



Epworth Fall Food Drive

Friends,

Over the past few months, the Epworth Mobile Pantry has provided fresh food and canned goods to over two thousand people. It has been a blessing to be able to provide for our community. However, we have greatly depleted our inventory of food. While we continue to have a surplus of a couple of items (see canned green beans) we have an urgent need for items that are in great demand. We have tried to share some of our needs through Face Book and notices in the narthex but we are having trouble keeping up with the needs of our community.

With that in mind we are starting a Fall Food Drive and are asking the members of our Epworth community to help us in this endeavor. We will publish lists of our most urgent needs in Church and online and ask for everyone's help and support.

We welcome any and all donations. The most common way for people to donate in the past is to purchase extra items during their regular shopping. This is helpful and we certainly are grateful. It is also beneficial if, rather than donating one of each of five different items, you donate five of the same item like five jars of peanut butter or five jars of pasta sauce. We've even discussed having an "adopt a food" program where a person or family could focus on a single item such as ketchup or pasta and periodically donate several boxes or cans of that item.

The emails and other responses that Pastor Bo shared with the congregation show what an impact Epworth has had on our community. As members of our food ministry, we cherish our ability to be able to provide for our friends and neighbors and truly show how we "Embrace Community"!