

**Fellow Marion Chamber of Commerce members,**

Zion United Church of Christ is looking for financial donations to keep the **Backpack Weekend Meals** going out to our Marion Unit 2 students that are at greatest risk of hunger because of food insecurity within their families. The "Gumdrops" weekend meals program, supported over the years by Marion Chamber members, has stopped providing meals during the COVID-19 crisis because of the health concerns for their volunteers.

Zion United Church of Christ with great help from Sam's Club delivered 200 bags of food to the Unit 2 Schools on Friday and has committed to continuing this program with a small group of volunteers, but we need your financial support during this time and we hope that individuals of the community will join us in this ministry. We are truthfully in need of **300 meals each week**. There are a couple of ways to support the continuation of weekend meals.

- Send a check to Zion United Church of Christ 930 West Cherry Street and make sure you put **Weekend Backpack Meals** in the memo line.
- Call Pastor John Holst, 618-579-4924, and make a plan to place an order at Sam's Club or another prepackaged food company for Pastor John to pick up before each Thursday.

It appears that this need will continue well into April and May, that is ten weeks' friends, so I hope you can be as generous as possible.

Grateful for your consideration and your help, Rev. John Holst

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