

## McCoysville Presbyterian Church, Mifflin

In 2008 the Juniata County Food Pantry wanted to expand its ministry by bringing food to the ends of the county every other month. McCoysville Presbyterian Church became one of the expansion sites. The Food Pantry brings a truck of food to the church one Saturday every other month. Two church members set up the fellowship hall the night before, arranging tables in a large square. On Saturday morning volunteers from local churches start putting out food. There are various sections: canned vegetables, canned fruits, fruit juices, condiments, main dishes, side dishes, cereals, snacks, fresh dairy, frozen meat, hygiene items, baby items, paper products, fresh vegetables, and even pet food. Families contact the Food Pantry in advance and then pick up food on Saturday morning. They push a grocery cart around the tables and select items from each section. Volunteers maintain the various sections and help take carts out to the cars. Then the volunteers pack up non-perishable food in containers to store at the church, and load perishable food on the truck to take back to the Food Pantry. Around 15 households are served this way every other month. McCoysville is a small congregation of older adults, and we could not do a ministry like this on our own. But by teaming up with the Food Pantry and volunteers from churches like South Juniata Baptist and St. Stephens Lutheran, we are able to share God's love and grace with our neighbors as well as help meet their physical needs.

Scripture: *So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.* Galatians 6:9 (NRSV)

Let us pray: Loving God, you have a vision for each of our communities. Thank you for calling us to be a part of it. Give us that same vision, show us our part in making it happen, and thank you for brothers and sisters in the faith who join us in the work. AMEN



**Food Distribution at McCoysville Presbyterian Church**

Please pray for:  
Graham Fowler, Stated Supply Pastor  
Patricia Henry, Clerk of Session