



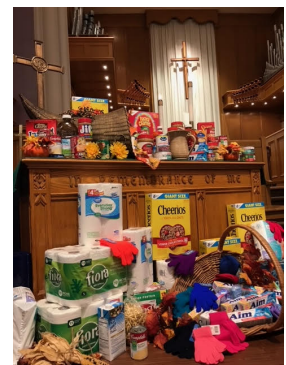
GRATITUDE — We at the pantry have much for which to be thankful, and we see many examples during November and December.

The National Honor Society students at Alliance High School collected and donated at least 2,000 pounds of food and hygiene items which were collected by the pantry before Thanksgiving. Volunteers Glenn Rupp and Bruce Helsel, packed it with the help of students. This collection was just one example of the generous and wide-range support the pantry gets throughout the year, and especially leading up to the holidays. Also:

- * we received: 6,280 pounds of food from Mount Union's annual Halloween collection;
- * Dr. James Witmer dropped off crates of apples through the fall season;
- * Nancy Stoffer brought 100 boxes of cereal every few weeks
- * Ohio State Extension office in Massillon gave us more than 650 nutritious OneMeal packs;
- * we shared more than 38,000 pounds of food with two other non-profits as a gift from the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints;
- * Union Avenue United Methodist Church donated 227 pounds of food — Thanksgiving service.
- * we received 50 turkeys from Wally Armour and
- * 100 turkeys from Alliance Coins and Jewelry in time for Thanksgiving;
- * we consistently have churches donate food and other items;
- * every day we are open we receive baked goods from Panera Bread;
- * twice a week we received donations from Aldi; and
- * every Sunday we received bakery items from Giant Eagle. And so many more.
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November marked our 11th anniversary and we are most thankful for our loyal supporters, donors and volunteers -- none of this would be possible without them.

We are filled with GRATITUDE.



GENEROUS TIP from the TIP CLUB

Members of the Wednesday Tip Club get together every week to exchange knowledge and varied experiences for mutual support and for ways to make the community better. In December, Pantry Board President Betsy Brown and Vice President Mike Patterson were invited to receive a donation of 81

pounds of food and a generous cash gift.



After breakfast at the Chamber of Commerce, posing for a picture were, front row from left, Mark Locke, Betsy Brown, Stacie Weimer, Melinda Byelene and Karen Perone. In the second row are Faye

Roller, Mike Patterson, Mark Johnson, Jack Weber, Erin Fitch and Denise Downard.

Alliance Community Pantry Board Members

- Betsy Brown, Pres.
- Stephen Dages
- Marcia Domino
- Pat Gates, Pres. Elect
- Jim Greiner, Treas
- Bruce Helsel
- Jan Horning
- Kathy Kramer, Sec
- Ivory Lyons
- Marty Magdalenz
- Missy Miller
- Mike Patterson, VP
- Glenn Rupp
- Betty Rush
- Beth Simbro
- Marge Simmons

Another Welcome Donation

Loyal volunteers Elizabeth Fox and Sally Densmore, seen here, are often busy on Tuesday mornings sorting through and organizing donations that are dropped off by schools, individuals, businesses, organizations, etc. A prime example when 289 pounds of food, collected by the Marlinton High School soccer Booster Club, was dropped off in December. It was another example of the tremendous support the community gives the pantry.



MOUNT UNION GIFTS



The University of Mount Union's faculty and staff Christmas party was an unexpected gift for our clients. Those attending the party were asked to bring donations for the pantry, and in Dec., Mount Union staff member Glenn Martin delivered more than 300 pounds of food which he and pantry volunteer Joe Cullum unloaded.

Thank you Mount Union for supporting the pantry in so many ways all year.