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Our mission is to be a vital resource by nourishing our community in body, mind and spirit.

December @ OCS

Don't forget to share this email with your friends!



Today is the final day of our Giving Countdown to 1 Challenge to raise \$100,000. With 25% of our neighbors struggling with food insecurity, any help you can give us will get us closer to creating a fully accessible dining room for our NOAH guests, as well as a commercial kitchen to host our Food is Medicine program. Don't miss this final opportunity to make a meaningful difference – give by midnight on December 31 to receive a 2024 tax deduction and help launch a promising 2025 for the miracle on Church Street!

December 24, 2024 - Neighbors helping neighbors -- Sue Kowalski stopped in for a quick holiday visit AND a donation to One Church Street in memory of her parents, Bill and Winnie Pollak. Bill was one of the biggest Johnstown supporters and he was also one of our first donors ten years ago!! I remember when he walked in the front door, listened to the story of our mission, looked around, and got out his checkbook. We remain grateful for his early support, and we are happy to honor Bill and Winnie in this holiday season as we continue our Miracle at One Church Street challenge!



December 23, 2024 - Gratitude abounds and generosity reigns!! This is Tom Elmwood, program director of the Veterans Peer to Peer Organization through Mental Health Association of Fulton and Montgomery counties dropping off their food donation for the OCS Pantry. You may have seen their storefront office right on Main Street in Johnstown. We are so grateful that our local business neighbors are reaching out during this season, especially to help nourish the people of our community. Thanks Tom and everyone else who contributed. The food you bring here goes directly into our guests' homes and kitchens!



December 23, 2024 - Yay! Thanks to [Benjamin Moore](#) employees we have all this incredible food to share with our neighbors! During a busy week, Tiffani managed to make time for this Very Special Delivery--no chimney needed.



December 22, 2024 - What are you doing on a Sunday afternoon?? Bryan is installing a new floor in our loading dock area at One Church Street. All materials were donated by Ruby and Quiri and Bryan has decided to give up some of his weekend time in order to get this done for us. Talk about a Christmas gift! Thank you Bryan and [Ruby & Quiri!!!](#)



December 21, 2024 - It's a family thing...the LoDestro/Lewis families volunteer together at the Pantry one Sunday a month. Thanks to all our volunteers! We are filled with gratitude for YOU!! (Present but not pictured--volunteers Sandy and Matt)



December 20, 2024 - Our local business community extends farther than the boundaries of our small city, and we are so grateful for the partnerships of businesses such as Adirondack Beverages. Thanks, AB!! Together we nourish (and hydrate!) our community!!



December 20, 2024 - Yet another day full of generosity, kindness and

joy! Look at all these happy people donating to the Pantry today!!



Andy LaCoppola bringing in a food donation from Johnstown Band families.



Mike brought in great stuff from Holy Trinity Church.

December 19, 2024 - I was getting ready to head out to the store to buy bread for our Christmas bags--80+ bags of food for our neighbors!! That meant 80+ loaves of bread to buy, pack in my car, bring into the Pantry, pack into the bags--and I was certainly ready to do it! But then a good friend came in and happened to ask "Could you use some bread?" Could I use some BREAD???? Why yes I could!

She connected me with a new Pastor in the area, Pastor Roger from Trinity Lutheran in Amsterdam and he pulled up in a pickup truck FULL of bread! How fun is that? A pickup truck full of bread from the Amen Soup Kitchen in Amsterdam. Pastor Roger and I had the opportunity to meet and unpack all that bread (oh thank you for those grocery carts at the Pantry!!!) Look at his smiling face behind all that bread! I got to put a loaf in every bag we are giving away tomorrow, plus there's more for our regular guests who will be visiting us on Saturday.



THEN (oh yeah, this keeps going) a car pulls up next to Pastor Roger's truck with the two people from the Amen Soup Kitchen--the same people who gave him the bread originally, but they had NO idea where he was bringing it! Sarah Gennett and Gary Cole both volunteer at Amen and Sarah was simply giving Gary a lift home. As they passed OCS, she asked Gary, "What's One Church Street?" and Gary said "It's a Pantry." And then they both saw Roger and pulled over, and said "Oh! Here's where you brought all that extra bread we had!" Of course, everyone got a tour of the building.

We all met for the first time, and made important connections--we are in this nourishment business together! I can't wait to see what we can do moving forward.



**December 19, 2024 - Wow, have we been busy today!
First--our thanks to the Burroughs Nature Study Club of Johnstown for their generous holiday donations to One Church Street and the NOAH program!!**

Second, the Clio Study Club made a generous donation to One Church Street and our Pantry!! Pictured below is Linda Cecconi delivering the generous donation today.

Thank you to these organizations that are thinking of others during a season of great need!



December 18, 2024 - Woo Hoo!! Mary Gilmour, our Pantry Director, let me know all this good news yesterday! These grants go directly towards purchasing food for our neighbors, which is a huge relief! Come see the OCS Pantry on a Tuesday or Friday when the delivery arrives. The amount of food, the stocking, lifting, carrying, packing is amazing all by itself---but it all comes at a price, but the [Regional Food Bank](#) allows us to purchase those foods at a deep discount, so this \$7000 goes much farther when we 'shop' for our pantry foods through their system. Thanks to everyone who helped us acquire these grants, and special thanks to our [Regional Food Bank](#), the Charles Wood Foundation and the Danforth Foundation. Your gifts will help us nourish our neighbors!!!



December 17, 2024 - Check it out! One Church is on WENT from 5pm - 6pm for the NLH Food Fill benefiting the [Regional Food Bank](#) at Johnstown Price Chopper! Listen to the station, bring food and donate to your local pantry and our regional food bank this season! Pictured is Steve Savage, WENT's morning show host!!!



December 14, 2024 - Stopped by the Pantry today and checked in. This was ALL happening--they were using the new computer and software system provided by the [Regional Food Bank](#), and they were helping people shop for their groceries (not all pantries give people choices!!).





And a very special thank you to Bowman's Market today for beeeeyoooteeeefullll steaks. What we received were giant hunks of meat, impossible to give away at our Pantry. Bowman's generously agreed to cut them into manageable portions for our guests and today--steak for everyone!!! Thanks, Bowman's--making our holiday more merry and bright.

December 12, 2024 - Who wants to be in the Positivity Club?? I do!! Yesterday a group of students from the Positivity Club at PTech showed up at the OCS Pantry with 75 bags of pasta they collected during "November Noodle" month. And they didn't just bring the food--they carried it all in, helped put it on the shelves and asked great questions about the Pantry while they were there. In a world where people are asking all kinds of questions about what is going wrong in our world, these students are showing us how to do it right. Let's ALL join the Positivity Club!!



December 12, 2024 - Happening now.... Round table conversation and tour of OCS with Adirondack Food System network and stakeholders. So exciting!!



Join the Adirondack Food System Network and One Church Street for a regional roundtable on:

**Challenges and Opportunities in Regional Food System:
Strengthening Collaboration Through Collective Action**

Thursday, December 12, 5:00-7:00pm
One Church Street/St. John's Church
1 North Market Street, Johnstown

**All food system actors are invited: farmers, retailers,
social care providers, cooks and chefs, emergency
feeding programs, and more!**

Please RSVP at www.adkfoodsystem.org for one or more events.
Light refreshments will be provided to attendees.



December 10, 2024 - A recent post focused on the healthy, fresh foods we are able to provide at our Pantry for our guests. Here's what Kristina and her mother came back with after driving the Veggie Van down to the [Regional Food Bank](#): cherries, watermelons, delicata squash, scallions, apples, onions, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, broccoli, stuffed mushrooms (oven ready!!), peppers, beets, and salad mixes. Can you believe the beautiful, healthy foods we are able to share with our neighbors? By tomorrow, much of this will have gone home with our families. Good food puts me in a good mood!!!



December 3, 2024 - OCS gives to our community!! 200 nourishing breakfasts were shared with our neighbors and it took just about an hour! Thanks to [Fage USA Dairy Industry Inc](#) and [Antonucci's Wholesale Produce](#) for the yogurt and apples!!!! Thanks to Mike, Tom and Nancy for braving the cold and the traffic!!! [GivingTuesday](#) -- give to what you love.



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