

# **SIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD FOR A PRISONER IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA!**

## **GREETING SUGGESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED**

**No gender greeting such as “dear brother/sister in Christ**

Cards may go to either men or women. Some may be posted to share with everyone in a housing unit.

Consider if message is appropriate: Sentiment, humor, and reminders of life outside can “fall flat” to those feeling isolated from friends and loved ones during holidays.

Sign card using **FIRST NAME ONLY** - Include no personal identifying information.  
Use no glitter, stickers, foil, markers, crayons, or colored pencils

*Don't know what to say?*

**Take a look at some of the suggested greetings for ideas to help you get started:**

- ✚ **Merry Christmas! Jesus loves you!**
- ✚ **You are in my prayers**
- ✚ **May you know God's great love for you and may God give you new strength in the year ahead**
- ✚ **God is always with you**
- ✚ **I am praying for you – and wish you peace in knowing God's love**
- ✚ **God has prepared you to receive God's love and is preparing you for your life to come**
- ✚ **May God's love refresh and restore you. Anticipate and celebrate each new day that comes**
- ✚ **God is good. All the time.**



**In 2017, The United Methodist Church** Prison Ministry & Restorative Justice Team of the Eastern PA Conference delivered over 8,000 personally signed Christmas cards to male and female prisoners in eleven facilities in Eastern Pennsylvania.  
With your help, we hope to reach even more in 2018.