

United Methodist Open Door 2021 Turkey Drive Talking Points

Open Door Mission:

To provide for basic human needs, promote positive life changes, and restore hope and protect dignity.

Families Served in Community Food Program

- ❖ **For the year of 2020**, a total of 25,636 food boxes were served to families.
- ❖ 5,305 **new families** in 2020, (and 13,961 new individuals)
- ❖ Due to Covid19 2020 Turkey Drive provided 1,508 households (3,326 individuals). Turkey Holiday Food boxes came through our partnership with the Kansas Food Bank for a one day only distribution.
- ❖ For Turkey Drive 2021, Donations and Food side items will be collected on Friday, November 19, 2021.
- ❖ November and December are high usage months. Approximately **2,200 families** will seek help on distribution day, the three days before Thanksgiving.

Poverty and Hunger Stats:

In Sedgwick County, **16.5%** of families with children younger than 18 years old live below the poverty level. In Wichita, the percentage is **19.2%** (US Census). Families in Wichita and other communities in Kansas are having to make choices between buying food and paying their rent or mortgage. **15% of Kansans are “Food Insecure”, 15.9% in Sedgwick County (Kansas Food Bank).**

What your cash donation will buy:

- \$12 will buy one case of bread stuffing
- \$15 will buy one case of vegetables
- \$17 will help buy one case of fruit
- \$25 will buy one case of canned meat
- \$38 will feed five children
- \$120 will feed a family of 3 or \$114 will feed 3 families

Location: Community Food Ministry is located at 2130 E. 21st St. N. (21st and Opportunity Dr.) 316.267.4201.

Donations:

Due to concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, we encourage online donations via our website or **you are more than welcome to participate in Turkey Drive by dropping off thanksgiving food items from our shopping list on our website Friday, November 19, 2021 9.a.m. to 4.p.m. at the Open Door Food Ministry Building at 2130 E. 21st N. Wichita, KS 67214.**

Our goal is to raise \$15,000.00 to purchase the “extras” necessary for a Thanksgiving meal.

Monetary donations may be mailed to Open Door at PO BOX 2756, Wichita, KS 67201-2756, or online at www.umopendoor.org, just click on **Donate Now** then select **Turkey Drive as your designation** before checking out. We accept American Express, Visa, Master Card, Discover Card, and Virtual Check (bank drafts).

Needing Assistance: Monday 11/22; Tuesday 11/23; Wednesday 11/24 the Food Ministry will be open to give out Holiday Turkey boxes at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Requirements for Assistance from Open Door:

- Must have ID for all members of the household.
- Proof of address (utility bill, other bill, lease agreement).
- Verification of all income for the household. Must be at 130% of poverty level. For example, a family of four would qualify with a gross monthly income of \$2,870.00, or have special circumstances such as high medical expenses, layoff or furloughed.
- **Families that have been furloughed or laid off are encouraged to get a box.**