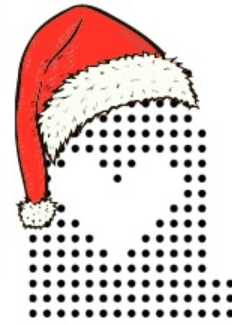


Monroe County United Ministries



December 2020

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Donations:

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

From 12 PM - 3 PM Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or other days/times by appointment, 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

Valued Subscriber

"I took the food into the kitchen to unpack it all and I cannot put into words how...relieved...I was. I sat right down on the kitchen floor, happy tears flooding out of my eyes and ate some chocolate pudding, saying to myself... 'thank you!' in between mouthfuls."

This is a note we received from someone who made an online order and received a delivery from our client-choice food pantry.

As you can see, Monroe County United Ministries' services are needed now more than ever. Your support allows us to continue to evolve to help families in need. By helping the helpers, you enable people to meet their needs and support their economic mobility.

We are less than **\$10,000** away from reaching our year-end-goal and ***we need your help*** to meet it!

To keep Monroe County families on their feet, please consider making an end-of-year donation today, go to mcum.org/donate or send me an [email](#)!

Warmest wishes during this holiday season!

Sincerely,
Mary Jean

Development Director
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Holiday Food Drives

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- Desserts

Childcare

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



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

Food Basket Guidelines & Shopping List

Double-bag your groceries
A food basket will need 16 double-bagged paper or cloth sacks. Please double-bag your paper sacks or they are likely to rip!

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 tag to one of your sacks. We will remove the tag 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 (6 oz.) can beef stew	— 1 bag of dry beans
— 4 (8 oz.) cans of tuna	— 2 cans 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
— 30 cans of soup (3 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	— 1 coffee/tea/cocoa
— 1 package dry egg noodles	— 2 dessert items
— 1 (6 oz.) jar pasta sauce	— Additional dessert items
— 1 bag of rice	
— 1 box of stuffing or potatoes	
— 2 boxes of macaroni & cheese	
— salad dressing	
— 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. There's still time to help us provide the families a Monroe County with a special holiday meal!



BKD, once again, donated coats for all of the Compass kids who needed them. THANK YOU!!



Throughout the past two months, various community organizations and local businesses have generously reached out to us and offered to host drives.

We want to send a giant THANK YOU to each of them for all their kindness and support. We are humbled by the outpouring of support from the Monroe County community.

- Crane
- Community Ford
- First Insurance group
- First Christian Church
- Kiwanis & Chase Bank
- St. Charles Catholic School
- First United
- Tri-North Yes Club
- BSA Troop 100 & Jackson Creek Middle School
- BSA Troop 100 & St. Marks

Partnership with Richland Bean Blossom



Through our new partnership with Richland Bean Blossom Community School Corporation, we were able to provide 18 food baskets to families in the school district who needed them.

This season tends to be extremely hard on individuals

Compass kids enjoying their Santa Bags. Thank you Jessica Merkel, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Woodhaven Christian Church, Wren Humphrey, and Dee Morris!

and families, and even more so during the pandemic. Parents look for resources in the community that can help get them through the holiday break because during that time they are no longer able to rely on the school to provide meals for their children. By partnering with the school district, we were able to give the families a few days of not having to worry about where their next meal was coming from. We are grateful that we have the capacity to offer that relief to families in RBBCSC.