



Who We Are & What We Do

Luther Memorial's Social Ministry Committee oversees the Social Ministry Funding Plan, 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 Pantry - November



Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry

Canned Chili or Beef Stew – Always a staple in providing a cheap but filling meal.

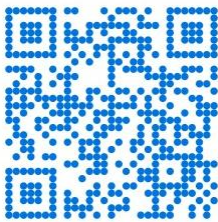


Donate!

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.



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Change for Change/Christmas Project – Valley Interfaith Childcare Center



Christmas Outreach provides financial support for families who have children attending Valley Interfaith Childcare Center (VICCC). The goal of VICCC is to provide high quality affordable, educational, and nurturing, care for young children (ages 6 weeks to 5) and school age childcare, of income eligible working families in the New River Valley.

The mission of VICCC is to provide support for the low-income working population of the New River Valley as they strive to become more self-sufficient. There is a significant barrier to low-income parents seeking to participate in the local job market. These parents may be left with a difficult choice. Without childcare, some parents are unable to hold a job, leaving them dependent on public assistance and unable to strive for their family's self-sufficiency.

VICCC operates a licensed nonprofit childcare center that provides high quality care at a subsidized price families can afford. VICCC parents can report to work knowing that their children are in a safe and loving environment. They benefit from a curriculum that stresses literacy, self-esteem, and school readiness as well as nutrition programs tailored just for them.

Meeting a Special Community Need

The Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry (BIFP) is partnering with Montgomery County Public Schools to assist families of students currently experiencing housing insecurity. Housing insecurity includes families living in hotels funded by various agencies or temporarily residing with other families. At present, 23 families are living in hotels without access to cooking facilities, making it difficult to prepare healthy, warm meals.

We were seeking donations of crock pots; however, the community response has been overwhelming and we have plenty.



There are still things we can do. Someone asked if we need ladles. Great question and the answer is YES. Donated ladles can be put in the Food Pantry wagon. Additionally, we are requesting \$25 Cracker Barrel gift cards to give to the families so they can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together. Cards can be mailed to

the Pantry or placed in Sandy Hagman's mailbox in the Narthax.

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