Dear Friend,

Here is my last weekly message of 2021:

Rev. Dr. Amy Aitken, Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Pasadena, who is hosting our Bad Weather Supply Distribution shared the following message for Christmas:

"In this season where we are reminded of the call to provide hospitality and shelter to those in need, we at FUMC are glad to, in some small way, help provide warmth and shelter to our unhoused neighbors."
See below for the link to the podcast and a fun way to support FID through The Rose Bowl Challenge in partnership with the University of Utah!

Blessings and see you in 2022!
Rabbi Joshua

We can only operate with your help!
Christmas for the Kids

Our team of staff and volunteers played Santa Claus' helpers to get Friends In Deed ready for the big day. And it was a great day as more than 200 kids, from 83 families, received gifts. Read more...

Holiday cheer for TWR

Once again the women of the San Gabriel Panhellenic Society blessed The Women's Room with festive cheer! Not only did they bring a delicious lunch and dessert, they gifted us with 20 presents to pass out to our TWR guests! Read more...

Caring Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Den 17 Pack 7 put together 25 thoughtful stationery kit packets as gifts to The Women's Room guests for the holidays. Read more...
Festive Food Pantry Volunteers

The Christmas tree volunteers stood tall yesterday morning on our last Tuesday distribution of the year. Read more...

Assistance League in Action

Thank you to the Assistance League of Pasadena for holding a toy drive for our annual "Christmas for the Kids" holiday event. Read more...

Food Drive for FID

Andrew, a junior at Flintridge Preparatory High School in La Canada, worked diligently to organize a food drive for our Food Pantry. Read more...
News and Events

The official Friends In Deed podcast is now live!

Launching in 2022, you can listen now to our [pilot podcast episode](https://example.com/podcast). Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater sits down with Ken Craft, Founder and CEO of Hope of the Valley, to discuss pallet shelters and navigating local policies in order to help those experiencing homelessness.

Shopping Event at Lather

Shop at Lather, Pasadena between now and Dec. 31st, and 20% of your purchase price goes back to FID. Just mention Friends In Deed at checkout, AND you will also receive a gift with your purchase if shopping in-person. Head over to 17 E. Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena CA 91105, or shop online at [lather.com](https://lather.com) and enter code FRIENDSINDEED at checkout.

Rose Bowl Community Engagement Challenge

The University of Utah students, faculty, staff, alumni, fans and community members are
challenging everyone to give something back to the Rose Bowl host city of Pasadena. Funds raised from this community engagement challenge go to us at Friends In Deed. The challenge is open now through the third quarter of the game on January 1st, 2022!

Friends In Deed was chosen as a 2021 California Nonprofit of the Year!

Read more about this prestigious award

Friends In Deed is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion. We embrace and celebrate the spectrum of our employees’, volunteers’, and clients’ ages, color, ability or disability, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national origin, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, veteran status, neurodiversity, and other characteristics that make our employees, volunteers, and clients unique.

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