

The Pandemic and Our Food Pantry

To no surprise COVID-19 has created rations and reduced our food purchase options. Thanks to the generous donations of YOU and our COMMUNITY (ie: Kids' Ministries, Honey Baked Ham, Ruritan's, ...) our families have not felt the impact when visiting our pantry.

We are sharing with more during this time – 4 Connor's Heroes families (childhood cancer organization) have been adopted and we've expanded the work of Clint and Sarah at Carver Elementary by hosting a monthly food drive.

To give a perspective between 120-150 bags of food and paper products are distributed monthly.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays gives us an opportunity to shower each family with a little extra. All receive an extra bag of holiday specific food as well as either a turkey or ham plus we are open an additional week in December. This equates 60-75 additional bags for November and 120-145 for December. **By the end of December between 420-520 bags of food and paper products will be distributed to our community!!!**

Many Sunday school "Pack the Pantry" events have been cancelled. These events have been very valuable in years past. We are asking if you wish to help us "Pack the Pantry" - one person or family at a time. Below is a list of the most needed items:

Canned Vegetables	Canned Fruit
Cereal/Oats	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Canned Yams	Mashed Potatoes

We can't express our gratitude enough. Our mission these next few months is helping our families and community a little extra during the holidays. Our growth since March has been unbelievable.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this mission, you can contact Mike Barber, Carolyn Miller or Amy Cormier or send us an email at care@gayton.church.