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## What's happening in December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Mission Rejoice 5-7 pm
3	4 Food Pick-up for All Registered Families 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	5 Food Pick-up for All Registered Families 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	6 Food Pick-up for All Registered Families 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	7 Food Pick-up for All Registered Families 8:00am-2:30pm	8 Food Pick-up for All Registered Families 8:00am-2:30pm	9 Mission Rejoice 5-7 pm
10	11 Christmas Kids Pick-up for All Registered Families 8am – 2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	12 Christmas Kids Pick-up for All Registered Families 8am – 2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm Senior Food Boxes	13 Christmas Kids Pick-up for All Registered Families 8am – 2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	14 Christmas Kids Pick-up for All Registered Families 8am – 2:30pm	15	16 Candlelight Mission Rejoice Service 5-7 pm
17	18 Santa Recycle Shop Pick-up for All Registered Families 8am – 2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	19 Santa Recycle Shop Pick-up for All Registered Families 8am – 2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	20 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm Offices Close at 12pm	21 Urban Mission OFFICES CLOSED For Christmas	22 Urban Mission OFFICES CLOSED For Christmas	23 Urban Mission OFFICES CLOSED For Christmas
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## Gifts come in all different sizes!

Greetings from... my home! Just in case you haven't heard yet, my family and I welcomed our third child into the world a few weeks ago and we couldn't be happier!

Spencer John Steele was born on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 1:36am in the morning (just before Daylight Savings time took effect!) He was born a hefty 10 pounds 6 ounces and was 22 inches long. We are happy to report he won the record for the biggest baby born at the hospital that week.

Bringing home Spencer to our two other boys, Theo & Elliot, has been a true joy. We feel extremely blessed and grateful for the gift of another lively boy in the Steele household!

Like Spencer, gifts come in all different shapes and sizes, don't they? Some big, some little... but they are all gifts.

Throughout this month the Urban Mission is doing our best to collect gifts – both toys and financial gifts – to ensure our families have a special Christmas.

No matter the size of the gift, we are grateful that you and others come alongside our staff and volunteers to make sure there are enough special gifts around the tree for the children we serve.

Throughout this newsletter you will see various giving opportunities for the month. No matter the size of your gift, we are thankful for your support.

God bless you as we enter the special Advent and Christmas season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Rev. Ashley Steele*

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### \*Christmas Kids\* UPDATE

At the time of this printing, we still need toys for

**290**

children, ages 0 – 12.

As you're doing your Christmas shopping, can you help us in picking up a few extra items for our "Christmas Kids?"

This year, you can shop online by using our Amazon.com Wish List.



Please visit our website for more details [www.urbanmission.org](http://www.urbanmission.org).

Or call contact Cynthia at 740.314.8274

Or email: [clytle@urbanmission.org](mailto:clytle@urbanmission.org)

Thank you for your help!

## Thank you!!

The Urban Mission is run by a volunteer Board of Directors. We'd like to thank our 2017 Board for their kingdom-minded work this past year.

Chair, Mr. Joe McGurn  
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If you've sensed a call to serve on the Urban Mission Board of Directors, we are recruiting now.

Please call Rev. Ashley Steele or email: [asteele@urbanmission.org](mailto:asteele@urbanmission.org) to learn more about this great service opportunity!

## Christmas Giving & Volunteer Opportunities Still Available!

As you're preparing for your Christmas celebrations, would you be able to help us in the following ways?

- Pick up a few extra toys for our Christmas Kids Shop before December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017.
  - Shop for toiletries, food, candy & gift cards for our teen boys & girls
  - Clean out your child's toy box and donate gently used toys, games and puzzles for our Santa's Recycle Shop
  - Donate 2018 calendars for the Hutton House
- All donations can be dropped off at 423 North Street, Steubenville.

*Calling all Elves! We need help on December 15th as we transition from Christmas Kids to Santa Recycle Distribution.*

Call us at 740.314.8274 to reserve your spot. Ask for Cynthia!

## \*Worship Opportunities\*

We invite you as our guest to the annual Mission Rejoice Candlelight Christmas Service held on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm.

And... it's never too early to sign up to serve as a Mission Rejoice Host Church for 2018. Please call 740.282.8010 to schedule a date.

## A review of the year 2017...

2017 was a year of "Growing Possibilities" for the Urban Mission. Not only was this our theme for the year but God provided a number of opportunities to expand His reach in our community through your support. Here's a quick summary of all the GOOD you've done this year!

January	As a new year began, the Urban Mission welcomed two new staff members to the team; Ms. Kelly Jeffers as our Director of New Initiatives and Ms. Vanessa Slappy as our Office Manager.
February	The Urban Mission was the special guest at the First Choice America Financial Credit Union annual meeting where it received a special Community Service award and donation.
March	Throughout the month of March and during Lent, the Urban Mission invited the community to participate in a series of Community Prayer Stations in downtown Steubenville.
April	April was busy as it included another successful Minority Health Month sponsored by the Neighborhood Community Development Center and the Urban Mission's annual Volunteer and Donor Appreciation lunch where we enjoyed celebrating all of YOU!
May	In May, the Urban Mission welcomed Mr. Terrence Rainbow as our JOSHUA Director and Mr. Kent Stallcup as our Volunteer in Mission.
June	June began another year of the Summer Food Program – with four sites and more than 150 children served each day.
July	A fun time was had by all at the annual Mission Rejoice Picnic held at Aracoma Park in Mingo Junction. The Urban Mission was also grateful to receive a special donation from the First Energy Foundation as a Christmas in July gift.
August	Our annual Back to School Bash brought forth more than 1,000 students to receive book bags and school supplies donated by our generous community. We also welcomed Mr. Rick Patterson as our Warehouse Supervisor.
September	September kicked off Hunger Action Month with a special focus on ending hunger in the Ohio Valley. More than 300 people attended our second annual, Longest Table outdoor dining experience, to raise awareness for hunger in our community.
October	In October, our staff traveled to Detroit, Michigan to participate in the annual Christian Community Development Association national conference. The Urban Mission also received accreditation to become a Jobs for Life site in 2018.
November	Thom Turkey was on the loose throughout the month of November visiting schools to share the news about hunger during the holidays. Our community also stepped up to provide more than 1,000 families with a special Thanksgiving meal.
December	Christmas is just around the corner and all signs are pointing to another busy, but meaningful season. Help is still needed to provide for our community's kids this Christmas but we know our community will come through!

## Thanksgiving 2017 is one for the record books!

We are overcome with gratitude for the wonderful outpouring of support we received for our annual Thanksgiving food fundraiser. On behalf of the 1,000 families we served this holiday season through our Choice Pantry, THANK YOU for helping to make Thanksgiving special for so many families.



Here are a few pictures from the month of November – including our annual Thanksgiving shared meal with the community.

As we reflect on the year that was and prepare for the new year to come, we say THANK YOU for the wonderful ways you have helped "grow possibilities" in 2017 and beyond. God bless you for your commitment to the mission of the Urban Mission! Thank you!

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