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Save the Date - September 29
Sign up for the project of your choice in the church lobby beginning on September 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Donations Needed

- Artificial Christmas greens, small ornaments, garlands, small pinecones, silk poinsettias or other Christmas themed decorations, plus small baskets or containers. We are making arrangements to be sold by Church Street Ministries at their annual holiday sale. Last year's sold like hotcakes.
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, shaving cream or lotion for packaging and donation to Trials of Hope.
- New socks for men, women or children for Trials of Hope.
- Pill bottles – NO LABELS. If you cannot get the label off, neither can we. These will be cleaned, packed and donated to Matthew 25 in Cincinnati where they will be sent to developing countries.

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