift of Presence"

**ADVENT BRUNCH on Saturday, December 2, 10am-12pm** – A festive event for all ages to prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons. There will be food, crafts, music and the Bedtime Bag project. **Please R.S.V.P.** to [office@westportumc.org](mailto:office@westportumc.org) if you plan to attend.

We're making **BEDTIME BAGS** for Bridgeport Rescue Mission – *a few options to give!*

- 1) **Make your own bag** filled with the following items: NEW stuffed animal, children's toothbrush and toothpaste, washcloth, a bar of mild soap, an age appropriate book and a small fleece blanket. Put the items in a Christmas gift bag and label each bag with a post-it note on the outside of the bag indicating gender and age: i.e., preschool/elementary. \* **Drop off your completed bags and blankets at church by Sunday, Dec. 3.**
- 2) **Purchase Bedtime Bag items** – Please let us know what items you will buy by signing up on our Signup Genius list. **Open with this QR code** ➡  
\* *If you are not attending the Advent Brunch, please drop off items before Dec. 2*
- 3) **Come to the Advent Brunch on December 2 and help assemble bags with donated items.** *Don't forget to bring Bedtime Bag items you've purchased!*
- 4) **Donate money for the church to go shopping.** Put a check or cash in the offering. Make checks payable to UMC Westport/Weston and put "Bedtime Bags" in the memo, OR go online to [WestportUMC.org/giving](http://WestportUMC.org/giving). Select "Missions Event – Bedtime Bags" from the drop-down menu.
- 5) **Share a flier with neighbors who are looking for a way to give in this season.**  
This is a fun activity for kids and families!
- 6) **Warm King and Queen Size Blankets are also being collected for adults.**



Questions? Contact Karol Brumit ([kbrumit@optonline.net](mailto:kbrumit@optonline.net)) or Susan Bridges Gilder ([susanleighb1@hotmail.com](mailto:susanleighb1@hotmail.com))



### ANNUAL TOY DRIVE FOR PERSON TO PERSON

Once again we'll be collecting toys for the Person to Person **December Holiday Toy Store!** Scores of volunteers will turn the **Person to Person** offices into a "toy store" for families in need across Fairfield County. Parents will be invited to browse the store and select holiday gifts for their children.

Here are the some of the gifts requested. *Items for Older Children are especially needed.*

**Young Children:** Trucks & Cars, Lego sets, Baby dolls, Building sets, Skateboards & Scooters, Action Figures

**Older Teen Children:** Basketballs, Soccer Balls, Sports Jerseys, Blow Dryers, Makeup sets, Drones, Speakers, Books & Board Games, Perfume & Cologne sets

You may purchase a toy or other gift from over 200 items on the P2P Amazon Wishlist. **Open with this QR code** ➡

\* **Drop off toys by Sunday, December 10.**



**YOUTH EDUCATION** – FOR ALL AGES FIVE AND OLDER on November 26; and December 10.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE IS ON A SUNDAY!**

There will be two services – 10am with an Impromptu Pageant and 5:30pm with Carols and Candlelight. All ages are welcome at both services.

