

## Join the PEP



### Community....

helping with the “down and dirty” stuff of personal and household routines: stuff to keep body and soul spiffed and neatened

a ministry of  
Zion Church ELCA

open to all within the community  
who are in financial need

Personal Essentials Pantry  
2165 Linden Avenue  
Madison, WI 53704

The Personal Essentials Pantry began in June of 2006, with the mission of helping those living in poverty deal with the gaps that food stamps leave: the products of personal and household hygiene.

They're not very glamorous; none of us are waiting with bated breath for the new fall fashions in toilet paper or garbage bags or diapers. But without these products, it's pretty hard to get a job, keep an apartment, concentrate on the teacher's lesson, participate in the community.

But these products – which may account for up to a third of the average weekly grocery bill – aren't covered by food stamps, and they aren't usually included in monetary aid formulas.

They probably should be – but in the meantime, the Personal Essentials Pantry can help by providing families in need with these products – everything from toilet paper to laundry soap to dish soap to combs and brushes to nail clippers to dental floss to toothbrushes to body soap to skin lotion to anti-bacterial ointment to bandaids to sanitary napkins to shampoo to baby rash ointment to diapers.

But we need your help. Please consider joining the Pantry as a community supporter.

Please return this portion with your check to:

Pantry Coordinator  
Personal Essentials Pantry  
2165 Linden Avenue  
Madison, WI 53704

The shopping list's the same, but when you finish it looks like:

- ✓ salad greens; ✓ celery; ✓ carrots; ✓ peppers
- ✓ Strawberries; ✓ apples; ✓ pineapple
- ✓ red potatoes
- ✓ toast bread; ✓ bagels
- ✓ sandwich meat - ✓ turkey, ham
- ✓ brown rice
- ✓ crackers
- ✓ milk; ✓ butter; ✓ cottage cheese; swiss cheese; ✓ cream cheese
- ✓ chicken breasts; ✓ ground chuck; ✓ pork tenderloin; ✓ tuna
- ✓ zip lock bags - sm and lg
- ✓ toilet paper, ✓ paper towels
- ✓ shave cream; ✓ lotion
- ✓ tortillas; salsa; ✓ black beans
- ✓ potato chips
- ✓ juice
- ✓ shampoo, ✓ conditioner
- ✓ toilet bowl cleaner
- ✓ dish soap
- ✓ laundry soap

The difference? You're not on food stamps; they are.

And all of your groceries can be bought with your money.

Theirs can't. Food stamps cover food, and *only* food.

Nothing to clean the house.

Nothing to clean the clothes.

Nothing to clean with. Period.

and *their* shopping list looks like:

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- laundry soap

It's tough to get a job when your clothes reek; it's tough for your kids to ask friends over when your house smells of last week's garbage; it's tough to eat healthy when you can't wash the dishes; it's tough to keep the baby happy when there's only one diaper left, and there's no money for more.

The Personal Essentials Pantry helps with:

- Toilet paper
- Facial tissue
- Laundry soap
- Dish soap
- All-purpose cleaner, glass cleaner, and cleanser
- Paper towels
- Garbage bags
- Hair picks, combs, and brushes
- Lip balm
- Dental floss
- Nail clippers and emery boards
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Band-aids
- Body soap
- Shaving cream
- Body powder
- Skin lotion
- First aid ointment
- Sanitary protection products
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Baby wipes, ointment, powder, lotion, shampoo
- Diapers and pull-ups

We're helping about 2,100 families – but that's only about one tenth of those who need us.

We can help – but we need your help. Sign up today to be a member of the PEP community.

Yes, I want to be a member of the PEP Community.

I'd like to be a basic supporter. Enclosed is my check for \$50.00 for this year; please remind me next year.

I'd like to be a sustaining supporter. Enclosed is my check for \$100.00. (If you prefer, you may pay in installments; we'll be happy to send you reminders through the year.)

I'd like to be a leadership supporter. Enclosed is my check for \$250.00. (If you prefer, you may pay in installments; we'll be happy to send you reminders through the year.)

I don't know what level will work for me, but here's a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

