

# Monroe County United Ministries



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## Quick Links

[Donate](#)  
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### Donations:

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

From 12 PM - 4 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday (or other times by appointment) MCUM is [accepting food, cleaning, and hygiene item donations](#).

When you arrive, please ring the door bell!

## Current Needs

### Cleaning Closet

- Paper Towels
- All-purpose cleaners/wipes
- Razors
- Toilet Paper
- Dish Soap
- Diapers & Wipes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Laundry Detergent
- Trash Bags
- Kleenex

### Food Pantry

- Canned Fruit

## Valued Subscriber

Hello! I hope you are staying warm and healthy! Despite a few snow days, we are staying busy as ever here at MCUM. Our online food pantry platform and delivery service continues to attract more clients. We have also added food bins inside the Compass lobby to better provide for our Compass families! Please reach out if you have any questions about our current services and programs at MCUM - I also love to hear from our supporters.

Stay safe and warm!

Sincerely,

*Katie Broadfoot*

Executive Director

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## Community Resource Room



According to Spotlight on Poverty, the digital divide - the gap in access to and use of technology and the internet - is both a cause and effect of poverty. The rich and educated are more likely to have access to digital resources, and those with limited online access options tend to be lower-income and non-white. A lack of access to technology can perpetuate poverty by restricting opportunities for social mobility. Internet access and an internet-connected device are essentially required to submit a job application, complete schoolwork or apply

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

## Childcare

- Grocery Bags
- Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Construction Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Batteries



Have you seen our new yard signs across the community? If you are interested in placing one in your yard, please reach out to [Madison](#)! Help us spread the word about MCUM's great programs.



We are pleased to announce Compass is now part of [Pizza X's POP for schools](#). We are asking all MCUM fans to collect and save Pizza X Proof-Of-Purchase (POP) tabs from your pizza boxes and drop them off at MCUM. Each Proof-of-Purchase tab

for social services from the government.

Here at MCUM, we want to help end the digital divide that disproportionately affects all of our clients and to do so we want to create a community resource lab. This lab will be home to a collaborative workspace, desktop computers, a public use copier/printer/scanner/fax machine, and internet access for MCUM's Your Path clients as well as the larger public.

Between now and March 5th we are running a focused campaign to remodel a spare room at MCUM to help bridge the digital divide for the low-income families of our community. We have set a goal of \$10,000 and hope you join us in building self-sufficiency for our neighbors.

Go to [mcum.org/donate](http://mcum.org/donate) to donate today or email [Madison](#) with any questions!

## Winter Activity for Kids



Looking for something fun to do indoors during these winter months? Check out this great activity suggested by the Compass Staff.

This blizzard lava lamp experiment is super cool! Your kids will love exploring colored water and oil, but a surprise ingredient will make this experiment even more

is worth 25 cents.

exciting! And best of all, this science activity looks just like a blizzard in a jar. This makes it perfect for your winter science lesson plans. Click [HERE](#) to create your own Blizzard Lava Lamp!