



**Who We Are & What We Do**

Luther Memorial's Social Ministry Committee oversees the Benevolence Budget, organizes Change for Change, approves requests for the Good Shepherd Fund, and informs the congregation of ways to minister to those in need in our community.

**Stock the Pantries - June**



**Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry**

**Canned Vegetables** (low sodium) –



Veggies are good for the heart. Don't forget the greens such as turnip or spinach.

**Donate!**

You can donate to Change for Change or any Social Ministry charities LMLC supports by scanning one of the codes with your smart phone and designating where you want your money to go.



PayPal Scan Code



Venmo Scan Code

**Change for Change – Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program**



The Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program (MCEAP) is a 100% volunteer-run organization with zero overhead cost, and strongly believes in providing a hand up instead of a handout. MCEAP's operations run entirely from donations and profits from their thrift store. They can provide food, clothing, household

items, and financial assistance to fill needs that other agencies are unable to meet. Their mission is to assist Montgomery County residents in maintaining their households and restoring their self-sufficiency. This can be achieved by serving the immediate, emergency, and temporary needs of low-income, unemployed, elderly, or handicapped individuals and families.

**Good Shepherd Fund**



The Good Shepherd fund at Luther Memorial helps defray costs associated with emergency situations that someone in our community might face. The fund is considered a means of last resource. In the past, we have paid for utilities, rent, transportation costs, temporary housing, car repair, and car payments. Over the last year,

we have spent over \$6,900 to help our fellow citizens.

The fund is managed by the Social Ministry Committee. We review and vote on all requests. The congregation can petition for aid for anyone in need in our community. If you know of an individual or a family that needs our help, contact Teresa Cassell by email; [teresa.cassell@comcast.net](mailto:teresa.cassell@comcast.net) or (540) 818-1438 and she will provide the necessary paperwork for help. This is a simple and fast process.

The current fund balance is \$1,830. The Social Ministry committee would like to increase the funds to prepare for more people in need. To donate, please note the **Good Shepherd Fund** in the memo line of a check or in the "purpose" box of an electronic donation.

**Micah's Mini Pantry**

Micah's Mini Pantry is being refurbished. Mark Freeman is painting and repairing it. Along with Mary Hansborough, they keep the Pantry filled. We are pausing donations until August when the repairs will be completed.