



Backpack/School Supply Drive

75 Backpacks to Fill on July 29

Did you know that nearly one-third of Montgomery County Public School children rely on free and reduced-price meals? For economically vulnerable families in Montgomery County, the cost of rent, food, utilities, AND school supplies, including a backpack for each child in the family, is simply too much.

The St. James' congregation, in partnership with Interfaith Works, will fill 75 new backpacks in July. These bags loaded with pencils, rulers, notebooks, and various other tools destined to help young people succeed, will join more than 2400 additional donated bags, as part of the Annual School Supplies Drive.

Backpack Filling Day: Sunday, July 29. We will be filling the backpacks in July. Please bring the family for this quick and fun service activity at the coffee hour after the 10:30am service.



Donations and Supplies for Next Year's Backpack Drive. Next year's supplies will be purchased with this year's donations. On average, each filled backpack costs \$30, for a total of \$2,250. St. James is currently collecting donations for the 2019 backpack drive. Checks should be made payable to St. James' Church with "M&O backpack drive" noted in the memo line. Donations of school supplies are also welcome. Supplies for the backpack drive can be placed in the collection basket with the canned foods on Sunday morning.

Top 5 Items Needed:

- Packages of lined filler paper
- Tab dividers
- Two pocket folders
- 1 subject/composition notebooks
- Scissors

Other Items Needed: Pencil pouches for binders, large pink erasers, red and black pens, rulers, boxes of colored pencils, and pencils