

## News from Betty Lou's

Betty Lou's Pantry has had to modify our procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic. We no longer are a choice pantry, in which families shop our shelves as they would in a grocery store. All food is now prepacked by a volunteer group and shelved until it is needed for an allocation.

Our food distribution system has also changed in keeping with CDC guidelines and personal distancing regulations, families now line up in their cars at the pantry and after being registered simply open their vehicle trunks and the prepacked dry goods along with dairy, protein and personal hygiene items are placed in their cars. Also, the families are now permitted to visit the pantry twice a month instead of just once.

The pantry serves between 120-140 families each month and extra food is given to homes that have school-aged children.

The pantry's food resources have been stretched to cover the extra demand. We have been without the added inventory from the cancelled Letter-Carrier Food Drive and the educational, fraternal and corporate donations we had received in the past. However, both the Center Valley and Coopersburg Post Offices are now accepting donations for BLP and the Southern Lehigh Library will soon be opening. That will certainly help us with restocking. Also, your donations are accepted at the pantry each Wednesday between 9-10 am.

Currently, the items most in need are:

Condensed Soup

Hearty Soups

Canned Pasta

Tuna Helper

Canned Tomato Products

Toilet Paper

Monetary donations can be given through Faith UCC.

November is Faith Church's month to volunteer to help with the distribution of food to the BLP families. However, without any changes to the current conditions it is unclear if there will be a need for church volunteers as when BLP was a choice pantry. Please watch for updates concerning this matter. Even without the possible need for volunteers, every church is challenged to bring 100 bottles of detergent to Betty Lou's Pantry during their month of obligation. Please consider helping with this challenge.

Thank you for your continued support of Betty Lou's Pantry.

Chuck and Karen Talboo