



May 2020



## 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. Please reach out Mary Jean at [mjholwager@mcum.org](mailto:mjholwager@mcum.org) if you have any questions!

### Current Needs

#### Food Pantry

- Ramen
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Condensed Soups
- Ready-to-Eat Soups/Chilis
- Crackers
- Helper Meals
- Cereal

#### Cleaning Closet

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

Valued Subscriber

Greetings! I hope this e-news finds you safe and staying healthy as we learn to adjust to this new 'normal'.

I am thrilled to inform you that since the last newsletter, in addition to expanding our [Self-Sufficiency Center](#) hours and services, we have also carefully, thoughtfully, and intentionally reopened the [Compass Early Learning Center](#) at partial capacity and with modified hours. To do so safely, we implemented new protocol to ensure the safety of all our staff, clients, children, and their families.

Looking to make a donation this year? Resulting from the CARES Act, taxpayers can now take a deduction for up to \$300 in charitable contributions (\$600 for married couples), even if you don't itemize on your 2020 tax form. If you have the means to support MCUM during this time, [donate today](#). Please contact me if you have any questions of this great opportunity to support MCUM.

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

Sincerely,

**Katie**

Monroe County United Ministries

P.S. Did you miss our cute video to the community? Fret not - you can view it now, by clicking [here](#).

**Volunteer of the Month:  
Susan Siena**

- Lotion
- Kleenex
- Sponges
- Toothbrushes
- Bars of Soap

## Childcare

- Dot Markers
- Small Totes
- Pull-ups (3T-5T)
- Animal or scenery calendars
- Stickers
- Yarn
- Sponges
- Tissue Paper

## Office Supplies

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



In May 2019, Susan started serving at MCUM as a summer food pantry volunteer and continues to help during holiday breaks throughout the academic year. She hopes to be back sometime soon, once the world returns back to normal. We asked Susan to tell us why she volunteers at MCUM:

"I started volunteering as a way to give back to the community, and I've found that I really enjoy the work. It is rewarding to see people of so many different faith traditions coming together to make a difference, and it is also rewarding to get a chance to meet some of the clients as they select their groceries. I even enjoy sorting food into its correct location!"

Thank you Susan! We are so appreciative of all our volunteers.

## Donation Drop Off:

- MCUM has developed a **MCUM Relief Fund** to help our families out financially during this trying time. You can donate to this relief fund online at [www.mcum.org/donate](http://www.mcum.org/donate)
- MCUM is **still accepting food, cleaning, and hygiene items!** We will have staff members on site Monday-Friday from 12-4pm to assist in collecting donations.  
**When you arrive, please call:**
  - 812-339-3429 at extension 14, 16, or 18.

*These numbers are also posted on our front door for your convenience.*

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time! We are very appreciative for the continued support.

## Join Us for Miles for MCUM: A Virtual Fundraiser

## 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**

A poster for the 'Miles for MCMC' event. The title 'Miles for MCMC' is written in a large, blue, cursive font. To the right of the title is a bicycle icon. Below the title is a large, stylized graphic of a foot stepping on a path. To the right of the graphic, the text reads: '...a virtual event benefiting Monroe County United Ministries.' Below this, it says: 'You choose the route, distance, and activity! How many miles can you do?! T-shirt included with donation of \$20 or more per participant.' A row of icons represents various activities: a roller skate, a swimmer, a baby stroller, a person on a horse, a person on a scooter, a person on a boat, a family walking, and a hot air balloon. At the bottom, the dates 'May 18-24, 2020' are displayed in blue, followed by 'For information & registration, visit: www.mcum.org/milesformcum' in white text on a dark background.

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**Save the Date: June 27-28**

## **Each One, Feed One Food Drive**

This will be a modified version of the drive we all know and love - so stay tuned and be ready to donate food, cleaning products, and hygiene items during this important weekend.

**More information coming soon!**