



## Be the Church

The church isn't a "building" but rather a body of "people" who love God and love others – our two greatest commandments (*Matthew 22:36-40*) In the midst of this uncertain time, we have an incredible opportunity to **be the church** outside our four walls.

Thank you for your desire to help bring hope to our communities and to meet the practical needs of our neighbors. It's when we choose faith over fear and live openhandedly with what we've been given that the light of Christ shines brightest.

In response to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, Kensington is working closely with our School and Move Out Team Partners to determine the best ways to serve the most vulnerable of our neighbors. These Partners are schools and organizations with whom we have long-term relationships and that have strong social distancing protocols in place.

Whether you choose to join one the following efforts, or reach out in other ways, we also encourage you to take the appropriate health and safety measures for you and your family.

Thank you again for bearing the love, peace and hope of Christ when it's needed the most. And if you have any questions about our Move Out opportunities, please contact us at [moveout@kensingtonchurch.org](mailto:moveout@kensingtonchurch.org).

## Ways to Help

### 1. Provide School Supply Bags (School Partners)

With schools closed, you can help students continue to learn at home by providing them with much needed supplies. Fill one or more Ziploc or grocery bags with the following items and drop it off in bins located outside of our [Orion](#), [Troy](#) and [Clinton Twp](#) Campus Main Entrances.

- 1 box of Crayons
- 4 Pencils (pre-sharpened is preferable)
- 1 Kids Pencil sharpener
- 1 package Filler paper – wide
- 2 Folders with 3 hole pronged
- 40 Index Cards
- 2 sheets Stickers
- A fun note to the recipient of the Supply Bag

### 2. Provide Lunch Bag Supplies through our House of Hope Move Out Team

With schools closed, House of Hope is providing bagged lunches to the children whom they serve. You can help by purchasing requested items and dropping them off at our central location in Oakland Twp. Please contact [moveout@kensingtonchurch.org](mailto:moveout@kensingtonchurch.org) (include *House of Hope* in subject line) for purchase and drop-off details. Please do not take items directly to House of Hope.

3. **Help restock the shelves of our neighborhood food pantries.**  
While many of us have been able to shop to prepare for quarantines, food bank users do not have that luxury, and supplies are dwindling at many of our local food pantries. You can help by purchasing non-perishable items and dropping them off at the location nearest you. Choose from the locations below, or visit [pantrynet.org](http://pantrynet.org) and enter your zip code to find other nearby locations. We also recommend that you contact the pantry/church directly to find out best times for drop off, and visit their website to see what types of foods they need most.
- Neighborhood House – Rochester Hills | 248-661-5836 | [Ranh.org](http://Ranh.org)
  - Oakland Hope – Pontiac | 248-309-3658 | [oaklandhope.org](http://oaklandhope.org)
  - FISH – Lake Orion/Oxford | 248-628-3933 | [oxfordorionfish.org](http://oxfordorionfish.org)
  - Open Hands Pantry – Royal Oak | 248-546-1255 | [openhandspantry.org](http://openhandspantry.org)
  - Macomb Food Program | Mt Clemens (Macomb County Action Center) 586-469-2572 | [mca.macombgov.org/MCA-ES-Food](http://mca.macombgov.org/MCA-ES-Food)
  - Heritage Church Food Pantry | Sterling Hts | 586-997-9490  
[experienceheritage.org/ministries/care/the-pantry/](http://experienceheritage.org/ministries/care/the-pantry/)
4. **Provide Food/Produce Boxes through our Micah 6 Move Out Team**  
Micah 6 is working to provide boxes of produce to families while children are out of school. Click [here](#) to donate towards the cost of the food boxes, or visit the [Micah 6 Community Facebook Page](#) for serve dates and times.
5. **Connect with serving and resourcing opportunities in Oakland County.**  
[MyCovidResponse.org](http://MyCovidResponse.org) is an online resource working to serve central Oakland County including the cities of Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Waterford and the surrounding areas. Click [here](#) and complete their short survey to be connected to specific volunteer and resourcing opportunities.
- 6) **Reach out in your own neighborhood and spheres of influence.**  
Consider the following ideas or come up with ideas of your own.
- Call a neighbor or co-worker to encourage them
  - Offer to bring groceries to an elderly person who is at higher risk
  - Babysit children for a family you know who has to work
  - Offer to assist a single parent or parent of a special needs child
  - Tutor a student who is home from school
  - Bless someone with a gift card for gas or groceries