



IMMEDIATE NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Updated 3/19/2021

FOOD COLLECTIONS IN THE WESTMINSTER PARKING LOT

Emmanuel Dining Room (Every Sunday, 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.)

- Individually-wrapped sandwiches: peanut butter and jelly, cheese, ham, ham and cheese, bologna
- Individual water bottles
- Cookies (packed 2-3 per bag)
- Chips (individual size packaging)
- Bags of fruit: clementines, mandarin oranges, bananas
- Individually-packed forks/spoons/knives (*your extras from takeout!*)

Contact: Camilla Jones camillajones22@gmail.com

Hanover Food Pantry (First Sunday of the Month, 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.)

- Non-perishable food donations (*protein and fruit are especially welcome!*)

Contact: Jan and Don Beddie jbed1@msn.com

PICK UP AND DROP OFF MEALS ON WHEELS

Lunchtime pickup and delivery of cold meals to homebound elderly and disabled neighbors for whom this may be their primary source of food. Meals are available for pickup at one of 10 locations throughout New Castle County between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. Delivery typically takes 60-90 minutes. Great flexibility to accommodate your availability.

Contact: MaryKate Murzyn mealsonwheels@cityfare.org (302) 421-3734

DONATE BLOOD

Around the country and in Delaware, blood donations have been scarce since the start of the pandemic. Blood donations are handled by appointment at the Blood Bank offices at 100 Hygeia Drive, Newark, DE 19713. Additionally, if you have recovered from COVID-19, please consider donating blood (convalescent plasma), which can be used to help others fight the disease. Use the following link to make an appointment through the Blood Bank of Delmarva.

Contact: Blood Bank of Delmarva Appointment Sign-Up (888) 825-6638
<https://donate.bbd.org/donor/auth/signin>

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DONATE ITEMS TO ST. STEPHEN'S FOOD PANTRY

Items may be delivered to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19806. To drop off donations, go to the semi-circular paved drive-in area from 8:15 – 9:00 a.m., Monday – Friday. Please text Kanchalee (302-598-9624) when you arrive and she will have someone come to pick up your donations or contact her to drop off at other times. Items currently needed:

- Peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, rice
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), Baby wipes

Contact: Kanchalee Reeves office@ststeph.org (302) 598-9624

DONATE ITEMS TO FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Friendship House is committed to ensuring that every student in New Castle County has access to a school uniform, regardless of his or her financial situation. Showing up to class with the required uniform can make a substantial difference in what a student learns that day. *The following new or gently used uniform items in **children sizes 3T – 20** are needed:*

- Pants and shorts: khaki and navy
- Polo shirts and cardigans: white, navy and light blue
- Dresses and skirts: khaki and navy

Until we can hold a church-wide collection event later this spring, individuals can bring items to Friendship House Clothing Bank, 1603 Jessup St., Suite 3, Wilmington, DE 19802. Drop off times are 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday.

Contact: Sandy King sandyking@verizon.net (302) 379-1575

CODE PURPLE

To learn more about the plan for Code Purple this year, watch this short [Zoom recording](#) from Kim Eppheimer, Executive Director of Friendship House. Learn how Friendship House, in partnership with New Castle County, is providing the homeless with comfort and shelter this COVID winter. To volunteer, email volunteer@friendshipousede.org. For more information, please visit www.friendshipousede.org or www.fhcodepurple.org.

DONATE ITEMS TO FAMILY PROMISE

Drop off items for Family Promise at its Day Center, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.
2104 James Church Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

- New or slightly used towels, twin bed sheets and comforters, dish or cutlery set for family of four
- New pillows
- Toiletries and paper supplies: toothbrushes, toothpaste; full-size liquid soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion; toilet paper, paper towels
- Cleaning supplies: sprays, wipes, dish/laundry detergent, cleanser, sponges, trash bags

Contact: Marlys Kerr marlyskerr@aol.com (302) 588-3759

WESTMINSTER'S MISSION PARTNERS

Local: Delaware Futures, Emmanuel Dining Rooms, Family Promise, Food Bank of Delaware, Friendship House, Habitat for Humanity, Hanover Food Closet, LCS FAITH Center, New Life Furnishings, Saturday Morning Breakfast, Sojourners' Place, St. Stephen's Food Pantry, UrbanPromise, and our Backpack Schools (EastSide Charter School, Highlands Elementary School, Shortlidge Academy, UrbanPromise)

Global: Congo Projects, Guatemala Projects, Syrian Refugee Projects