



FH Advent Calendar

This December, Friendship House is inviting the community to participate in our Advent Calendar! Our goal is to create fun, interactive activities that will get you and your family into the holiday spirit and involved in the community. Each Wednesday, the calendar is centered around one of the four advent themes – Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. These days are noted on our calendar in green. Every Sunday, there is a Bible verse noted in red. All other days are noted in blue and are filled with a variety of activities, including researching Delaware statistics on homelessness, collecting items to donate, and interacting with our Facebook posts.

We would like to thank you in advance for any items that you donate to FH! We are accepting donations of clothing and shoes at our Clothing Bank. All other donations, such as masks and food items, can be donated to one of our four Empowerment Centers. The hours and locations are listed below. You're welcome to donate items throughout Advent, hold all items and donate them at the end of Advent, or donate them in the new year. Updates about our holiday hours will be posted on our Facebook page, Friendship House of Wilmington Delaware. You can also follow us on Instagram [friendship_house_de](https://www.instagram.com/friendship_house_de).

Clothing Bank	Thursdays 8:30am - 2:00pm	1603 Jessup St. Suite 3 Wilmington, DE 19802	654-1390
Newark Empowerment Center	Weekdays 1:00pm - 4:00pm	69 E Main St. Newark, DE 19711	544-0165
Middletown Empowerment Center	Weekdays 8:30am - 11:30am	44 W Main St. Middletown, DE 19709	416-0982
Wilmington Empowerment Center	Weekdays 9:00am - 2:00pm	720 N Orange St. Wilmington, DE 19801	652-8033
Boxwood Empowerment Center	Weekdays 9:00am - 11:30am	701 S Maryland Ave Wilmington, DE 19804	648-3117

We hope that you enjoy participating in our Advent Calendar this year! We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, as well as a blessed New Year!



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1	2	3	4
Say a prayer for the start of the last month of 2020.	Actions of Hope! Think of something you are hopeful for in 2021.	Head to our Facebook page and watch the Our Community video (it will take about 5 minutes).	Research Code Purple in Delaware and how cold temperatures affect someone who is sleeping outside during the night.
5	6	7	8
Go around your house and find 5 pieces of clothing to donate to the FH Clothing Bank.	Read Proverbs 19:17 and say a prayer for those experiencing homelessness.	Research how many people in Delaware overdose each day due to drug addiction.	Purchase a box of face masks or make your own and donate them to one of our Empowerment Centers.
9	10	11	12
Actions of Peace! Head to our Facebook page to participate in a 4 minute guided meditation with Thich Nhat Hanh.	Donate a new or used winter coat to the FH Clothing Bank.	Read the article posted on our Facebook page (it should take about 15 minutes).	Research how many people experience homelessness on any given night in Delaware.
13	14	15	16
Read Matthew 25: 31-45 and reflect on the goats and the sheep.	FH Facts! Research when Friendship House first opened to serve the community.	Purchase at least 1 school uniform and donate it to our Clothing Bank for a student in New Castle County.	Actions of Joy! Do one act to bring someone else joy.
17	18	19	20
Go to our Facebook page and share why you are thankful today. #ThankfulThursday	Purchase a pack of new underwear and donate it to our Clothing Bank.	Add one of these items to your shopping list to donate to an Empowerment Center (ground coffee, 1lb bag of sugar, or powdered creamer).	Read Proverbs 14:31 and reflect on how your generosity can help the homeless.
21	22	23	24
FH Facts! In 2019, we served 171 unique individuals through our Code Purple program.	Donate a pair of new or gently used shoes to our Clothing Bank.	Actions of Love! Show someone you love them while following COVID-19 CDC guidelines.	Think of a New Year's resolution and comment it on our Facebook post.