



FOOD LIST

(Individual sizes/pull-top cans)

Cereal (individual boxes)	Instant Oatmeal
Pop Tarts	Milk Boxes (UHT)
Breakfast & Granola Bars	Vienna Sausages
Jif-to-Go Peanut Butter	Beanee Weenees
Juice Boxes	Chili with Beans
Chef Boyardee Bowls	Beef Stew
Tuna Kits	Chicken & Dumplings
Premium Saltine Fresh Stacks	Peanut Butter Crackers
Ritz Fresh Stacks	Mac & Cheese Bowls
Microwave Popcorn	Micro. Mashed Potatoes
Raisins (1.5 oz. boxes)	Rice Cups
Applesauce Cups	Pudding Cups
Fruit Chews	
Hormel/Dinty Moore Compleats	
Vegetable Cups (green beans, carrots, peas)	
Soup (vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato)	
Fruit Cups (mandarin orange, peach, mixed)	

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**I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink...**

Matthew 25:35

THE NEED

Bread for the World, a non-profit organization working to end hunger, reports that 49 million Americans are food insecure, 16 million of whom are children.



Closer to home, Feeding America Southwest Virginia recently identified 2,000 Giles County citizens as food insecure. Similarly, the 2019-20 National School Lunch Program Free and Reduced Price Eligibility Report shares that 195 students, out of a total of 399 students (over 48%), at Eastern Elementary/Middle School qualify for free or reduced price lunches.

To meet this challenge, Newport-Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church initiated *Donna's Backpacks* in February 2011 to provide food for students who may have little or no food at home. *Donna's Backpacks* is a program designed to provide weekend meals for the neediest students who have been identified through the school's guidance department.

Studies continue to show that hungry children have lower test scores, diminished learning capacity, increased behavior problems and increased tardiness and absences.

THE STRATEGY

Meals are packed at the church and then delivered on Fridays during the school year to around 30 students each week.

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Donna's Backpacks is dedicated to the honor and memory of Donna Knepper Martin, founder of this ministry, who gave countless hours in service to her church and the greater Newport community.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Food preparation and delivery
- Monetary gift

Check payable to: NMO-UMC. Please indicate "Donna's Backpacks" in the memo line.

- In-Kind donation of food items
- Sponsor a student (\$12/student/week)



We are grateful for the support of many generous individuals from the Newport community as well as these local partners:

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