

**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](#) with any questions.

Current Needs

Food Pantry

- Canned Fruit
- Dried Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Crackers
- Helper Meals
- Individualized Desserts

Cleaning Closet

- Dish Soap
- Razors
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Laundry Detergent
- All-purpose cleaners
- Lotion
- Kleenex
- Sponges
- Toothbrushes
- Bars of Soap

Valued Subscriber

There are a few quick updates I wanted to share with you all. First off, I am happy to report that the Opportunity House is up and running again. Feel free to stop by and shop around but please remember to wear your mask! Secondly, Compass is now functioning at full capacity. As of August 5th, we welcome back all our Compass kids. With all updated safety protocol in place, we are excited have this amazing community resource back in full swing.

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

Sincerely,

Katie

Executive Director

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Makin' A Splash For MCUM

An online auction!

Starting Sunday, August 16th and running through August 30th, Monroe County United Ministries will be hosting its first ever online auction: Makin' a Splash for MCUM.

Throughout the two weeks, you can bid on a variety of items and baskets donated by local and non-local businesses and by members of our generous community.

Childcare

- Paper plates
- Coffee filters
- Construction paper
- Cotton balls
- Stickers
- Sidewalk Chalk

Office Supplies

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

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](#).

MCUM is **accepting food, cleaning, and hygiene items!** We will have staff members on site Monday-Friday from 12-4pm to assist in collecting donations through a contact-less drop off.

When you arrive, please call:

- 812-339-3429 ext 14, 15, or 16

We are very appreciative for the continued support.

Local Resources:

[Bloomington Food Resource List](#)

[Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Resource Guide](#)

Auction items will include themed baskets 'Gourmet Coffee', 'Going on a Picnic' 'Beers of Germany & Belgium', 'A cup of tea or two' and many others. There will also be individual items to bid on, such as a signed Colts Football, a homemade quilt, gift certificates to local restaurants and shops.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000!

Participants will need to register to bid through the auction host site Charity Auction: Auctria. To learn more about the event please visit our [website](#), or contact Mary Jean via [email](#) or 812-339-3429 x 18. Come prepared to bid on unique auction items and have a great time supporting an amazing organization.



One of the baskets listed in the auction "Wine for a Picnic"

Your Support Makes a Difference! A Client Story

Shortly after the start of the pandemic a client came in, he was facing a rough situation with housing. He had lost his job just prior to the pandemic, and when everything shut down he was unable to find employment. This created a situation where

he was unable to pay his rent, and since agencies that could normally offer assistance around town had been shut down for a while, he began to really worry.

After meeting with one of our coaches, we were able to help him cover one month of his past due rent, and quickly get him in contact with other agencies that could help him cover the other remaining months of rent that were past due. Within two weeks of talking to a MCUM coach, we had pieced together his entire balance owed.

A short while after receiving assistance from us, he reached back out to us to let us know that he had been able to secure a new job and how grateful he was to MCUM for all of our support. He told the coach that he truly thought he was going to end up homeless during the pandemic. He felt grateful for our assistance and was glad MCUM had the ability to offer the need support.

To help support clients like the one featured above, please consider making a donation. Go to mcum.org/donate today.