

CHECK OUT THE VIRTUAL STUFF THE BUS!

Every year we fill school buses all throughout Manatee County with food donations through our **Stuff the Bus** event. Due to COVID-19, we have to "collect" that food virtually this year!

Join us online and donate funds to purchase food for those in need! **Gifts can be made on our secure website and will be used to purchase food in bulk to help feed Manatee County families!**

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$25,000
TO FEED 1,000 FAMILIES!
Just \$25 can provide 30 meals for a family of five!**

[Click Here to Donate and "Stuff the Virtual Bus"!](#)

SAM (Social Action and Missions):

Our local food pantries are critically low on food, and we still want to be a help.

PICK UP

1. We will be happy to come to your home and pick up your items! (call Babs at 747-9643).

DROP OFF

2. You can deliver to church during office hours. (Call Faith for info on those hours 941-746-8890)

SHIPPED

3. You can purchase groceries online and have them delivered right to the food bank address. Call Meals on Wheels for more info at: 941-747-4655

MONETARY DONATIONS

4. You can send contributions directly to Meals On Wheels at 811 23rd Avenue East, Bradenton 34208. And through this link: <https://securepayment.link/mealsonwheelsplus/one-time-donation/>

Downtown Ministries

Also, we are collecting plastic food bags which the Downtown Center needs for its delivery of clothes and food to the homeless. If you have extras of those (like the plastic Publix grocery bags), please include them with your food items. Again, we will pick up!

Update from Kids Against Hunger

As most of you will remember, Faith UCC sponsors Sunrise Kiwanis's Kids Against Hunger events and have often sent a team of our members to help with the packing of meals. Since COVID hit, we have not been able to attend but they sent us this update. SAM will be considering a donation in the next month.....AND Please keep all these wonderful, caring people in your prayers.

"We have been able to package over 60,000 meals this year. This is way down from the 170,000 meals we packaged in 2019. But all meals we have done have been distributed right here in Manatee County to organizations like Feeding Empty Little Tummies and Our Daily Bread.

Although we are not able to hold large scale events like in the past, we have been able to begin doing smaller events at our warehouse. These events are made possible by our generous donors and they are the ones who also volunteer to come and pack the meals.

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

We will be collecting a special offering on Sunday November 22 for Habitat for Humanity. We do this yearly as part of our involvement with the community efforts of Habitat for Humanity.

In December, we will collect a special offering for "The Christmas Fund," formerly known as Veterans of the Cross, to help support retired UCC pastors.