

Resources Addressing Food Insecurity in Huntingdon County

In the Huntingdon Area

The Huntingdon Food Pantry

Located on Penn Street, Huntingdon PA distributes food on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30. Families can come once per month and receive approximately 4 days food for the family. Families must sign up and meet the financial guidelines as set by the USDA. Anyone who receives SNAP, Medical Assistance, SSI or Regular Social Security will be eligible. Anyone in need can get a one time emergency box. The Huntingdon Food Pantry coordinates with the Salvation Army. Contact Jean Feagley (814) 643-506-6376

Hometown Hearts

Located in the St James Lutheran Church, Mifflin Street, offers a free weekly meal beginning at 5:30 pm every Thursday, local churches and the Huntingdon Rotary helps with preparation. Approximately 200 people are served each week. There are no financial guidelines.

They also offer a monthly Fresh Expressions Food distribution of fresh produce and other food items (approximately 7-12 lbs of food per month). This is offered on the 3rd Saturday at 9:30 til noon to anyone in Huntingdon County. Recipients should fall within income guidelines, but proof is not required.

They now have Food Bank designation and are distributing additional food. Contact Michelle Kalos or Amy at the Lutheran church.

The Oasis of Love Church

Offers a monthly distribution of Fresh Expressions for seniors who meet the PA Agricultural financial guidelines. Contact Art Speck

The Salvation Army

Located on Shadyside Avenue in Huntingdon offers a food pantry on T, W, Th from 9-2. Participants can come once per month and must meet income guidelines. They offer free holiday meals at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter and also offer Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for people who are registered with them.

They offer the Fresh Express Senior Boxes (same as the Oasis Church) on the second Thursday of each month from 9-2 for those 60 and up. Must register. Contact Pauline Dixon (814) 643-1430

Meals on Wheels

For those unable to prepare meals or have no one to prepare them. The cost is \$2.00 per meal. They receive 5 meals per week and emergency meals in the event of inclement weather. Contact Darla White (814) 643-0796

St. Vincent de Paul

This organization has a small pantry at the Most Holy Trinity and will provide food or gift cards occasionally.

The Standing Stone UMC (formerly the 12th Street UMC holds a monthly food distribution at the Huntingdon County Fairground. There are no financial restrictions. People get in line and are served until the food runs out. About 300 families are served each month. Contact Pat Shope (814) 599-1464

Three Blessing Boxes are located in the Borough of Huntingdon
On Mifflin Street near the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
On Penn Street in front the Episcopal Church
Bryant Park on Washington Street

Backpack Program serves the two elementary schools, Standing Stone and Southside and distributes single serve food items to help the child(ren) with food over the weekend.

Larry Strait (private citizen) offers senior meals once per week when he can and also offers free meals on occasion and acts as a resource for people in need raising money as he can.

In the Juniata Valley area

Linda Howe offers a weekend backpack program through the Juniata Valley School District which provides each family with children enough food for the weekend. She also distributes food once per week in the summer. No income information is collected. Contact Linda Howe (814) 386-9308

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Located on route 305 just outside of Petersburg, PA is now offering a monthly Fresh Expressions

In the Mill Creek Area

The Mill Creek Baptist Church has a monthly food distribution on the 2nd Saturday of each month. No financial information is collected.

The Mill Creek UMC has a Blessing Box with food and hygiene items

In the Mount Union Area

Grace Community Church

Located at 310 West Poplar Street in Mount Union, they offer a food distribution on the 3rd Saturday of each month for those who attend a 20 minute church service. There are no financial guidelines.

They offer a Fresh Express for seniors on the 4th Saturday of every month. There are financial guidelines.

They offer a free luncheon meal every Thursday with no income guidelines. Contact Rick Sheffield

The MU Food Pantry

Located in the First UMC Shirley Street, MU offers food distribution every Tuesday from 9-11. There are income guidelines according to the PA Dept of Agriculture. Contact Kennard Coons

Also at the First UMC Shirley Street is a Bountiful Blessings program (which distributes non food items every other Thursday). Participants must do three hours of community service to be eligible for Bountiful Blessings.

The MU School District

Offers a summer lunch program for children up to age 18. Adults can purchase a lunch for a small fee.

In the Southern Huntingdon Area

The Southern Huntingdon County Food Bank

Located in the library basement they distribute food on the 2nd and 4th Wed 9-11:30 and the 3rd Tuesday from 6-7pm to residents of the Southern Huntingdon School District. Contact Bonnie Watkins

County Wide Services

Military Share

Distributes food once per month to veterans or families of veterans who meet the PA Dept of Agriculture income guidelines. Distribution is the last Monday of each month. Participants must register in advance. This effort is supported by local VFW's and the American Legions. In addition, the Elks Social Club received a grant to provide a basket of non food items each month, Contact Reeder or Stephanie Swartz (814) 599-2299

The Center for Community Action

can assist with SNAP benefits application and arrange for emergency food through the food banks or the Salvation Army.

The Huntingdon Farmers Market

accepts SNAP benefits and offers bonus bucks to stretch food dollars. For every \$2 of SNAP benefits used participants receive \$1 in Bonus Bucks (to be used for food items only)

- When there are financial guidelines, the PA Dept of Agriculture guidelines are used.
https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Food/food_assistance/The%20Emergency%20Food%20Assistance%20Program/Pages/default.aspx