

Union Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Hackensack, MN

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The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help keep the 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year. For forty-two years Minnesota FoodShare has campaigned for donations on behalf of our food shelves. 19% of Minnesotans experience food insecurities right now, and many of those are children or senior citizens. People living on a fixed income are having a tough time balancing their budgets with the cost of food, gas, heating fuel and housing. **TOGETHER, LETS FIGHT HUNGER IN MINNESOTA!!**

I talked to the Hackensack Area Food Shelf a few days ago for an update. The Hackensack Food Shelf is open on the Second and Fourth Mondays, from 5 – 7 PM. Families that need food can come both of those days. Most food distributed is purchased through the Second Harvest Food Bank in Grand Rapids. They have noticed that the variety of food is good, with more plant-based protein options available. The Hackensack Community Garden and other gardeners dropped off produce for the Food Shelf last summer. The Hackensack Food Shelf feels the Hackensack Community has supported the local food shelf very well. Let's keep up that good work!

If you would like to support the local food shelf during the March Campaign, please send a check to the church and indicate that the money is for the Food Shelf on the memo line. Donations received through April 6 will be counted toward the distribution of funds raised through the MN FOODSHARE Campaign. This year all the money collected will go to the Hackensack Area Food Shelf. An addressed envelope is included for your convenience .

Thank you for your generosity. Working together, not one person in our community will go hungry. **WE CAN AND DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Torri Vande Zande and the Board of Financial Stewardship

