



Community Interfaith Food Pantry

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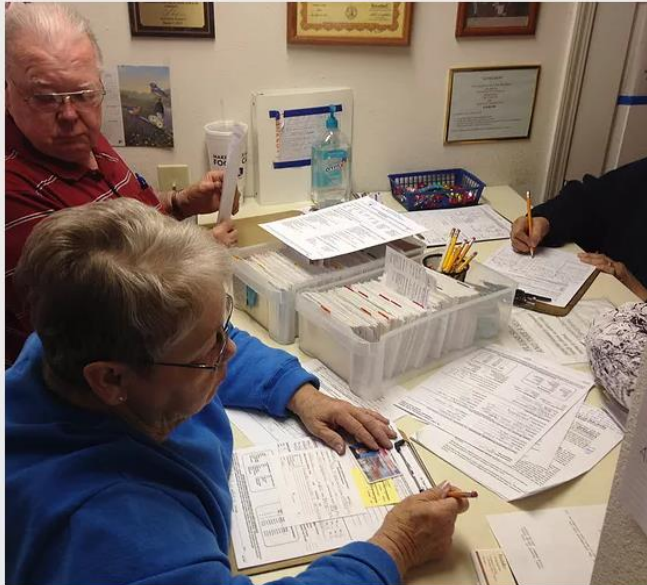
ABOUT US

We are here to eliminate hunger in our community. Eleven local churches decided their resources were better used and more effective if they cooperated to improve life in our neighborhoods. The **Community Interfaith Food Pantry** provides food to families throughout the Belleville and Swansea communities who are experiencing difficulty in meeting the demands of daily living.

The churches began networking and the pantry became a reality when our first home at 205 W. B St. was donated. Volunteers refurbished the house and we opened on Aug. 1, 2007. Our second home at 1218 W. Main St. in Belleville opened Oct. 20, 2014. Hours are 1-10 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are also open 9-11 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday. Call us at 618-355-9199.

The **Community Interfaith Food Pantry** is a nonprofit charitable organization governed by a board whose members are selected by the participating churches: St. Matthew United Methodist, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic, St. Luke Catholic, St. Teresa Catholic, Christ United Church of Christ, St. Paul United Church of Christ, Westview Baptist, Peace Lutheran Church and First United Presbyterian. Additional support comes from organizations, local businesses and you.

Our mission: To eliminate hunger within the community and to make a commitment to consider the total spiritual, emotional and physical needs of individuals and to identify available resources to assist them.



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Want to help? Here's our wish list

What are our needs? Well, right now many of them are related to our new home and the need to outfit it.

OFFICE SUPPLIES: We need desks, filing cabinets, office chairs, reception area chairs and tables. Basic office supplies such as paper, tape, computers and printers are also needed.

KITCHEN SUPPLIES: Do you have a refrigerator with an ice maker? We need one for our volunteers and kitchen.

DONATIONS FOR OUR PATRONS: At the grocery store? Throw a few extras into the cart for those in need. Here are some suggestions:

- Personal hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, combs, razors,
- Canned items such as vegetables, beans, soups, pasta sauce, tuna, stew, chili.
- Box meals such as hamburger or tuna helpers, mac 'n cheese, stuffing, pasta or rice sides.
- Breakfast items. Pancake mixes and syrup. Cereals, including healthy options such as honey O's or whole grains with low sugar.
- Peanut butter, jellies, ketchup, mayo, mustard, cooking oil.
- Staples such as flour, rice, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate mix, corn muffin mix, salt and pepper, cake mixes, frosting.