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Monroe County United Ministries

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E-Newsletter

For the duration of the COVID-19 crisis, we will only be issuing an electronic newsletter. You can also access a copy of this e-newsletter on our [website](#).

Current Needs

Food Pantry

- Ramen
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Condensed Soups
- Ready-to-Eat Soups/Chilis
- Crackers
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal

Valued Subscriber

Greetings! I appreciate your understanding as we move our monthly newsletter online. We hope this e-news finds you safe and staying healthy during these unnerving times.

For the foreseeable future, MCUM's food pantry will be open from 12-3 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. While we are limited, we continue to offer some cleaning and hygiene supplies to all clients that come in. Other Self-Sufficiency Services have been temporarily suspended. Compass Early Learning Center remains closed for now but we are working hard to support the needs of our Compass families during this time, as we are able to.

I have established a MCUM Relief Fund to help with things like securing independent childcare for families without options, purchasing food items to keep our pantry going, and helping take care of our community during this difficult time. If you have the means to support MCUM during this time, [please donate online](#).

As always, thank you for your generous support of those who need it most in our community.

Sincerely,

Katie

Monroe County United Ministries

Upcoming Postponed MCUM Events:

- **MCUM's Spring Tea** is postponed tentatively until early August.
- Our **DIY laundry detergent workshop** postponed until fall.

How You Can Continue to Help:

1. MCUM has developed a **MCUM Relief Fund** to help our families out financially during this trying

Cleaning Closet

- Dish Soap
- Razors
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Laundry Detergent
- All-purpose cleaners
- Lotion
- Kleenex

Childcare

- Popsicle sticks
- Pull-ups (3T-5T)
- Animal or scenery calendars
- Yarn
- Sponges
- Tissue Paper

Office Supplies

- Glue Sticks
- Black and Blue Pens
- AAA & AA Batteries

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time. You can donate to this relief fund online at www.mcum.org/donate

2. MCUM is **still accepting food, cleaning, and hygiene items!** If you are able to donate, you can contact our Self-Sufficiency Director, [Sherene Ing](#), to schedule a drop-off time. All you have to do is pull up to our doors and you can drop off items at the door, or we can come out and unload for you. While supplies last, we are still offering pre-bagged groceries and cleaning/hygiene items to clients in need.
3. If you have a **Kroger card**, register MCUM as part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program and Kroger will donate to MCUM each time you shop! **1)** Go to Kroger.com to login or create your account. **2)** Once logged in, go to the Kroger Community Rewards Program and search for MONROE COUNTY UNITED MINISTRIES either by name or by SU164. **3)** Then click "Enroll."
4. If you are an Amazon shopper, don't forget to use Amazon Smile. MCUM receives a portion of the proceeds from every purchase. Click [here](#) and then search for "Monroe County United Ministries" to register your account with Amazon Smile.

If you need help enrolling in either of these special funding programs, [please email Mary Jean.](#)

THANK YOU!

In the midst of this unprecedented crisis, so many of you continue to support the work that we do. It takes a village, and we are forever grateful for ours-- we cannot express our immense gratitude for your continued support. Special thanks to:

Susan Sienna and Ted Winger, two of our amazing volunteers. They have come in to volunteer multiple times in our food pantry and sort & bag groceries and cleaning/hygiene supplies for our clients.

Our wonderful community who have continued to donate food, cleaning/hygiene products, and financial support during this time. Click [here](#) to see a full list!

Local Resources:

[Bloomington Food Resource List](#) (comprehensive guide to local food pantries, restaurants helping with food insecurity, community initiatives, volunteer opportunities, and more!)

[Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Resource Guide](#) (includes state & local resources, economic assistance, basic needs services, and more.)