

## Article 17.



Three Auburn churches donated a total of more than 1,600 items to the Calvary Food Pantry recently. St. Luke's United Church of Christ donated 880 items; First Presbyterian Church gave 423 items and United Methodist Church of Auburn collected 365 items.

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My pantry's mission, to feed hungry people, is sustained by many churches here in Auburn year-round.

I could not do what I have to do without their generous support. For instance, last month, Bill Flynn, an elder at First Presbyterian Church, challenged all churches in Auburn to bring in food items last Sunday. He called it the Al Drennen Memorial Food Drive in memory of Al Drennen, whom we highlighted in the September Heroes for Hunger article. Three churches joined this challenge. St. Luke's United Church of Christ won donating 880 items; First Presbyterian Church gave 423 items and United Methodist Church of Auburn collected 365 items. Additionally, Calvary Pantry volunteers donated 105 items in Al's memory. What a wonderful way to honor Al, who loved working in my pantry, doing so for over 25 years. Thank you, everyone!

The church's presence is felt enthusiastically in this season of Thanksgiving. First Presbyterian Church spearheads a yearly fundraiser called the Turkey Trot with the indefatigable Sue Cunliffe at the helm. Anyone can participate. Did you see First Presbyterian Church's ad in The Citizen? If you would like to contribute a turkey, drop it off at First Presbyterian Church, 112 South St., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, or at the pantry from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24. Thanksgiving items for the baskets are also appreciated. Furthermore, some of you look forward to giving monetary donations as part of the Turkey Trot's gift-giving. We thank all of you for your thoughts and efforts on our behalf.

Did you get our first fundraising letter last week? No? All told this year, we will have provided approximately 111,360 meals to 2,502 households and 7,426 individuals by Christmas. That does

not count our open-door policy: We allow anyone in our geographic area to come in and take fresh fruit and vegetables from our produce stands, purchased from the Produce Rescue Program through the Food Bank of CNY. One man told me it is the only way his children can get fresh produce. His budget, working two jobs, doesn't allow for fresh produce. Call me at (315) 252-7772 if you can help.

CALVARY FOOD PANTRY NEWS: The Pizza Hut fundraiser, eat in or take out, for the pantry is from 4 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the restaurant on Grant Avenue in Sennett. We get 20 percent of the proceeds if you mention us.

The Denny's fundraiser is from 4 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the restaurant, 176 Grant Ave., Auburn. A percentage of sales will be given to the pantry. Please help.

Remember: Volunteer, donate or reciprocate in kind by giving back.

For more information, call (315) 252-7772 or email [calfpcny@localnet.com](mailto:calfpcny@localnet.com).

## **“CITIZEN” Newspaper Announcement:**

# **Calvary Food Pantry coordinating Halloween drive**

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Nonperishable food items for families in need are being collected throughout Auburn for the Calvary Food Pantry.

Donation sites are Auburn Public Theater, 8 Exchange St.; Mema's Deli, 82 N. Division St.; and Gaetano's Pizzeria, 250 Genesee St., all in Auburn.

Children and parents are also invited to ask for donations door-to-door while trick-or-treating on Halloween.

The effort is sponsored by the Calvary Task Force Fundraiser Committee.

For more information, call (315) 252-7772.