

2018 FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Our church's emergency food pantry operates every Friday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the church's office building. Clients are primarily referred to us from Westside CARES. This valuable service has run successfully since 1982. The biggest event for the food pantry came early in the year when, for "Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday", (also known as Super Bowl Sunday) approximately 2000 items were donated and stacked so high that Pastor Gaye had to peek over the top to see her congregation!

Thank you to our faithful volunteers who take turns on Friday afternoons to fill food orders for our neighbors: Arlene Penman, Gail Stuart, Joyce Woolston, Marta Bloom, Nancy Lindley, Cathy Karr, Carolyn Hudson, Becky Rich, Linda O'Riley. We welcome our newest volunteer, CharlynAnn Iuppa. Jane Hart has done the majority of the food purchases this year with Patsy Adams filling in as needed. Please give your name and phone number to Patsy in the office if you would like to be a "fill in when needed" volunteer.

A big thank you goes out to people who bring food on Sundays, drop off in the church office during the week or put cash donations in the offering. We also appreciate donations by the Kiwanis Club of Manitou Springs, the Garden Club, Missions Board and bags of food brought in by the AdAmAn Club the day of their annual breakfast at our church on Dec. 30th.

In 2018 our pantry served 137 families, 217 adults and 53 children. Please keep our pantry in mind when you shop at stores such as Sam's Club or Costco - we can always use bulk items like spaghetti noodles, canned fruits, tuna, saltine crackers, canned chicken and ravioli.

Blessings to all who helped in this endeavor!

Patsy

Patsy Adams, On behalf of the Food Pantry Volunteers