Andrew County Ministries

Newsletter

Seeking to do the work of God through collaboration and partnerships

Fall 2026

Adopt-a-Family Christmas Assistance

(816) 408-0450

- *The Adopt-a-Family Christmas Assistance **Registration** period is **November 3 – December 4**. Andrew County families needing assistance must schedule an appointment by calling the phone number above.*
- *Individuals and organizations wanting **to adopt a family** must call the phone number above **by noon on December 8**.*
- *Andrew County Ministries will **shop for the children of unadopted families** at **5:30pm** on **December 8**. Individuals interested in shopping are welcome to meet Alcia Saunders (816-387-1490) inside the south entrance of the North Belt Hwy Walmart Supercenter.*

Monetary donations may be mailed to Andrew County Ministries, PO Box 7, Savannah, MO 64485* OR *submitted electronically through PayPal:

(Be sure to designate that the donation is to be used for* ACM Adopt-a-Family Christmas Assistance*.)

Backpack Buddies Update

- Thank you to **Andrew County Ten Squared**, a local giving circle that pools member donations to fund community needs and local charities, for selecting the ACM Backpack Buddies Program (BPB) to receive $2,600!!
- The cost for the BPB supplemental, weekend, kid-friendly food is $199 per child for the entire academic year.
- Second Harvest Community Food Bank will now be billing ACM monthly for the number of BPB packages requested. In August, ACM requested the maximum number of food packages we are allowed (i.e., 156) to ensure there were sufficient BPB packages to distribute to all children who might be in need of the supplemental weekend food.

Food Pantry

The Andrew County Ministries Food Pantry served a record high number of individuals (and households) in July and August!

Number of Individuals Served in July 2026

518*

1 Month Ago:	397	*(across 152 households)*
1 Year Ago:	395	*(across 154 households)*
2 Years Ago:	418	*(across 157 households)*
5 Years Ago:	122	*(across 82 households)*

* Across 189 households

Number of Individuals Served in Aug 2026

447*

1 Year Ago:	382	*(across 145 households)*
2 Years Ago:	348	*(across 145 households)*
5 Years Ago:	193	*(across 78 households)*

* Across 168 households

Half way thru the month of September (i.e., as of end of day September 18), the Food Pantry has already served 345 individuals across 130 households.

Thank you to…

- **Roger & Donna McCush**… for mowing and weed eating around the Food Pantry and the Pantry Garden
- **Bob's Fishing Lake**… for donating a total of 1,524 lbs of pork loin during summer 2026
- **Malone & Jordan Davis**… for establishing a Food Pantry Garden from which 1,612 lbs of garden produce was harvested during the 2026 growing season
- **Local Churches**… for continuing to partner with the Food Pantry by collecting assigned food items, supplementing monthly allocations for those who are hungry

Special Recognition

The Food Pantry received a perfect rating after a recent inspection of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (aka, Senior Boxes) as managed by the pantry. Thanks to **Earlene Deaton** for maintaining such well-documented Food Pantry records!!

Food Pantry Needs

In preparation for the winter months, the Food Pantry is collecting **hearty canned soups and chili**, and **crackers**.

An **updated list** of ***Suggested Food Pantry Donations*** can be found on the Andrew County Ministries website:

andrewcountyministries.com/how-to-donate

Clothes Closet Needs

Clean, gently used fall and winter clothes (all ages and sizes) are currently being accepted. Donations may be delivered to the Pantry during normal business hours.

Round Up at Brothers Market

The Savannah **Brothers Market** is sponsoring a *Round Up Event* in support of the ACM Food Pantry during the month of **October 2026**.