



FOOD PANTRY. Our new access ramp is helping feed people! Northwest Portland Ministries' Food Pantry (in FILC's Sodergren Hall) is shifting its hours slightly so the new ramp can provide accessibility to patrons. Over 400 people are served monthly with a 5-day supply of groceries. About 100 people visit mini-pantries in low-income housing or receive home-delivered food boxes monthly, and during the school year up to 200 students per month receive weekend backpacks of kid-friendly food. At the pantry, participants choose what they need, shopping-style. Food pantry hours are Tuesdays and Fridays, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

The Harvest Share program (2nd Wednesday morning) also distributes fresh produce to 80-100 seniors. If you need food, please call NWPM to learn more (503/221-1224).

You can assist this energetic ministry. We are affiliated with the Oregon Food Bank and thus purchase food at reduced cost, so cash gifts are always welcome. Food donations are fantastic too—place them in the tub inside the front door at church. Current needs include canned meats (chili, stew, tuna, chicken, etc.), canned milk, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, bulk spices, pasta, spaghetti sauce, and food you would appreciate receiving.