

Brewerton Community Food Pantry- November, 2011 Stats
Submitted by: Deb Lombard, Pantry Coordinator

Monthly Statistics:

Families/Households Served:	72
Total Meals:	4,494
# Ind. x 3 meals/day x 7 days	(214 x 3 x 7)
# Children: (Ages 0 -17)	62
# Adults:(Ages 18 – 64)	141
# Elderly: (Ages 65+)	<u>11</u>
Total Individuals:	214

Food Bank of CNY – Food Orders

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>HPNAP Allocation</u>	<u>Program Cost**</u>
10-25-11	1,894	\$948.58	39.43	\$909.15
10-25-11	960	704.22	704.22	(Supplemental Order)---

2011 Crop Walk a HUGE Success!!!

Through the efforts of the walkers and the generosity of their supporters, we exceeded our \$7,500 goal by more than 500! Thanks to your donations and the participation of walkers from Brewerton UMC, Cicero UMC, St. Agnes and St. Michaels, TOGETHER we raised \$8,031.40!! Church World Services will use the funds raised to reach out to those in need around the world and in the U.S. Twenty-five percent of the funds (\$2,000+) will be donated back to our local food pantries. Thank you for helping to make a difference in the world and in our own community.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

At this writing, we are preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving... a holiday set aside to give thanks for our blessings, while feasting with family and friends. We at BUMC also mark the holiday by reaching out to those in need, providing local families with all the items and ingredients necessary to prepare a complete Thanksgiving meal for their family, through our Adopt a Family Thanksgiving Food Basket Project. The spirit of sharing and giving has been the center of it all. Together with our pantry partners at Cavalry Baptist Church and Disciples of Christ Church, we were able to provide food baskets to 89 local families. That is a record for us—in the past we have provided baskets for 60 to 65 families. The food donations arrived in bags carefully prepared by our church families, accompanied by many generous cash donations. Turkeys and hams filled our three freezers as we prepared to provide food for all the families. Each basket was carefully filled and prepared for delivery by Boy Scouts from Troop #3112. On Sunday, each basket was blessed with Pastor Jack as he led us in the laying of hands on the baskets. Half of the baskets were delivered by members of the congregation and the Boy Scouts of Troop #3112 and their dads.

The tables that were once lined with boxes were emptied within an hour as the many volunteers deployed to Brewerton neighborhoods to personally deliver each basket. The remaining baskets will be picked up during pantry hours on Tuesday, 11/22. On a personal note, I'd like to thank everyone involved for making this year's —Adopt a Family mission one of the most spiritual for me. I am forever thankful that I am blessed to be part of a congregation and community that is so committed to making a difference by reaching out to those who are in need.

Food Sense Program

Beginning in December, we'll be rolling out a new program to everyone in our congregation, child care and pantry that is designed to help stretch your food dollars. It is sponsored by the Food Bank of Central New York and is called Food Sense. We have been invited by the pantry volunteers of St. Michael's to take advantage of the program and what it has to offer. For \$15.50 in December you can order a box containing 1.5 lb. chicken breast, 1 lb. fish sticks, 1 lb. of ground turkey, 1 lb. of sliced bacon, 6 oz. ham steaks, 5 oz. tuna fish, 10.8 oz choc. Chip muffins, 12 oz. egg noodles, 1lb. frozen mixed vegetables, 11 oz. mandarin oranges, and assorted fresh produce. There are also specials each month that are available for an additional cost. December specials include 7.5 avg. spiral hams for \$17.50, 3lb. breaded shrimp for \$13.50 and more. The monthly food packages and specials will vary month to month. The order and money deadline is December 2nd – cash and food stamps only accepted. All orders must be picked up between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Friday,

December 16th at the Scotty Shop at St. Michaels. A complete menu and prices will be posted on the church bulletin board for your reference. Please see Deb Lombard for more information or call her at 676-7276.

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry mission. We are able to reach out to those in need through the love and support of many.

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