

Shalom Food Pantry St. John's UCC, Holgate

St. John's UCC, Holgate started their food ministry, Shalom Food Pantry, in February 2004 from a heart burst of a congregation member. We started with seed money of \$2,000. We helped 17 families in need that first night, not knowing if this would be a good ministry in this rural farming community in Henry County, OH. We were told there weren't any homeless in the community or people in need of food. We were told this would be a short-lived ministry. Last year we served 634 families with a total of 2,087 individuals. We have total support from the St. John's Faith Family and nearly every area church in the greater Holgate Community supports us with donations of volunteering time, monetary donations and food. If anyone would like to know more about starting a food pantry in your church, please contact St. John's UCC, Holgate church office at 419-264-4401.

