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BRING YOUR CONGREGATION TOGETHER THIS ADVENT

HERE ARE SOME FUN
WAYS TO GET STARTED:

 FOR MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:
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DO SOMETHING “SWEET” FOR OTHERS

Organize a bake sale or coffee hour fundraiser after worship service one Sunday. Send items from the catalog that provide food security to people worldwide.



GET CRAFTY

Have the Sunday school kids create a large Christmas card featuring images from the *Gifts for Life* catalog—and ask parishioners to sign it after purchasing a gift.



HOST A POPCORN AND MOVIE NIGHT

Invite friends and family to a popcorn and movie night. You can show a family-friendly Christmas film and ask people to make a minimum donation to attend.



WRAP A GIFT, SEND A GIFT

Offer a gift-wrapping service one Advent Sunday in exchange for donations to purchase a Christmas gift package through *Gifts for Life*.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Everyone at Episcopal Relief & Development would love to know how your congregation helped light the way for communities worldwide. Once you've completed your *Gifts for Life* fundraiser, share your story: info@episcopalrelief.org



Putting Their Faith In Action:
***St. Stephen's and St. Agnes
School in Alexandria, Virginia***

Gifts for Life offers congregations the chance to band together to amplify their light and bring lasting hope where darkness has fallen. Last fall, the children and adults at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School set an example of shared effort when they quickly raised more than \$2,300 to help those affected by the hurricanes that devastated Texas, Florida and the Caribbean.

When it became clear that recovery from the storms would be slow-going, the SSSAS community felt moved to continue their efforts—organizing a lantern walk to prayerfully “light the way” for storm victims as they faced an uncertain future.

Students, parents, faculty and staff gathered before sunset to decorate individual lanterns with colorful tissue paper, pray and sing. As participants walked around the school's track, each lantern glowed brightly as a symbol of hope.

“The lantern walk was a true expression of our school's Episcopal identity,” said Head of School Kirsten Prettyman Adams. “Coming together to share a moment of reflection reminded us that strength comes from community and connection.”

Gifts for Life Gift Packages can be your congregation's “walk of light” when you gather to bring hope to a family or community affected by poverty and hunger.



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