

# Monroe County United Ministries



November 2020

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### Donations:

You can donate [online](#) any time - we now accept PayPal!

From 9 AM - 4 PM Monday-Friday, MCUM is [accepting food, cleaning, and hygiene item donations.](#)

When you arrive, please ring the door bell!

## Current Needs

### Cleaning Closet

- Dish Soap
- Razors
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Laundry Detergent
- All-purpose cleaners
- Kleenex
- Toothbrushes
- Bars of Soap

### Food Pantry

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

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### "To Help The Helpers"

This was written on a memo line of a donation that came in early April, as I found myself working around the clock with just two coworkers for two months to continue providing basic needs assistance while the world around us seemed to fall apart. Over the next few months, we received offerings from paid out PTO time, cancelled trip savings, and even stimulus money.

There are so many wonderful helpers among our MCUM family.

Here we are, pushing mid-November, and while we are still experiencing uncertainty and some anxiety, I am overcome with a sense of community.

I feel privileged to have witnessed some of the best in humanity this year.

The need for life-sustaining basic needs is currently 2.5 times our average. By never wavering in their food donations, our helpers made sure that 1,015 families, including 379 new families, could sit down to 38,169 meals since the start of the pandemic. Our pantry's new online ordering system has been met with such enthusiasm that we have also added a contactless grocery delivery system in order to make our services safer and more accessible to anyone who needs our help.

This year is not yet over, and we have so much more to do! To keep Monroe County families on their feet, **we need your help!** Please consider making an end-of-year donation today, go to [mcum.org/donate](https://mcum.org/donate) or send me an [email!](#)

Stay safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

# Childcare

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



Donations from the Each One, Feed Two food drive. We expect 2020 to set an agency record for most pounds of food ever received from food drives.

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**Please bring your food baskets to MCUM by December 4 at 4 pm.**

**Food Basket Guidelines & Shopping List**

**Double-bag your groceries**  
A food basket will need 5-6 double-bagged paper or cloth sacks. Please double-bag your paper sacks or they are likely to fail!

**Identify your food basket bags**  
Mark your food basket bags distinctly from others by stapling a bright piece of wrapping paper or attaching a ribbon to each bag in your set.

**Check off each item below as you add it to your basket**  
Staple the list to one of your sacks. We will remove the list before the baskets are distributed. Helpful hint: please distribute heavy cans evenly among all bags in your set so that bags are about the same weight.

**Feeling generous?**  
You may add additional non-perishable items to your food baskets if you wish.

___ 1 (4oz) can beef stew	___ 1 bag of dry beans
___ 4 (3oz) cans of tuna	___ 1 can of pumpkin
___ 1 large box of cereal	___ 1 bottle of syrup
___ 1 box of saltine crackers	___ 1 package of granola bars
___ 1 box of snack crackers	___ 1 (5 lb.) bag of flour
___ 1 jar of jelly	___ 1 (5 lb.) bag of sugar
___ 10 cans of soup (2 cans of 5 kinds)	___ 1 bar of soap
___ 1 can chicken broth	___ 1 package of laundry soap (or dish soap)
___ 1 large box of bread mix	___ 2 rolls of toilet paper
___ 1 medium box of pancake mix	___ 1 container of shampoo
___ 1 jar of peanut butter	___ coffee/tea/condensed
___ 1 package dry egg noodles	___ 2 dessert tins
___ 1 (4oz) jar pasta sauce	___ additional consent items
___ 1 bag of rice	
___ 1 box of stuffing or potatoes	
___ 2 boxes of macaroni & cheese	
___ 1 (4oz) can of cream of chicken soup	
___ 1 box of gravy mix	
___ 1 box of cooking oil	
___ 2 quarts (64 oz) of fruit juice	
___ 9 cans of vegetables	
___ 9 cans of fruit	

**Optional\*:**  
\_\_\_ 1 (16-12 lb.) turkey  
\_\_\_ 1 (5 lb.) ham

\*Please bag the turkey or ham separately. MCUM will keep them frozen until the baskets are handed out.

Holiday Food Basket List



Compass' new Solar System is now in place. This is all possible thanks to a grant received from **Citizen Action Coalition!** We anticipate this saving us

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## Each One, Feed Two Update



Throughout the weekend of November 7 & 8, supporters across the community rallied their various neighborhoods to bring in over **8,000 pounds** of food, cleaning supplies, and hygiene products. In addition we received over **\$1,100** in financial donations for the the food pantry. These donations will offset more than two months' of supplemental food purchases, allowing us to divert those funds to meet other important agency needs. **THANK YOU!!**

Once again we are blown away by the generosity of this community. [Click HERE](#) to see the names of those people and congregations who made this possible.

A special THANK YOU to all of these organizations that participated: **IU ROTC & Boy Scout Troop 100**

## Needed: Holiday Food Baskets



Throughout November and December, MCUM collects special Holiday Food Baskets. These baskets are a little different than usual groceries' clients get from the food pantry because they're filled with extra items that

enough money to fully subsidize one child on our fee scale: about \$3,000/year!



Compass kids enjoying a socially distanced Halloween Parade last month.

make traditional holiday meals all the more special. This includes items needed to make a pumpkin pie, green bean casserole, dressing for a turkey and more. We offer these baskets to Compass Early Learning Center and Self-Sufficiency Center families.

This year, we are including some outreach to make sure our beyond-Bloomington Monroe County neighbors aren't forgotten! By partnering with Richland Bean Blossom school district, we will make sure that families in Ellettsville are not left without holiday groceries due to a lack of transportation or time to trek to Bloomington. We will drop baskets off to RBB for distribution.

**We anticipate needing around 150 baskets.**

In the *column to the left you'll find the list* of items needed to create a basket the next time you shop **OR** you can [donate \\$75 online to make a complete basket if you're not shopping right now.](#)

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### **Azzip Pizza**

We are in the last month of Azzip Pizza's Pot of Dough Fundraiser

Five percent of every purchase using the code **MONROEUNITED** will go toward Monroe County United Ministries. Additionally, the organization who generates the most pizza-traffic will win \$10,000.

You can order online [here](#) and can pick up your pizza curbside or in-store at College Mall.

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