

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

2018 YEAR-END REPORT

“I was hungry and you fed me...”

Mathew 25:35

Having begun in 1982 this was the 36th year of operation for the Christian Food Pantry! Financial support from the seven sponsoring churches and the community was down from what was given last year. Note: expenditures were up from last year. The Postal food drive was a tremendous help!

The pantry greatly appreciates the generosity of the First United Methodist Church for providing the space in the Asbury Center for the pantry operations. The co-operation given by The Shop ladies is greatly valued! An extra thank you goes to the contacts of the participating congregations for providing help and information ‘where needed.’

We are most thankful for our 30+ dedicated volunteers. **They are our greatest asset!** Five or six volunteers work every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 to noon or later – depending on how many clients were served that day. Many extra hours are spent shopping, picking up donations, sorting food, stocking shelves and ‘housekeeping’ as well as compiling reports, keeping records and paying bills. Personal notes are sent to organizations and individuals outside the sponsoring congregations who donate money or food.

During the summer school vacation 249 Kid’s Kits of extra food and treats were given to clients with children who are on free or reduced lunch fees when school is in session. These were well received by the families.

Once again the Valparaiso community ‘came through’ to help their ‘neighbors’ in our area. Food, health and cleaning items were collected by the postal workers. Many community organizations responded with various food drives throughout the year. Holiday dinner menu items were offered: 100 families picked up Easter (hams) items, 83 chose Thanksgiving (turkey) foods and 107 families chose between a ham and a turkey for Christmas.

SERVES

Total families served:	2,730	averaging 228 per month
Individuals provided for:	6,301	averaging 525 per month

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<u>Balance</u>	01/01/18	\$33,966.63
Receipts		50,304.55
Expenditures		<u>44,234.80</u>
<u>Balance</u>	12/31/18	\$40,036.38

INCOME

Sponsoring churches

First Christian Church (DOC)	\$ 9,865.48
First Presbyterian Church	5,335.00
First United Methodist Church	11,756.00
Living Hope Community Church	-
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church	-
St. Paul's Catholic Church	5,797.00
Trinity Lutheran Church	5,213.52

Community	<u>12,337.55</u>
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<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	\$50,304.55
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EXPENDITURES

Aldi's	\$41,669.23
Brandy Lock & Key	31.67
Town and Country	2,378.66
Wal-Mart	<u>155.24</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	\$44,234.80

COMMUNITY MONETARY DONATIONS

Allegius Credit Union	189.00
Church World Service – CROP WALK	173.55
Duneland Resale	500.00
Dunes Leatherneck Detachment Marine Corp League	1,200.00
ESO Joyce Wargo Reading Club	296.00
Interstate Power Tools and Machinery	1,000.00
Interstate Rentals	3,000.00
Lunch Bunch Extension Club	50.00
PGC Book Club	70.00
Philips Ace Hardware	250.00
Pines Village Residence Council	465.00
Shorewood Forest Philanthropic Community	500.00
Valparaiso Community Theatre	618.00
Valparaiso Sunrise Kiwanis	250.00
Vincent's Hair Design	550.00
Individuals	<u>3,226.00</u>
<u>TOTAL DONATIONS</u>	\$12,337.55

COMMUNITY FOOD DONATIONS

3 Boys and Some Chicks
BMV Valparaiso
Boy and Girl Scout Troops
Christ Lutheran Church
ESO Joyce Wargo Book Club
First Christian Church (DOC)
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church – Our Littlest Angels
IGC
Langer and Langer
Liberty Bible Church
Living Hope Community Church
Lunch Bunch Economics Club
Memorial Day Concert
Menards
Northview School Student Council
Northview Kiwanis Kids
Porter County Career Center
Postal Workers Food Drive
Pratt Industries
Psychology Club – Valparaiso University
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
St. Paul's Catholic Church
Strack and VanTil on Calumet
Strack and VanTil on Hwy. 30
Taco Bell on 30
Task Force Tips
Trinity Lutheran Church
Valparaiso Community Gardens
Weight Watchers

Various meats purchased at the Porter County Fair were donated.

SUMMARY

The balance at the end of the year seems sizable. However, the largest donations are received during the holiday season, so it is fortunate that there is money so see us through the leaner times – especially in late winter and during the summer months. If donations go down special requests are sometimes needed.

A special note of appreciation and thank you must be included for the office managers, local missions leaders and contacts in the sponsoring congregations who receive, respond to and spread the information about the news, needs and services of the Christian Food Pantry. Our job would be much more difficult and less helpful without you!

Co-directors: Nan Steeves – founder
Sharon Crowder
Anne Egolf