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End of the Year Giving

2025 is coming to a close! Although we did not emphasize "Giving Tuesday", you can give ALL MONTH LONG! We hope you will consider a generous year-end gift to support our ministry. All contributions are tax deductible. We do not receive any government funding and rely on individuals, churches, businesses like you to keep us going. Want to give electronically? PayPal or credit cards can be used through our website.

Pancake Brunch Another Success!

The tradition continues as we held our 40+ Pancake Brunch fundraiser on Saturday, November 15th. Unlike now, the fall weather was beautiful, and we were ready to go with pancakes and sausage to serve our first customers - the Men's Bible study at Moraine Valley Church. Actually, as always, Larry and Sue were there first. But, since they've started coming early to pitch in on the set-up, are they customers or volunteers? It doesn't matter because we're glad to see them either way. Chief cook, Mike Will, was joined by our new Board members Don and CD in manning the kitchen. The rest of us volunteers made sure everything went smoothly out in the serving area. It was nice to see people digging into breakfast and enjoying family time (or friend time) together. The Bake Sale sold out again, thanks to all the tempting goodies. And in a special moment, we were able to present our former president, Terry Wuethrich, a plaque of appreciation for his many years of service. Thank you to all who helped and to our donors: Whittingham & Sons, Jack & Pats Meat Market, McDonalds Corporation, Red Parrot Juices, and Butter Made Company. With their help in supplying products and the generous donations of those who came, we raised more funds than we have since even before COVID. (see pictures on reverse)

SNAP is Back

Even as our November newsletter was going out, the Government finally reopened and the roller-coaster ride is over for a while. November is usually very busy for us anyway as we try to supply families with food to enjoy Thanksgiving together. On top of that, we have had over 200 new clients looking for help, mostly due to loss of SNAP benefits or being furloughed.

We are glad to see that it seems the re-instatement of benefits has gone smoothly and those furloughed are back at work. And, we'd like to say thank-you to those who gave extra financially and to those holding food drives. Both are welcome all year but were especially helpful at this time. We'd also like to remind everyone that although this crisis is over, we still have many families struggling each month in our communities. We still need your support to keep helping them.

Merry Christmas
from Operation
Blessing
Have a safe and
happy New Year.



November Statistics

Households	981
Individuals	2944
Prayed with	846
Professions of Faith	15

Mike Will, Secretary; Marsha Jakobi, Treasurer; Don Cyze, Director; Brian Cottrell, Operations Manager

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