## **Food Pantry**

WPC has partnered with the Palmyra-Macedon-Farmington Food Pantry since its inception. Volunteers provide Food Link ordering, shelf stocking, and hands on distribution to recipients. Monthly "Cereal Sunday" donations add very useful, nonperishable stables. Our annual "reverse advent calendar" contributes many needed paper products, person care items, and household cleaning supplies. In 2021 a community garden was established and fresh vegetables were donated to the food pantry.

Food pantry volunteers especially enjoy meeting the many thankful recipients.



Baskets are always available to the congregation to fill. And there are always items put in the basket between Cereal Sundays.

## **Cereal Sundays**

Every second Sunday of the month, WPC congregants share our blessings by bringing a box(es) of cereal or other non-perishable items to be given to the food pantry.



Bring in cereal and nonperishables to help feed the hungry in the Palmyra-Macedon Community.



## **Reverse Advent Calendar**

Every Advent Season Western Presbyterian congregants are given a calendar with items for them to bring to church and put under the Christmas Tree for the food pantry. Items on the calendar include health items like toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, hand soap, diapers, and sanitary napkins. The calendar also included paper products like tissues and toilet paper. Other items on the calendar are cleaning supplies like toilet bowl cleaner, cleaners with bleach in spray bottles, laundry soap and dryer sheets, dishwashing liquid. The families at the food pantry get items they cannot purchase with SNAP funds.





## **Community Garden**

In 2021, WPC was offered a garden by an elderly couple who could no longer plant their entire garden. With WPC using about two-thirds of the garden, the couple were left with a manageable sized garden for themselves. WPC planted tomatoes, summer squash, zucchini, cucumbers, beans, and peppers. Volunteers watered, weeded, and harvested vegetables that were taken to the Palmyra Food Pantry at Zion Episcopal Church and the Macedon Pantry at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.