

Reverse Advent Calendar 2023

<p>December 1</p> <p>“The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin.” Luke 1: 26-27</p> <p>Donation: Can of Corn or Green Beans</p>	<p>December 2</p> <p>“The virgin’s name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, “Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!” Luke 1: 27-28</p> <p>Donation: Cup-O-Soup</p>	<p>December 3</p> <p>“The angel said, “Don’t be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you.” Luke 1:30</p> <p>Donation: Package of Macaroni and Cheese</p>	<p>December 4</p> <p>“Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.” Luke 1:31</p> <p>Donation: Rice-a-Roni</p>
<p>December 5</p> <p>“He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father.” Luke 1:32</p> <p>Donation: Toothbrush and Toothpaste</p>	<p>December 6</p> <p>“Nothing is impossible for God.” Luke 1:37</p> <p>Donation: Package of Mashed Potatoes</p>	<p>December 7</p> <p>“Then Mary said, ‘I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be with me just as you have said.’ Then the angel left her.” Luke 1:38</p> <p>Donation: Dish Soap</p>	<p>December 8</p> <p>“While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby.” Luke 2:6</p> <p>Donation: Box of Cereal</p>
<p>December 9</p> <p>“She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.” Luke 2:7</p> <p>Donation: Box of Granola Bars</p>	<p>December 10</p> <p>“Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night.” Luke 2:8</p> <p>Donation: Bar Soap</p>	<p>December 11</p> <p>“The Lord’s angel stood before them, the Lord’s glory shone around them, and they were terrified.” Luke 2:9</p> <p>Donation: Can of Chili</p>	<p>December 12</p> <p>“The angel said, “Don’t be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people.” Luke 2:10</p> <p>Donation: Plastic Syrup Bottle</p>

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<p>December 13</p> <p>"Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11</p> <p>Donation: Package of Diapers</p>	<p>December 14</p> <p>"This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12</p> <p>Donation: Plastic Container of Peanut Butter</p>	<p>December 15</p> <p>"Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." Luke 2:14</p> <p>Donation: Plastic Container of Jelly</p>	<p>December 16</p> <p>"Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." Luke 2:15</p> <p>Donation: Package of Baby Wipes</p>
<p>December 17</p> <p>"They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger." Luke 2:16</p> <p>Donation: Package of Children's New Socks or New Underwear</p>	<p>December 18</p> <p>"The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told." Luke 2:20</p> <p>Package: Dried Spaghetti</p>	<p>December 19</p> <p>"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem." Matthew 2:1</p> <p>Donation: Plastic Container of Spaghetti Sauce</p>	<p>December 20</p> <p>"They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him." Matthew 2:2</p> <p>Donation: Laundry Detergent</p>
<p>December 21</p> <p>"When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was." Matthew 2:9</p> <p>Donation: Can of Soup</p>	<p>December 22</p> <p>"When they saw the star, they were filled with joy." Matthew 2:10</p> <p>Donation: Plastic Bottle of Juice</p>	<p>December 23</p> <p>"They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11</p> <p>Donation: Shampoo</p>	<p>December 24</p> <p>"Thank God for his gift that words can't describe!" 2 Corinthians 9:15</p> <p>Donation: Gently Used Jackets</p>

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REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

A Reverse Advent Calendar is really just that. You start with a box (or several bags), and instead of opening a door and taking out a treat each day, you place a treat or an item into it. Once the box is full we will donate it to our local food bank, Shepherd's Pantry. The contents will find their way to someone who really needs them this Christmas. You may want to even decorate your box!

The Grace Episcopal Reverse Advent Calendar contains 24 items – one for each day of Advent, but if you aren't in a position to donate so much then why not contribute whatever you can. Any donations at all will make a huge difference to someone over Christmas. Feel free to add more than one item each day.

HOW DO WE DO IT?

It's so simple – each day pop something into your box! Whether you have a look in your cupboards and see what you can spare, you add a few things to your shopping list for your next grocery trip, or you can ask family and friends to give you anything they have to fill your box up. ***New to 2023: Diapers, Baby Wipes, Gently Used Jackets, Toiletries and more.***

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY BOX WHEN IT IS FULL?

Bring your box to church and drop off at Baxter Hall. We will hold the boxes there on the stage until it is time to take them to Shepherd's Pantry.