



SHARE CHRISTMAS 2016: A First Congregational Church (UCC) of Burlington Tradition

"Then they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the Child and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts." Matt. 2:9-11

You are invited to provide gifts and/or groceries for children and families in need through SHARE CHRISTMAS. Please invite your neighbors, friends, co-workers, teams and/or social service groups to join in!

Options for participation include:

- **CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Since 1988, Share Christmas sponsors have provided gifts for hundreds of children and disabled adults from local low-income families. In addition to those helped through the church, we partner with Burlington's Howard Center which provides services for households with family members with developmental disabilities and/or emotional and behavioral problems. The Howard Center programs include prevention, assessment, treatment, support and educational services. **And/or**
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER BOX:** Christmas dinner grocery donations collected through SHARE CHRISTMAS will be given to families living in poverty including those helped through church, JUMP & the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf. **And/or**
- **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:** *Share Christmas* financial **donations are welcome and needed throughout November and December.** We work to stretch donations often getting great deals on food and fun practical gifts for children and adults served by our local partners programs. For example, \$50 will buy new warm socks for 100 children or help stop a utility shut-off; \$60 will help us purchase needed food or gifts for local families in need; \$75 will provide new school supplies for 50 children. Any amount will be put to great use! A list of the 2015 Share Christmas grants will be posted at Church.

To participate in SHARE CHRISTMAS, please fill in the sign-up form below and bring or mail to:

Share Christmas, First Congregational Church, 38 S. Winooski Ave, Burlington, VT 05401

You can scan and email your completed Share Christmas form to: Lsamara@firstchurchburlington.org

If you are providing food or gifts, please reply by a.s.a.p. in November. Instructions will be mailed to you.

We ask that all Share Christmas food and gifts be delivered to

First Congregational Church on

Saturday, December 10 between 10:00 a.m. and noon

OR Sunday, December 11 between the 8 and 10 a.m. services. *Thank you!*



SHARE CHRISTMAS 2016: Sign-Up Form

Questions? Please call Dtr. Of Outreach Ministries Lucy Samara at First Church, 862-5010, or email her at Lsamara@firstchurchburlington.org.

If you are providing food or gifts, please reply as soon as possible during November.



IMPORTANT: Please print the following information clearly – thank you.

Name (or Group): _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

I wish to support SHARE CHRISTMAS by providing:

A. **CHRISTMAS DINNER BOX:** Purchase frozen turkey and Christmas dinner groceries for a local family.

Directions and a specific list will be sent to you promptly. Please check family size preference:

____ Family of 2-3 people (approx. \$50) ____ Family of 4-5 people (approx. \$60) ____ Family of 6 or more (approx. \$70)

B. **GIFT:** Approx. \$60/\$75 per child or disabled adult; instructions for children/adults will be sent to you.

_____ Gifts for 1 _____ Gifts for 2 _____ Gifts for 3 _____ Gifts for 4 _____ Gifts for 5

C. **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION** - I would like to support SHARE CHRISTMAS with a donation.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

**Please make check payable to: *First Congregational Church*, Memo: SHARE CHRISTMAS
*Financial Donations to SHARE CHRISTMAS are needed throughout November and December.***

Thank you!