

# Letter from the President of the Salem Community Pantry

Dear participating Churches,

I have been asked by the Board of Directors of the pantry to give you an update on our current situation. First of all, I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your help in collecting food/toiletries for the pantry in the wake of our dilemma of not being able to order from Second Harvest. Our shelves did not go empty because of you.

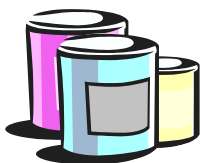
I have good news to report! First United Methodist Church of Salem has allowed the Salem Community Pantry to operate under their 501(c)3 while we await approval from the IRS for our application. This means that we are now able to purchase food from Second Harvest again.

Second Harvest does not always have everything that is needed based on what they receive, so we will need to continue to ask for specific items to keep our shelves fully stocked and best serve our recipients. When you see a notice in your bulletin or an announcement is made at church, please respond by bringing in the needed items. There is always a need for paper products.

Any monetary donations are appreciated and you can make those directly through your church, earmarking the donation for the Salem Community Pantry.

If you have any questions about the Pantry, please contact your board representatives. Once again, thank you for your generous support and God bless,

Blessings,



Rev. Alan Smearsoll  
President of the Board  
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